

Town of Hurt
Minutes
December 3, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

Gary Hodnett calls Town Council Meeting to order for the town of Hurt scheduled for December 3 at 6:02 PM.

Roll Call

In attendance Steve, Paul, Wanda, and Gary Poindexter establishing a quorum.

Motion for Closed Session

- Gary Hodnett requests a motion to move into a closed session, emphasizing the need for legal counsel.
- Gary Poindexter makes a motion to convene a closed session under Virginia Code 2.2-3711, citing sections A-1, for discussions on personnel matters, Section 3 real estate, and section 5 prospective business, section 8 for legal consultation respectively.
- The motion is seconded, unanimously approved, and the meeting is moved to a closed session.

Certification of Closed Meeting

- Mayor Hodnett asks for a motion to certify the closed session.
- Gary Poindexter makes a motion to certify the closed session held in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- The motion is seconded and approved by all members: Steve, Paul, Wanda, Bob, and Gary Poindexter.

Invocation

- Gary Poindexter leads an invocation, thanking for the time to handle town business and asking for guidance.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Lead by Mayor Hodnett

November Expenditures

- Gary Poindexter has questions about the budget. Mentioning several line items. Questions why the amounts are so high above the budget.
- Mayor Suggests things have probably been put into the wrong budget codes.
- Jason explains some of the PD expenditures. Some of the issues were due to income year versus expense year.
- Bob questions tech support expéditeurs.

- Investigate the specific issues with the expenditure report, including the negative percentages and high variances in certain line items.

Motion To Approve Expéditeurs

- Moving approval to Work Session

Balico and Water Treatment Plant

- Schedule a Q&A session for the public to learn more about the data center project, potentially on December 18 at the Hurt Elementary School.
- Coordinate with the Balico team to provide information about the water treatment plant acquisition and the data center project to the public.

Balico Resolution Approval

- The council approved a resolution supporting the Balico project, which could supply up to 5 million gallons of water daily.

Staff Reports

- Gary Hodnett gave the treasurer report. Working with Evelyn to train Lindsey. Working with VRS and retirement system to get it up to date.
- Joe stated everything was going well. Has been working with water bill issues. Helping take calls. Reported on Paul's success with his training. Discussed the water line breaks and resident leaks not being tended to.
- Review the town's water policy and consider revisions, such as reducing the timeframe for fixing leaks and allowing the town to shut off water for unrepaired leaks.
- Shannon working with taxes, doing some of the treasurer work.
- Jason reported Sam.gov has been updated. Working on grants. Talked about the Audit. Training for new officer. Reported on Christmas fund raiser.

Water Heater Box

- Paul stated there is a large water heater box in a ditch in the curve on Spencer Rd which is accident hazard and needs to be removed.

Muni Code

- Gary Poindexter requested the status of the updated town ordinances.
- John stated that they had a drop in employees, and they are supposed to be working on the town ordinances, but it is moving very slow.

Action Items

- Schedule a Q&A session for the public to learn more about the data center project, potentially on December 18 at the Hurt Elementary School.
- Review the town's water policy and consider revisions, such as reducing the timeframe for fixing leaks and allowing the town to shut off water for unrepaired leaks.
- The meeting adjourns at 7:45 PM.