TOWN OF HURT 2025 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date:	March 4, 2025
Time:	6PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

IN ATTENDANCE

- Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond, Bob Majure and Gary Poindexter, Paul Johnson, Steve Worley, establishing a quorum.

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHING QUORUM

- Gary Hodnett calls the Hurt Town Council meeting scheduled for March 4 to order at 6:05 PM.
- Gary Hodnett inquires if there is a motion to move into a closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:08PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- February Expenditures
- Approval of Minutes 2-4-2025, 1-21-2025, 1-7-2025, 11-19-2024, 11-5-2024

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett motions to return and certify a closed session.
- Bob makes a motion for the certification of the closed meeting, citing the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. section 2.2, 3712 of the Code of Virginia.

- Gary Hodnett calls for a second, which is given by Paul, each member; Steve, Paul, Jimmy, Alice, Bob, and Gary approve.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE

Gary Poindexter leads the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Allen requested the agenda for the meetings to be put on the website again.
She asked for a timeline the solar farm will be started.
Mayor stated possibly late summer. Outside contractors are being waited on.

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA

Bob made a motion to approve the minutes with updates town law to be stated Virginia Code.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Financial discrepancies in the general fund were noted, with negative percentages in town promotion sponsors and miscellaneous expenses.

- Bob had questions by negatives in some budget lines.
- Have had some Southern Software issues.

Waiting to Approve after corrections are completed.

- Mayor has been working on getting things corrected.
- Paul questioned the technical services and support. Will the expenses continue to be higher?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Plaza updates**
  - Looking at some options.
  - Talking to developers.
  - Grant process took a lot of time.
- **Water Treatment Plant**
  - Waiting for County decision
  - Looking at the wastewater associating with the fresh water
  - Talking with Bob Williams
  - Looking at Klockner Pools
  - 2% waste factor associated with new potable plant.
  - Gary questioned how cost of maintaining the line on the 29 corridor be covered.
  - Mayor stated the town owns it, so it's up to us to maintain it. We will use some of our current contacts to maintain it.

- **Staunton River Plastics updates**
  - Doing testing everything is looking good.
  - Have equipment in there.
  - Getting hoppers up.
  - Possibly running two shifts.
  - On schedule for fall this year.
- **Jason's Office update**
  - Bobbys' finished.
  - We are all done.
  - Have handrails on the stairs.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- *Treasurer*. Check listing was passed around for signatures.
- *Clerk*
  - Working on Budget worksheet to assist with coding.
  - Helping treasurer with research.
  - Working with Southern to correct issues w/payments received.
  - Tax payment research
  - Utility payments
  - Working on back Minutes
  - Creating Plaza Rent Excel File
  - Processing Business Licenses
  - Making Daily Deposits to keep batches smaller.
  - Got some training for website management.
- *Public Works*
  - MOR for VDH due June 1st.
  - Repaired a meter box, Street Valves.
  - Working with resident leaks.
  - Sited specific case of tenant fleeing,
  - John Eller stated owners have to give tenants permission to have water.
  - Steve stated not to turn water on till unpaid bills were paid.
- *Police Department*
  - Need to put signage up in the building.
  - Bob was contacted for road closure on Saturday for the cleanup project.
  - Applied for cease fire grant w/no match. Covers 100%.
  - Local law enforcement grant for $3,100.
  - FEMA grant called Hazard Mitigation grant for generators. 5% match required.
  - Explained the need for the generators.
- *John Eller*
  - Town Code – need to finalize. 3 more ordinances need to be passed by council.
  - Bob made motion to make changes to Town Ordinance.
  - Paul & Gary second the motion.
  - Unanimous approval.

ITEMS ARISING SUBSEQUENT TO NOTICE

The council agreed to advertise an informational meeting on the water treatment plant proposal, emphasizing it is not a town-sponsored event.

- Consensus to put Balico Meeting on Facebook page.
- Steve gave information about the meeting.
- Meeting takes place at 7 pm.

MAYOR REPORT

- Basement is completed.
- Handrails on steps.

Personnel

- Bob made motion to approve $1.00/hr. pay raise for Paul Watlington. Possible raise after next 90 days evaluation.
- Motion was seconded by Paul with unanimous approval.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- meeting is adjourned at 7:58PM.
- Next Monthly Business Meeting is April 1, 2025