TOWN OF HURT 2025 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date:	Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Time:	6:05 PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Steve Worley, Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond, Vice Mayor Bob Majure, Gary Poindexter
Shannon Race preformed roll call.
Paul Johnson called in after roll call.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett calls for a motion to move into closed session.
- Councilman Poindexter moved that the council convene a closed session in accordance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended.3
- A. Real Estate, Prospective Business (as necessary) (Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (3) (5) as applicable)
- Vice Mayor Majure seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Mayor Hodnett calls for individual votes on the motion.
- Council members: Gary P, Vice Mayor Bob M, Alice B, Jimmy H, and Steve W. all vote in favor of the closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:06 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION AND INVOCATION

- Mayor Hodnett calls for motions to return and certify a closed session.
- Vice Mayor Majure makes a motion for the certification of the closed meeting, citing the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- Mayor Hodnett calls for a second, which is given by Jimmy H, each council member; Worley, Johnson, Harding, Bond, Majure, and Poindexter approve.
- Steve W. lead the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Lead by Mayor Hodnett

Public Comments

Kim Johnson – weed ordinance and abandoned car issues. Asking for a monthly report of letters and action that have been taken to rectify the current situations.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. September Expenditures
    - Expenditures were questioned and discussed. Marissa was asked to do some research.

Gary P made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Bob M. then unanimously approved.

2. Minutes for approval June 17, July 1, July 17, August 5, August 19, Sept. 2, and Sept. 16
    - Corrections were to be completed, draft removed, and then posted online

Jimmy H. made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gary P, and was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Town Interest in a 250 Anniversary Celebration USA
    - County is doing something special for the 4th of July. Wanted volunteers to help. Alice B and Jimmy H volunteered.
2. Plaza Update
    - Matt is working on drawings and cost.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Treasurer- Marissa Padilla
    - Up to date on bank reconciliation as of today
    - Got a software update to assist treasurer and clerk
    - Working on payroll and VRS payments
- Clerk - Shannon Race
    - Completely prepped for running tax bills in a couple weeks. Going to run early but date them for November 1.
    - Completed the prebilling steps for utilities with Paul W. and will finish running the billing cycle in a couple of weeks.
    - Preforming all the duties mentioned before.
- Public Works – Joe Smith
    - Helping Paul and Shannon with utility billing
    - Had a few leaks in town
    - Old style meters are starting to crack, new meter took 3 weeks to receive, working on getting more replacements
    - Paul Mattox with English's, came down on Thursday, leak is still soft, wants $100/hr. to dig up the soft spot.

Bob M made a motion to use waterline maintenance and repair fund to have the work done. Alice B. seconded the motion. All council members voted in favor.

- Computer is broken down
- Bought a generator
- Did shut offs

- Police Department – Chief Lovelace
  - Went over monthly report
  - Faith Christian packs Halloween safety bags for up to 5th grade
  - Trunk or treat October 26, 2025.
  - Mentioned Chicken Stew sales
  - Explained the process of 60 days for ordinance violations. 60 days starts after notification.
- John Eller
  - Had to resend information to municode.
  - Updates are not on the website yet.
  - Talked about the information sheet for possible discounts for water rates for elderly, disabled, and vet.
  - Council agreed to present to State representative to be added to the VA code 15.2-2119.2

Jimmy H made a motion that proceed seconded by Alice B. All council members voted in favor.

MAYOR REPORT

- Travis reports all computers need to be replaced.
- Server is in good shape.
- Dell has been contracted, waiting for cost.
- 6 computers need to be purchased
- Bob requested quotes, has agreed to do the research

Bob made a motion, Dec. 7, 4-6pm be the Town Christmas Celebration. Bringing in Santa, Travis the Balloon Guy. Decoration will be on Saturday.
Gary P seconded the motion, all council members voted in favor.

Bob made a motion for a public hearing to be held during the work session on 10/21/25. Doing a land swap for the solar farm location. Moving from Key industrial property to property on pocket rd.
Gary P seconded the motion, and all council members approved.

- John will advertise in local newspapers
- Discussion was held about publishing in two papers instead of one.

Alice made a motion to put notice in both Altavista Journal and Star Tribune. Jimmy seconded the motion. Council members voted 5 yes. 1 request for cost by Bob.

- Advertisements are paid for
- Meeting notices are free

Grant Progress

- About to be submitted
- Hoping for positive results

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- meeting is adjourned at 8:20 pm.
    - Next Monthly Business Meeting November 4, 2025