

TOWN OF HURT 2025

MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date: December 2, 2025

Time: 6PM

Meeting called to order by: MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

Steve Worley, Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond, Vice Mayor Bob Majure, Gary Poindexter

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett calls for a motion to move into closed session.
- Gary P. moves that the council convene a closed session in accordance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended citing:
 - A. Personnel, Real Estate, Prospective Business (as necessary) (Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (1) (3) (5) as applicable)
- Bob M. seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Shannon Race calls for individual votes on the motion. Council members voted in favor of the closed session. The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:10 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION AND INVOCATION

- Mayor Hodnett calls for a motion to return and certify a closed session.
- Gary P. makes a motion for the certification of the closed meeting, citing the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Second by Jimmy H.
- The council members voted affirmatively to certify the closed meeting.
- Steve Worley leads the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Gary Hodnett thanks the attendees and invites comments, with Shannon making a holiday remark.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. November Expenditures were discussed.
 - a. Steve Worley inquired about the fire department's funding, and Marissa Padilla explains the usual disbursement timeline. The fire department received \$15,000, with another \$15,000 expected in June.
 - b. Bob Majure questioned a \$2,938 payment to Civic Plus LLC for codification services, which Marissa confirms was for the code bank. \$2,938 was made to Civic Plus LLC for codification services.
 - c. Gary P. made a motion to approve the November Expenditures. Second by Bob M. All council members voted in favor.
2. November 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - a. Bob made a motion to approve November 18, 2025, minutes as presented. Second by Jimmy, all members approved.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Treasurer - Marissa Padilla reports on making monthly tax payments, federal payments, and preparing for the auditors' visit.
- Clerk - Shannon, discusses her work on a year-long tax issue related to land transfers and processing payments.
- Public Works – Paul reports on various activities, including leak letters, water meter replacements, and decorations for Christmas.
 - Paul will be testing on 12-08-2025 for his state license.
 - The department collected \$11,575 from past-due accounts, with only \$2,600 remaining uncollected.
- Police Department – no report, Chief was working an accident.
- John Eller – John Eller discusses the establishment of a discount program for low-income residents, requiring a formal resolution from the council.
 - General Assembly needs to be presented with a formal request to be added to the authority.
 - Gary P. Read the Resolution Request Amendment. Localities must be authorized to provide resident discounts. After reading the Resolution, Gary P. made a motion to approve the request to the General Assembly. Bob seconded the motion and all council members approved. The council approves the resolution to request the Virginia General Assembly include the town in the code section authorizing discount programs.

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Mandate Construction Update

Gary Hodnett announces the signing of construction contracts for the water system project, which will start soon.

2. Plaza Update

They are moving into the planning stage, with Matt Ashton to be invited to the next meeting.

- Bob Majure asks about the first work item for the water system project, with Joe Smith explaining the expected sequence of tasks.
- Discussion on the disbursement stages for the water system project, with Gary Hodnett confirming it will be in three stages.

3. Mobile restaurants

- John Eller presents an ordinance for mobile restaurants and events, which was previously discussed but not acted upon. The council decides to review the ordinance individually and discuss it in the next work session.
- O'Kelly's mobile needs to get a business license.
- Gary Hodnett and John Eller discuss the need for a license for mobile restaurants and the potential benefits for the town.

4. Hurt Tree Lighting

- Sunday December 7, 2025, 4-7pm
- Santa there about 4-4:15pm
- Tree lighting at 5-5:15 pm
- Volunteers are needed

5. Altavista parade was mentioned for Sunday, December 7, 2025.

MAYOR REPORT

The council discussed a water system project, including a \$500,000 grant and a \$9-10 million expected grant for a water treatment plant. Once approved and money received the construction will start.

The council discusses the need for a class one operator for the water treatment plant and the progress on licensing.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- meeting is adjourned at 7:44 pm.
 - Next Monthly Business Meeting January 6, 2026