TOWN OF HURT 2026 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date:	January 6, 2026
Time:	6PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

Steve Worley, Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond, Bob Majure, Gary Poindexter, Paul after roll call

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett calls for a motion to move into closed session at 6:03 pm.
- Councilman Poindexter moves that the council convene a closed session in accordance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended for discussion/consideration of real estate acquisition or disposition and discussion of prospective business or industry where public disclosure would harm bargaining position and no prior announcement has been made. A. Real Estate, Prospective Business (as necessary) (Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (3) (5) as applicable)
- Councilman Harding seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Clerk calls for individual votes on the motion all council members vote in favor of the closed session, and the motion is passed council moves into a closed session at 6:05 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION AND INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

- 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 Councilman Harding, each council member; approve.
- Councilman Worley leads the invocation.

Consent Agenda

December expenditures and Meeting Minutes

Councilman Johnson pointed out we need to be diligent about the spending for the rest of the fiscal year. At 50% of budgets on a lot of lines.

Vice Mayor Majure asked why 179% revenue has come in for personal property taxes.

Clerk explains about the incorrect tax information received from county this year and a very large amount of past due taxes having been collected this year.

Councilman Poindexter made a motion to approve Consent agenda items as presented along with the additions to the agenda naming annual reorganization of appointments as well as the acquisition of the water plant at SVMP, seconded by Councilman Johnson, all council members approved.

Water Treatment Plant

Councilman Worley made a motion to amend the lease with Hurt Partners LLC resulting in the town receiving a deed for 11-acre parcel on Klopman property together with the water treatment plant and other facilities there on access to the raw water intake on the Staunton River as well as the Sycamore creek.

Mayor calls for a second given by councilmember Bond, all council members approved.

Vice Mayor Majure pointed out how hard Mayor Hodnett and others have worked on this issue. All council members concurred.

Mayor Hodnett explained benefits and processes.

Plaza Update

Vice Mayor Majure gave update about the process of improving the building, bringing in new tenants, increasing tax revenues, and beautifying the plaza.

Vice Mayor Majure made a motion to accept the proposal from RRMM to be our architect and project manager.

Mayor explained what was going to be done on the project.

Councilman Poindexter seconded the motion with unanimous approval from council.

Reports from Staff

- Treasurer – Marissa Padilla
  - Working with Evelyn on payroll; town accountant, and auditors
  - Cleaning up GL's payments were not hitting the right codes.
  - Working on VRS payments as well as federal and state taxes
- Clerk – Shannon Race
  - Working with taxes, utility billing
  - Assisting with various resident issues
- Public Works – Joe Smith, Paul Watlington
  - Under bore on the Prospect Rd service line done
  - Ready to get the utility bills out
  - pre-construction conference was held today with VDOT, VDH, Contractors, USSG. The job start date is expected at the end of March
  - Town safety program for all employees and emergency response program started last year must be submitted by end of construction. Preparing for lots of reports and inspections – Paul offered to help.

- Police Department – Chief Lovelace
    - December was a slow month
    - Christmas for kids – 10 participants
    - Camera system helped to recover a stolen vehicle
    - Discussion about 22 inoperable vehicles in the town
    - 2 excessive lawn issues
    - 80% success rate of those 24 contacted have complied with the town
    - Working on a percentage of issues at a time
- Legal - John Eller
    - Working on lease and deeds
    - Working on an eviction notice for a plaza tenant
    - Haven't heard anything back from the General Assembly yet about being added to the list for water relief programs.
    - Town code on website

Items Arising Subsequent to Notice

Annual appointments were discussed.

Vice Mayor

- Bob Majure was recommended to serve again as Vice Mayor by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Poindexter. All council members voted in favor.

Planning Commission

- Councilman Johnson was recommended for planning commission by Vice Mayor Majure, seconded by Councilman Harding with a unanimous vote by council.

Staunton River Regional Investment Facility Authority Appointments

1. Councilman Poindexter

2. Mayor Hodenett

Alternate Council member Bond

Vice Major Majure made a motion to approve the above listed and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion.

All members approved.

Board of Zoning Appeals:

Terms need to be reviewed. Kenny Crews, Jeffery Blaesing, and Councilman Johnson were on the board. Kenny and Councilman Johnson will need to be replaced.

Planning Commission

3 people need to be renewed.

Jeremy Shelton, Courtney Moore, and Mitchell expired in December 2025.

Jeffery Blaesing and Jared Underwood for a 4 year.

Website needs an updated group picture. Try to do it at next meeting.

One trash can is provided per household; cans need to get in on timely manner.

Town Newsletter

Councilman Poindexter stated it will be ready by Monday to be added in with the utility bills.

Mayor Report and meeting adjourned

Town will see a large amount of change. Starting very soon.

Work session will be held on January 22, 2026, meeting is adjourned at 7:55pm.