TOWN OF HURT 2026 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Date:	Thursday, February 5, 2026
Time:	6:02 PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

Steve Worley, Paul Johnson, Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond and Bob Majure by phone

Mayor Hodnett calls for a motion to move into closed session.

- Vice Mayor Majure moved that the council convene a closed session in accordance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended. Siting A. Real Estate, Prospective Business, Personnel (as necessary) (Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (3) (5) as applicable)
- Councilman Johnson seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Clerk calls for individual votes on the motion council members all vote in favor of the closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:07 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION, 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 **(Requirement: VA FOIA § 2.2-3712 (D))**
- Mayor Hodnett calls for a second, which is given by Councilman Johnson and Councilmember Bond, each council member approved.
- Councilman Worley leads the invocation.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Harding thanked Councilman Johnson for scraping his driveway, and our public works for the hard work they did during the storm.

Councilman Johnson thanked Officer Markins for staying here at town hall during the storm to make sure he was available to the town's residents if he was needed. He also thanked Joe and Paul Watlington for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Mayor thanked all the town employees for their support of the town and how they deal with people in the town who often complain. Talked about a check with water thieves in the memo line.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January Expenditures

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the January Expenditures. Second by Councilman Harding, approved by all council members.

2. January Meeting & Workshop Minutes
    - Jan. 6 Add Councilman Johnson in attendance after roll call
    - Change 11-acre "partial" to 11 acre "parcel"
    - Jan. 22 Change "bond council" to "bond counsel"

ITEMS ARRIVING SUBSEQUENT TO NOTICE

250th year celebration

- County is selling yard signs for $10 each
- County is putting banners in the towns
- County is looking for volunteers to do various things

Kaitlyn McCluster is who to contact if anyone is interested in volunteering.

County is asking what the Town of Hurt is going to do.

- Vice Mayor Majure suggested having a patriotic decoration contest
- Councilman Johnson suggests a Cookout for the town
- County can give us a banner to hang in the plaza
- Mayor asked everyone to send him suggestions

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carolyn Allen commented that the town looked good. She appreciated what everyone has done.

New Business

1. State Mandate Construction Update
    - Virginia Resource Authority Loan Agreement Signed & sent to the state
    - Virginia Resource Authority is asking for a completion date to be able to close the loan, town working with engineers on it
    - Public Hearing ad will be placed in the paper on the 11th & 18th
2. Plaza Update
    - Racheal Delcampo is working on an additional grant, working on 3
    - Construction should be starting soon
3. Snow Removal Residents & Plaza
    - Roads our town are responsible for
        i. Cemetery Rd where the water tower is
        ii. End of East Spencer Rd where it turns to stone
        iii. Popular across from the elementary school
    - State is responsible for all other roads
    - The Plaza must be 1st priority from now on due to liabilities
        We can clean the plaza ourselves or hire out

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Treasurer – Marissa Padilla – not present
    - Check register was given for review and signatures by clerk
- Clerk- Shannon Race
    - Getting late pp tax information together to start processing DMV stops
    - Located two real estate accounts with severe delinquencies

- Public Works- Joe Smith & Paul Watlington
    - Snow and ice removals
    - Resident complaints
    - 3-line breaks during the storm
- Police Department- Chief Lovelace
    - Handed out barrier system & taser quotes
    - Applying for grants trying to get 100% coverage
    - Bob suggests town considers it even if grants are available
- Legal - John Eller
    - General Assembly has approved the town request to be added to the list of water relief programs 99-0
    - Waiting for the Senate to approve

PLANNING AND ZONING

Jeremy Shelton has agreed to another 4 yr. Planning and Zoning term.

CONTRACTOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Councilman Johnson has almost completed the contractor's safety requirements.

- making a few more adjustments.
- Will make a motion to keep this ongoing as required by Osha to make changes

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.
    - Next Monthly Business Meeting March 3, 2026.