TOWN OF HURT 2026
MEETING MINUTES
FY 2027 BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

Date: June 17, 2026	Location: TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 533 POCKET RD. HURT, VA
Time: 6 pm	Adjournment: 8:10 pm
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

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

Council Members Absent:

none

TOWN STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Marissa Padilla, Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Hodnett called meeting to order at 6:05 pm and presided.
Roll call by treasurer.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hodnett requests a motion to move into closed session.

- Councilman Poindexter moves that the Hurt Town Council convene a closed session in accordance with Virginia Freedom of Information Act as amended. Siting Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (1) Personnel, (3) Real Estate, (5) Prospective Business, (as applicable).
- Vice Mayor Majure seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Treasurer calls for individual votes on the motion with Hurt Town Council voting 6-0 in favor of the closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the Hurt Town Council moves into a closed session at 6:06 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

- Mayor Hodnett calls for motions to return and certify a closed session.
- Councilman Poindexter 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 Vice Mayor Majure, council voted 6-0 in favor and approves the certification of the closed session.

Councilman Worley leads the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FY2027 budget hearing was open at 7:05 pm.

- No one spoke.
- Question and answer sheet was handed out.
- Vice Mayor Majure explained why the budget is going from $1M to $3M because of grant monies coming in.
- Grant money comes in and goes out for specific purposes and cannot be repurposed.

Public comment was closed and public hearing was opened at 7:06 pm. No one spoke

Budget Hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

NEW BUSINESS & ITEMS ARISING SUBSEQUENT TO NOTICE

Food Truck / Mobile Restaurant Ordinance (John Eller's proposal)

- Ordinance to allow and regulate mobile restaurants (food trucks) in town.
- Where allowed (zoning):
    - Permitted in R-1, R-2, C-1, and I-1 districts.
- When and how they may operate:
    - Must be sponsored for a specific event by:
        - A church or other nonprofit, or
        - The owner of the property where the event is held.
    - Must get advanced town approval and a mobile restaurant permit.
    - Must hold a VDH food service permit and a valid Town of Hurt business license ($25).
    - Must collect and remit Town of Hurt meals tax.
- Operating hours:
    - In R-1, R-2, C-1: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
    - In I-1: ordinance text allows up to 24-hour operation.
- Noise and placement:
    - Sound (generators, loudspeakers) not audible beyond 100 feet.
    - Must park only in the permitted area; may not block safety-related areas (no-parking zones, fire hydrants, vehicle/pedestrian access).
- "Mobile" requirement:
    - Must be moved from premises at least once per week.
- Seating / picnic tables:
    - Draft text: no outdoor seating by the mobile restaurant.
    - Discussion about:
        - Allowing up to three picnic tables in commercial/industrial areas vs. none in residential.
        - Distinction between what the food truck provides vs. what the property owner or town might set out.

        - Desire not to over-burden operators so that meals-tax revenue is encouraged.
    - Distance from existing restaurants: Must be a minimum distance from another restaurant when that restaurant is open.

Actions / motions:

Vice Mayor Majure made a motion to amend Section 28-454 (Mobile Restaurants – Development Standards) as presented, seconded by Councilman Harding, with Hurt town council a 6-0 vote in favor of Amendment to 28-454 approved.

Vice Mayor Majure made a motion to amend zoning sections to allow mobile restaurants: Sections 28-6, 28-84, 28-293, 28-329 to allow mobile restaurants as defined in 28-454 in R-1, R-2, C-1, I-1. The motion was seconded by councilman Johnson with a 6-0 council vote in favor of the Zoning amendments approved.

CivicPlus Website Updates

Presenter: Councilman Poindexter

Status of CivicPlus website and ordinance visibility.

- CivicPlus will be doing a major platform/structure change sometime this summer; they will handle most of the work.
- Town Code / ordinance access:
    - Currently found under "Government" → "Town Code" (which links to Municode).
    - Public feedback indicates some citizens are having trouble finding the ordinance library.
    - Suggestion to change label to "Ordinances", but:
        - Top-level menu text must be changed by CivicPlus, not by town staff.
        - That likely will be rolled into the upcoming platform change.
- After CivicPlus' upgrade, the town will likely:
    - Request clearer labeling (e.g., "Ordinances") and
    - Re-evaluate navigation to make codes easier to locate.

Audio/Video Equipment for Council Chamber

Presenter: Vice Mayor Bob Majure

Upgrading AV equipment for meetings (streaming/recording).

- Need to determine a realistic budget range before committing:
    - DIY with pro-grade gear ~$5,000.
    - Professionally designed/installed system: estimates around $10,000–$12,000.
- Proposed system concept:
    - Pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera that can track speakers and use wide angle views.
    - Ceiling-hung or tabletop "spectral" microphones that lock on to active speakers.
    - One-button operation, reliable livestream and archive (better than current ad-hoc setup).
- Compliance and accessibility:
    - YouTube auto-captions already support ADA requirements for hearing, but
    - Audio/video quality and reliability are weak; only one person knows current setup.

Consensus / direction (no formal dollar motion, but clear guidance):

- Council expresses support for moving forward, accepting a likely cost around $10–12k.
    - Proceed with consultation with Point Source Audio to get firm quotes and system design and coordinate timing with the Mayor for site visit and eventual installation.

MAYOR REPORT

State Loan / Consent Order – Maintenance & Infrastructure Plan

Revised state loan consent agreement and required maintenance/infrastructure plan (CIP follow-through).

- State has reworked the consent/loan contract; new document coming from bond counsel and state officials.
- State wants:
    - Assurance that reserves and repairs (e.g., fire hydrants, lines, infrastructure in Davenport plan/CIP) are actually being implemented.
    - A documented maintenance and improvement plan:
        - What will be done,
        - When it will be done (timeline),
        - Proof of completion (contractor paperwork, etc.).
    - Prior capital plan work (with Davenport/Joe) identified needed projects, but delivery has lagged, prompting state concern.
    - Joe has asset lists and known needs; work is underway but not fully documented in a timeline.
    - Bob Majure offers to help build the spending / implementation plan, using Joe's knowledge.
    - Mayor will have Joe call Bob; they will work together on documentation.
    - Town will develop a multi-year maintenance and capital schedule tied to the consent order/CIP, and document progress for state review as a condition of the loan.

Preliminary Approval of FY 2026–2027 Operating Budget

Motion by Councilman Gary Poindexter was made to approve the proposed FY 2026–27 operating budget *as advertised*, with the understanding that final approval would be considered at the next meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, after the required waiting period.

The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Bob Majure, and it passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote in favor.

Public Comment Period Joint with the County

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6 pm at Hurt town hall.

Council announcements

Three seats coming up in November. Those running are Bob Majure, Jeremiah Knowles and David Arthur.

Gary Poindexter is not running again for council this fall. Leaving on good terms.

Paul Johnson also is not running again for council due to employment changes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hodnett adjourned this meeting at 8:10 pm.