TOWN OF HURT 2025 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING

Date:	October 21, 2025
Time:	6PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

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

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett calls meeting to order at 6pm. Request a motion to move into closed session.
- Councilman Poindexter moves that the council convene a closed session in accordance with Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended. A. Personnel, Real Estate, Prospective Business (as necessary) (Authorization: § 2.2-3711 A (5) (8) as applicable)
- Vice Mayor Majure seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Mayor Hodnett calls for individual votes on the motion and all council members vote in favor of the closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:05 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION AND INVOCATION

- Mayor Hodnett requests a 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 Johnson, each council member approved.
- Councilman Poindexter leads the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Lead by Mayor Hodnett

PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF HURT CONVEEYANE OF APPROXIMATELY 50 ACRES TO SRRIFA/HURT PARTNERS

- The hearing is opened, and no public comments are made.
- Only one member of the public attended the meeting

Councilman Poindexter introduces the public hearing on the disposition of the town property known as the Key Industrial Complex.

The purpose of the hearing was to give the public an opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns about the potential disposition of the property.

Councilman Poindexter explains that the property may be disposed of in part or full, possibly involving exchange or sale.

- 7:10 pm public hearing was closed

NEW BUSINESS

- Report from Alice/Jimmy on the 250 USA Celebration with the County
    - Councilwoman Bond mentions the involvement of the Chatham town manager and the steering committee.
    - Councilman Harding highlights the various activities planned, including reading the Declaration of Independence, military celebrations, and fireworks.
    - Councilwoman Bond expresses her desire to celebrate the historical significance of Clement Hill, despite initial resistance from the steering committee.

- Plans for Clement Hill Celebration
    - Councilwoman Alice Bond shares her family's historical connection to Clement Hill and her determination to celebrate its revolutionary war relevance.
    - Mayor Hodnett suggests creating a website or flyer to promote the event.
    - Vice Mayor Majure and Councilwoman Bond discuss the possibility of fundraising for the restoration of Clement Hill.
    - Explore the possibility of clearing and using the Hurt/Clement Hill grounds for a celebration.
    - Reach out to Henry Hurt, the last person to live in the Hurt/Clement Hill house, to involve him in the planning.
    - The council members agree to explore the possibility of coordinating events with Avoca Museum and other towns in the county.

- Plaza Update
    - Have a project manager who will be handling contracts and overseeing the work
    - Getting drawings together to show the front of the building design
    - Town is very close to starting the work

- Town Computers replacement
    - Council debated computer replacements, comparing quotes from Lenovo ($6,769.50) and Dell ($4,756.70), with a preference for Dell due to its five-year warranty and cost-effectiveness.
    - Council also considered budget allocations for the replacements, ultimately deciding to continue the discussion at a future meeting.
    - Bob Majure emphasizes the need to identify where the budget will come from to cover the computer replacements.
    - Gary Hodnett suggests pulling funds from various budget line items, including general, water, and public works. Will provide an email to the council members with a plan for funding the replacement of the town's computers, including which budget line items the funds will be drawn from.
    - The council members discuss the potential impact of unexpected expenses on the budget and the importance of planning for future needs.

APPROVAL OF CATCH-UP MINUTES

Gary Hodnett calls for a motion to approve the catch-up minutes from May 6, 2025.
Gary Poindexter makes the motion to approve the catch-up minutes.
The motion is seconded by Jimmy Harding and approved by the council members.

MEETING CONTINUED:

- Meeting is continued to Wednesday, October 29th, at 6 PM to finalize the decision on the computer replacements.