TOWN OF HURT 2025 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING CONTINUED

Date:	October 29, 2025
Time:	6:02 PM
Meeting reopened by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHEDQUORUM

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

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Gary Hodnett calls for a vote to reopen the meeting, with all members present voting in favor.
- Mayor Requests a motion to move into closed session.
- Bob Majure and Gary Hodnett discuss the agenda, focusing on prospective business and consultant regarding litigation.
- Vice Mayor Majure 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 (3) (8) as applicable)
- Councilman Harding 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 closed session is initiated at 6:05 PM, with John Eller noting the usual start time for closed sessions.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION AND INVOCATION

- Mayor Hodnett requests a motions to return and certify a closed session.
- Bob M. 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 Paul J, each council member approves.
- Meeting reconvened at 6:46 pm.

CLEAN FOOTPRINT

- John Eller explains the offer to purchase the entire Key Industrial Park, including leases for solar farms and an option to lease with Clean Footprint.
- Bob Majure makes a motion to approve the memorandum of termination of an option to lease agreement with Clean Footprint, Paul J seconds, and is approved by all members.
- Gary Poindexter and Bob Majure discuss the specifics of the solar lease termination agreements with Pivot Energy.
- Bob M made a motion to release Pivot Energy lease, Seconded by Jimmy, all voted in favor.
- Bob made a motion to release Secondary Solar lease with Pivot Energy, seconded by Alice B, and approved by all council members.

APPROVAL OF REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

- Gary Poindexter moves to approve the real estate purchase agreement on parcel 2546-63-3421 between the town and Stanton River, which is seconded and approved by all members.
- Discussion on the contractor for the consent order mandate, with Peed & Bortz and D&R Contractors recommended.
- Gary Hodnett and Joe Smith discuss the bid process, noting that D&R Contractors were considerably cheaper than the other bidders.
- Steve W. made the motion to accept the bid, second by Jimmy, and the council votes to accept the bid from D&R Contractors, with a total value of $1,169,513.
- Discussion about Inspector for project leading to Steve helping Paul and Joe with doing the daily inspections during the construction period.

DISCUSSION ON COMPUTER PURCHASES

- Gary Hodnett and Bob Majure discuss the budget for computer purchases, considering various line items for funding.
- Paul Johnson expresses concerns about exceeding the budget and suggests waiting until next year to purchase additional computers.
- Bob Majure proposes purchasing five Dell computers and monitors from Amazon to stay within budget, which is seconded Paul J. and and voted on by council.
- Council no votes: Steve, Jimmy, Alice and Gary P.
- Council yes votes: Bob and Paul J.
- No votes took the majority
- The council debates the importance of warranties for the monitors, with some members preferring to purchase them with warranties.
- Mayor made a motion to buy the computers and monitors from Dell directly to receive the 5 yr. warranties for both computers and monitors. Gary P seconded the motion.
- Council no votes: Bob Majure and Paul Johnson
- Council yes votes: Gary P, Steve W, Jimmy H, and Alice B.
- Yes votes took the majority.
- 5 Town computers and monitors will be purchased from Dell through Mayor Hodnett's contact.

PLAZA

- Discussion on the need for a digital sign and new storefront for the plaza building.

PLANNING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

- Bob Majure outlines plans for the Christmas event, including the tree lighting and volunteer activities.
- Bounce house for kids was discussed. Paying for set-up and take down this year.
- Santa will be invited to come again this year
- Travis the Balloon guy is being invited to come this year

ALTAVISTA CALENDAR

- Gary Hodnett suggests creating a town calendar similar to Alta Vista's, which is well-received by the council.
- Having dates, meetings etc. placed in calendar for the town residents

NEWSLETTER

Restarting a newsletter was discussed to go out with utility bills.

- Expecting to have one to go out with the January 2026 utility bills

2025 CHRISTMAS DINNER

- Gary P suggested that something be done for the staff only. Nothing this year with council and staff.

Discussion took place.

MEETINGS COMBINED

Rescheduled Nov. 4th Meeting to November 18th combining the Business and Workshop meetings.

Gary Poindexter made a motion to combine the two meetings.

Bob M. seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- meeting is adjourned at 7:40 pm.