TOWN OF HURT 2026 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING

Date:	January 22, 2026
Time:	6PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE QUORUM IS ESTABLISHED

Steve Worley, Paul Johnson, Jimmy Harding, Alice Bond, Gary Poindexter and Bob Majure via phone

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

- Mayor Hodnett calls meeting to order at 6:05pm. 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 (1)(3)(5) as applicable)
- Councilman Johnson seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Clerk calls for individual votes on the motion with all council members voting in favor of the closed session.
- The motion is passed, and the council moves into a closed session at 6:06 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION, INVOCATION & PLEDGE

- Mayor Hodnett requests a motion 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 Councilman Johnson, each council member approves.
- Councilman Worley leads the invocation.

NEW BUSINESS AND/OR BUSINESS SUBSEQUENT TO NOTICE

1. State Mandate Construction Update
    a. Met w/state last week and today on a conference call
    b. Bond Counsel is engaged
    c. Webster is getting the resolution paperwork we need for Bond Counsel
    d. Paperwork should be taken care of in the next couple weeks
    e. Construction scheduled to begin at the end of March

CONTRACTOR & EMPLOYEE SAFETY PLAN

- Councilman Johnson is working on a google document Contractor Safety Plan with Joe and Paul W. 1/4 to ½ completed.
- Hoping to have finished by next meeting so council can go over it and hopefully vote on next meeting.
- Also working on the employee safety plan.

WBOP PLAN

- must be put in place very soon.
- This plan is for maintenance, upgrading our things, life expectancy, etc.
- Very little had been done since RT Taylor with Davenport was here working on it. He's with a different company and we may want to use him for phase two.
- There is a computer system that can be purchased for 10's of thousands of dollars, which would be ideal to have but probably out of reach at this time.

2. Plaza update
    a. Matt's ready to start any time we are
    b. Will be on phone call at next meeting
    c. Waiting a little while to get started because of the cash that's needed from another project
    d. Drawing is ready and he's working on other stuff
    e. He's asked for local contractor information

3. Flock Camera System
    a. This will be discussed during the next business meeting in February.
    b. Canceled for tonight since Bob was only there via phone.

Prospective Planning Commissioners

Councilman Johnson is going to reach out to Courtney and Jeremy.

Mayor is going to reach out to Jeff and Glen.

Jared Underwood will be contacted.

Board of Zoning Appeals

- Jeff
- Kenny Cruz
- Councilman Johnson before he started Council position
- Jeremy Shelton – a good resource, worked with Gary Boggs for years

Council needs a current listing of committees and members to put on the website.

Terms for committees were discussed

- Glen served out at the end of 2025
- Jeremy & Courtney expired December 2025
- Jeff & Jared are 4-year terms. They agreed to it in 2025.

Town Comprehensive plan

- Councilman Worley and Councilman Johnson are working on bullet points plan for the next 5 years
- Should have a rough outline for council next week

Town Council Updated Photo

Plans are to take an updated photo of council next meeting if all 7 people are there.

Anthony Cichelli

He currently works with Dominion Power and is familiar with the Water Treatment Plant.
He has offered the town his help and opinions on inspecting and maintaining

- 4KB transformer
- pumps on the river
- pump house at the creek bottom
- make sure the systems are up to date by Osha standards
- Mayor mentioned that 50,000 gallons are run through the system every so often to keep the license in place
- Pumps are not running at full kilter currently
- Bigger transformer may be needed

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- meeting is adjourned at 7:19 pm.
    - Next Workshop Meeting Feb. 17, 2026