TOWN OF HURT 2026 MEETING MINUTES

MONTHLY WORKSHOP MEETING

Date: February 17, 2026	Location: Town Hall 533 Pocket Rd. Hurt, VA
Time:	6:00 PM
Meeting called to order by:	MAYOR GARY HODNETT

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM

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

TOWN STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Race, Town Clerk

John Eller, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hodnett called meeting to order at 6:10 pm and presided.

CLOSSED SESSION

Mayor Hodnett requested a motion to move into closed session.

- Councilman Gary Poindexter moves that the 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, (8) Legal Counsel (as applicable).
- Vice Mayor Majure seconds the motion for the closed session.
- Clerk 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 6:12 PM.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

- Mayor Hodnett requests a motion to return and certify a closed session.
- Councilman Gary 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, Hurt Town Council voted 6-0 in favor and approves the certification of the closed session.

Councilman Steve Worley leads the invocation.

Welcome

Mayor Hodnett thanks everyone for attending and asks for a motion to approve the January and February minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 6th, 22nd & February 5th minutes
   Councilman Harding made a motion, seconded by Councilman Worley, and Hurt Town Council voted in favor 6-0, and approved the February 17 consent agenda as presented.

2. Additions to Agenda
   nothing

Mayor told Hurt Town Council about the check they received today for the SR RIFA Real Estate Sharing for 2024 & 2025 totaling $4,798.93.

- Staff added the pay code into miscellaneous payments today to process the payment in Southern Software.
- It is the Towns' first check received since the start of SR RIFA.

NEW BUSINESS & ITEMS ARISING SUBSEQUENT TO NOTICE

1. **State Mandate Construction Update**
   - Still Working with bond counsel and the state to see where we come out on this.
   - Expecting several conversations to take place in the future.

2. **Plaza Update**
   Matt Astrin was asked to talk tonight but is still dealing with an issue with his dad in NY.
   He will discuss progress and when he is ready to get started, with us when he returns.

Presentation on Flock Camera

Vice Mayor Majure presented council members with documents backing his request to stop using the Flock Camera System. #1. The Case for Ending Flock Camera Surveillance. #2. Sources & Citations. He also put the slides on the tv screen. Vice Mayor stated that his comments were directed at the Flock Company and not the system itself.

- Vice Mayor Majure explains the capabilities and vulnerabilities of flock cameras.
- Flock cameras are AI powered cameras system we had placed in the town.
- He highlights the potential for data breaches and the sale of collected data.
- We are conducting warrantless surveillance on citizens.
- Majure discusses the outdated software and security vulnerabilities of flock cameras.
- There are open USB points on this system that anyone could connect to and read from it.
- 35 police credentials have been stolen and sold on the dark web.
- System on the camera is Android 8.1 which is outdated, discontinued, with no security batches for over 5 years.
- Flock uses clear text credentials, which is a major no-no in cyber security.
- He mentions the potential for misuse of data by law enforcement and other agencies.
- Other agencies that can access our data. ATF, FBI, DEA, Homeland Security, plus many more can access this data.
- Vice Mayor believes regular police work is the tried-and-true way to go about solving crimes without violating citizens' rights and privacy to move throughout the area.

- He mentions never owning the data and that there are legal issues developing around the use of this system.
- If these cameras get hacked, Flocks liability cap is 12 months $9,000, the Town of Hurt will be liable for everything else. This means the town will have to pay for these legal cases.
- To do an arbitration with Flock, we must go to Georgia.
- We should deactivate these cameras and never renew these contracts with Flock.
- Vice Mayor Majure feels it's going to add additional work for our police department.

Chief Lovelace explains the reporting requirement for license plate readers.

- They make you report if you do or don't have the license plate readers. Our records management system we must submit our report every month to the Virginia State Police. The RMS system must be submitted by the 15th.
- Our RMS is updating as well as everyone else's across the state.
- In every case you must report if a license plate reader was used.
- We don't share out of state or with anyone but Flock. These are parameters that I set up. Auto accept is not selected on our cameras.

John Eller asked for the original contract that was signed to review.

Councilman Paul Johnson shared concerns about data breaches and the liability of the town.

- Stated he has concerns about the stolen data.
- When we get a letter stating the breach in data, the company expects us to handle protecting ourselves. It should be the responsibility of the company who had the data breach.
- We have due diligence to protect the information of the 1239 people in this town.

Mayor discusses the broader implications of data collection and surveillance.

- Every time you turn your computer on, you are subject to this.
- Mayor Hodnett worked for a North Carolina republican party. We could send an email, find out exactly where that person lived, we could see exactly what room in their house the internet was being used.
- When you cut your computer on, odds are you are not the only person looking at what you are looking at.
- We are living in a dangerous computer world.

Chief Lovelace said he can go to a website and tell you where you lived for the last 20 years, and a lot more data. It's all open sourced.

Councilmember Alice Bond asked if it doesn't really matter what system we use, the data is already out there.

- Mayor answered not really.
- Vice Mayor Majure responded that Flock is the worst system out there as far as cyber security is concerned.

Councilman Paul Johnson and Councilman Harding are concerned about children being outside playing and predator seeing them on the cameras.

- Flock cameras were installed at the check points coming into and going out of town per Chief.
- The cameras at the school, however, are only for speeders. It's not designed to function the say way the Flock Cameras are.

John Eller asked if there were people to see in the red pickup photo.

- Or can you only see the road?
- If not, are the other cameras set so that they don't pick up people and general activity?
- Background is not somebody's house, child playing or anything like that.

Chief Lovelace explained how the cameras are targeted at the road. You may be able to see some stuff behind it.

- John Eller said there would be definite concerns if people were being recorded.

Chief Lovelace explained the cameras are not pointed to catch anything like that.

- Not placed where a sidewalk is located, not placed near a playground, not placed near churches, not placed near housing developments, not set to pick up people going in and out of the stores.

John Eller stated, "so what those cameras can see is what anybody standing there could see."

- Chief Lovelace answered, "that's right".
- The only way we will know more information (who the person is) than what is seen, is if we have dispatch run the data.

Councilman Steve Worley stated if other localities have concerns about this system, we should have concerns about it also.

Councilman Paul Johnson, asked, what is H.E.A.T.?

- Chief Lovelace explained that it's a grant through the Virginia State Police. It stands for Help Eliminate Auto Theft.
- Councilman Paul Johnson asked if he's allowed to use that grant money anyway Chief wants to.
- Chief stated when it was applied for, it was for a license plate reader.
- I'm open to using another license plate reader. If another company works for us, we can change.
- Mayor questioned if we take this down and send it back to them, will it affect us in the future getting other grants?
- Chief states he has no idea but can put a call in for that reason to find out.
- Mayor said if we change, will we have to get another grant?
- Chief states if it damages us from the H.E.A.T. grant, then I would have to find another grant.

John Eller asked when the contract expires.

- Chief said H.E.A.T. grant comes up in June.
- Councilman Gary Poindexter said it's close to the time of fiscal changeover.

John Eller stated we don't have to figure this out tonight.

Discussion was made about using Axon. Chief said he will investigate it.

- John Eller stated Axon is a big company and maybe they have something to offer

Councilman Gary Poindexter stated he comprehends both sides and agrees with both sides.

- I'm always concerned about cyber security in every form and degree.
- It's a never-ending race to stay a quarter step ahead of the bear.
- If there is a potential for this kind of breach, we don't need to feed the beast.
- At the same time with the crime situation like it is across this country, I don't want to diminish our law enforcement local or state.
- I also like the purpose of the Flock Camera system. I think we need to stay behind this.
- We should really investigate our license plate reader options and discuss them at the next session.

Mayor Hodnett pointed out that someone out there has the data already and you can believe they are already selling your data.

- Vice Mayor Majure said we are making it easier on them.

Councilman Steve Worley thanked Vice Mayor Majure for the presentation and stated he did a good job.

- We represent the town's people, our job is to look out for them, do what we think is best for our citizens.
- If we allow our citizens data to be accessed by these cameras, then we are doing them an injustice.
- Someone may steal that information, and we are funding the theft in this situation.
- If we can put out a stumbling block and not use this Flock System, I think we should do that to protect our citizens. At least we will be putting forth an effort instead of just sitting back and doing nothing.

Mayor Hodnett says the system is important that I do believe.

- If someone picks up a kid at Hurt school and they drive out of town, all of us will be praying that we have some kind of system that will track that vehicle and get that child back. The system is important.
- I don't like the data being sold. Most people are getting your data anyway.

Councilman Paul Johnson seconded Vice Mayor Majure's motion for this reason.

- It's good technology to have.
- We don't need to help them with data breaches.
- When I buy a computer, it's my computer. It's my checking account. But, if I sign off on a company to breach the citizens, I'm an accomplice. I must live with that, and I don't care to live with that.
- Town of Hurt can't afford $9,000 if we don't have grant money. We can't afford a data breach.
- Everybody knows what could happen in 4 months.
- I depend on Tristan Markins and Jason Lovelace that this doesn't happen.
- Even with all the camera systems, Savannah Guthrie's momma is still missing after 3 weeks.
- We can debate about a child being taken from the school, what if. We have facts right here. A company that is saying we are going to sell your information. We don't have no problem with it because we are all here in business to make money. That's the whole thing. Flock is in business to make money. They will tell you anything you want to hear.
- There is no lost love if we send Flock packing.

I second the motion to deactivate the flock cameras and never renew them.

Vice Mayor said you can't just walk away from them (Flock) but you can turn the cameras off.

- They must be paid until we finish the contract whether we use them or not.
- It's paid through HEAT right now.
- We can deactivate them. We also can refuse to renew the contract with them.

Councilman Gary Poindexter questioned if deactivating the cameras would make us liable to any recourse.

- John Eller asked if we would have to go to Georgia.
- Vice Mayor said no as long as we keep paying them until the end of our contract.
- You can deactivate them and then have them removed at the end of the contract.

Councilman Steve Worley said it seems more people are deactivating than signing on.

Councilmember Alice Bond asked if the communities are getting other readers. Are they replacing Flock Cameras with something else.

- Vice Mayor Majure said he doesn't know the answer to that question.
- Councilmember Alice Bond would like to see statistics

- Vice Mayor Majure did not do that research specifically

John said, "so we are going to move forward without legal opinion on this matter."

- Vice Mayor Majure said yes because I have already done all the research
- John Eller said I need to look at the Flock contract, and we can vote on this next meeting

Vice Mayor Majure stated he made the motion and he would like to see it voted on.

Councilmember Alice Bond wants John Eller to see the contract before she votes. She's not voting on anything until then. It's not that I don't trust what you have done, there are gaps and I don't like gaps. I want to know what the other communities have done.

John Eller said, "I don't have the contract.'

Mayor asked Chief if he had the contract.

- Chief said he will look for it and send it to John.
- John Eller said he needs the original contract and the new information that states they are going to sell the data.

Vice Mayor stated he spent many months on this issue doing the research needed and he wants to see a vote on it tonight. He guaranteed accuracy in his reporting.

Mayor said are we legally required to vote with the motion made with a second or is there a substitute motion to be made to wait until next meeting after John Eller has had time to review all the data?
Councilman Gary Poindexter said, "in keeping with parliamentary procedure, I make a substitute motion to take up this issue at the next meeting. Giving counsel time to review the contract documentation."

John Eller asked Vice Mayor Majure if he was rejecting his request to look at all the data before a motion is voted on.

- Vice Mayor Majure said yes because you didn't review it when we first signed it. So why do we have to wait on that now?

John Eller stated it's very important that we handle this correctly.

- Vice Mayor Majure said I asked for a motion.
- John stated he was done talking.

Councilman Paul Johnson made his disapproval known for not having the contract readily available tonight for the voting. Stating he had his documents ready for the vote tonight.

Councilman Gary Poindexter told Vice Mayor he did a good job on the presentation.

- I'm inclined to follow your proposal.
- I feel like we just need to do due diligence procedures.
- I know it's another delay and I regret that.
- If we don't do due diligence, we are going off halfcocked. There are things that can bite us that none of us are aware of or know about.
- I think it's better to take a more levelheaded approach and make sure all boxes are checked.

Councilman Steve Worley stated we have two motions and need to vote.

MOTIONS ON THE TABLE

SUBSTITUE MOTION

Councilman Gary Poindexter made a substitute motion to take up the Flock Camera issue at the next meeting. Giving counsel time to review the contract seconded by Councilman Jimmy Harding. Council member votes were 3-3, Pro votes were councilmembers Bond, Harding, & Poindexter. No votes were councilmembers Majure, Johnson, & Worley.

MOTION TO DEACTIVATE AND NOT RENEW FLOCK CAMERAS

Vice Mayor made a motion to deactivate the 3 flock cameras immediately and never renew the contract with Flock when the term is over.

Seconded by Councilman Paul Johnson, council member votes were 3-3. Yes votes, council members Majure, Johnson & Worley. No votes were councilmembers Bond, Harding & Poindexter.

Substitute Motion tied with Vice Mayors motion.

TIE BREAKER VOTE

- Mayor Hodnett broke the tie with a yes to Councilman Gary Poindexter's substitute motion. We are better off knowing exactly where John stands on this issue. I have been very glad to have listened to him in the past.

LIVE MEETING DISCUSSION

- We are still getting complaints from citizens about not being able to hear council members or see what's happening.
- We moved from Facebook to YouTube to try and improve.
- We need to get a better system that is adequate for our meetings.
- Mayor asked Councilman Steve Worley if he could research some systems, but he said all he could do is tell you if it sounded good.
- Vice Mayor had done reports and research before. We chose to go with a free set up. He will email everyone copies of the Owl System which is about $900. He will also send them the $3,000 system.
- Mayor suggested that whatever system we obtain needs to be permanently fixed so that we don't have to wait for setup before every meeting. Council will review and discuss the options. Voting on system next regular meeting.

CONTRACTOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ADOPTION

Councilman Paul Johnson reviewed the contractor safety requirements.

- All business trades that work on the water treatment plant must follow these requirements.
- If their own company requirements are more stringent than OSHA, then the company will be required to follow their own.
- These safety requirements only apply to a company that works for the town. It is not required to be followed by a homeowner getting work done.
- This is to be a living document that can be updated as need arises.
- Joe Smith is the person in charge of making sure the requirements are met.
- Contractor W9 must be provided
- Contractor Certificate of Insurance is required

Councilman Paul Johnson made a motion that these requirements be accepted as the official requirement of the Town of Hurt, seconded by Vice Mayor Majure, and the motion with 6-0 unanimous approval from council was passed.

MAYOR REPORT – Gary Hodnett

Mayor gave council members a copy of the 2026 state of the Town which is published on the town's website.

250th YEAR CELEBRATION

Councilman Jimmy Harding suggested providing funds are available, we have a plastic town coin made in celebration of the 250th.

CHIEF LOVELACE REPORT

Chief talked about the Taser Grant. Our match for the grant will be 25% $6,522.50. The grant will cover $26,090.20.

- Application must be submitted by March
- Taser System has virtual training capability
- wants to put the police training location along the riverbank.
- Chief passed a handout with a location for the training site.
- Everything at the site will be outdoors.
- No buildings except a couple of storage buildings to house targets etc., Storage buildings can be 256 sq. ft. without permit.
- We will have to get a special use permit on the property
- Approval or denial must be given at the next meeting.

The roadblock systems were discussed again among council. There are no further updates as to the availability of a grant to purchase a system currently.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hodnett adjourned this meeting at 8:37 pm.

- Next Workshop Meeting March 17, 2026

Attachment – Town of Hurt Contractor Safety Requirements

TOWN OF HURT CONTRACTOR SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The following information contained in this document are the requirements set forth by the Public Works Department Town of Hurt Virginia. If the contractors own safety department/requirements or OSHA standards are more stringent, then the most stringent rule will be followed. Contractors will be required to carry a minimum of one million ($1,000,000.00) dollars worth of insurance. Proof of insurance is required before the start of any job in the Town of Hurt (this document does not apply to homeowners in town hiring contractors) along with pulling any associated required permits. As OSHA updates occur they will supersede any existing regulations. The Public Works Department for the Town of Hurt has the enforcement ability to shutdown any project/job they observe and/or deem unsafe in any manner.

Personal Protection Equipment

The following list of items are daily required but not limited to personal protection equipment.

- Hard hat
- Safety glasses (when cutting or welding a full face shield is required)
- Hi-Vis top (can be a vest or t-shirt) allowable colors are hi-vis yellow, hi-vis orange, and hi-vis pink
- Safety toe shoes
- Ear plugs/muffs when OSHA decibel level is reached (8-hour average noise levels of 85 dBA or higher)
- Gloves when welding, cutting, or dealing with sharp edged items (proper gloves to be used per the required task)
- Arc flash clothing for electricians working with high voltage will follow NFPA70E guidelines
- At least one (1) field worker shall have OSHA 10 certification
- At least one (1) manager/supervisor shall have OSHA 30 certification
- Daily safety meeting/toolbox talk with an accompanying JSA (job safety assessment form) that is signed by each employee daily at the beginning of the work day and the end of the work day

The town of Hurt values the life and safety of all contractor employees. The above listed items are put in place so as to try and assure that every contractor's employees go home safely everyday the same as they arrive everyday. The above listed items are non-negotiable requirements to work in the town of Hurt.

Confined Space Safety Requirements

The contractor is responsible for providing the following PPE (personal protective equipment) and documentation:

- Hard hats
- Safety glasses
- Safety toe shoes
- Safety glasses/face shields
- All retrieval equipment
- Air monitoring equipment
- Provide bump test report on the air monitor to assure it is in proper conformance and guidelines
- Provide all twenty (20) minute air monitoring readings on proper documentation
- Company confined space safety plan documentation
- Companies shall follow OSHA standard 1910.146 Confined Space
- Replace all man hole covers

The above list of items are the minimum requirements of the town of Hurt in regard to confined space entry within the town limits. Contractor will be responsible for all monitoring of the confined space, entries into the confined space, retrieval from the confined space, and keeping the town of Hurt's Public Works Department abreast of all required confined space entry needs.

Company Vehicles

The following list of items are the town's requirements in regard to company vehicles:

- All drivers will be legally licensed in the state of Virginia
- All company vehicles will be insured, have up to date tags, inspection stickers, etc.
- All company vehicles will have proper signage on them to identify the contractor's company
- All town and state speed laws, school zones, etc. will be followed
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Flares
- Safety cones (as needed with regard to working in road right of ways)

Contractor employees that are operating company vehicles within the town limits are both an extension and reflection of the town of Hurt. Vehicles will be operated in a safe and courteous manner. Contractors will need to be aware of their surroundings and when they have to block the sides of roadways etc. place safety cones out to make other drivers aware of their presence.

Lock Out Tag Out (LOTO)

All contractors will be required to have the following proper lock out tag out (LOTO) equipment:

- Locks
- Will follow OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 guidelines
- Tags (legibly identifying employee and phone number to employee that is locked out)
- Any required cables, chains, valve handle covers, breaker covers, gang lock boxes, etc.
- Lock out tag out company policy and procedure

Any contractors performing any electrical work, line breaking, etc. will be required to use lock out tag out procedures. Prior to any lock out tag out occurring the town of Hurt's Public Works Department will be made aware so as not to interrupt any important town services.

Each contractor employee will have their own locks and tags. Tags will be filled out legibly showing the employees name (printed) and phone number to be reached at. Employees will not share keys or unlock another employee's lock/s.

If an employee forgets and leaves an item locked out that was to be returned to service that employee will be contacted and must return and remove their lock. If a lock has to be cut off due to an employee not being in contact with the town after they are notified of the situation there will be a meeting with the contractor manager/supervisor, the employee in question, and the public works director to discuss why the employee did not contact the town and return to remove their lock before the employee can resume back to work in the town. Lock out tag out is an extremely crucial part of safety to both the contractor and the town and will not be taken lightly by the town.

Excavating

The following are the requirements for excavating in the town of Hurt:

- Operators will be certified
- All equipment will be kept in good working order (no leaking hydraulics etc.)
- 811 will be notified prior to any digging
- No overhead work within 10' of overhead power lines
- All excavation will follow OSHA 1926.651
- The contractor will be responsible for providing traffic direction, placement of traffic cones, signage, etc.
- The contractor will be responsible for all asphalt/concrete cutting, removal, trench boxes, removal of spoils, backfilling, tamping, replacement/installation of new asphalt/concrete once the proper settling time is allowed.

Operators will be certified along with the traffic direction crews. All benches, set backs, trench box requirements will follow OSHA 1926.651 guidelines unless the contractor's own safety department follows a more stringent requirement. All required permits will be pulled and placed conspicuously before any excavating begins. The town's Public Works Department reserves the right to observe and question any excavating they feel is not being safely carried out. Any openings/holes will be covered with steel plates if on a roadway after the completion of a workday to allow for traffic flow during off working hours. Any openings/holes that are not on roadways but can be approached by pedestrians will be covered and made secure/safe at the end of every workday. These coverings will be spray painted with the verbiage "Open Hole" and red danger tape will be secured around these work

Electrical and Controls

The following are the requirements for electrical and control work in the town of Hurt:

- Electricians will follow NFPA 70 NEC guidelines 2023 or 2026 versions
- CAT IV electrical meters will be required when working with hi-voltage wiring outside of a structure and at utility level connections. CAT III electrical meters will be used for indoor distribution systems, breakers, and fixed loads
- All junction boxes and LB's will be covered at all times when work is not being performed and no open electrical connections will allowed to be left at anytime
- All arc flash clothing and equipment that are required will be in good working order with no breaches to clothing, gloves, head/face shields, etc.
- LOTO (lock out tag out) will be adhered to at all times
- Low voltage control wiring will not be run inside the same conduit as hi-voltage wiring (110 VAC and above)
- Low voltage control wiring shall not be wrapped around or openly attached parallel to hi-voltage wiring (zip tied or taped)
- All wiring (both hi-voltage and low voltage) shall be clearly labeled. As well as breaker panels and control panels
- Any electrical boxes/panels mounted outside or in a damp environment shall be NEMA 4 (watertight). Any boxes/panels mounted in a corrosive environment shall be NEMA 4X, and any boxes/panels that will be submersed will be either NEMA 6 or NEMA 6P

Electrical contractors shall have at least one electrician that is a master electrical card holder and also at least one journeyman electrical card holder in the state of Virginia. As stated above all electrical work will follow NFPA 70 NEC standards. All required permits will be pulled and posted conspicuously prior to beginning any work. All electrical work will be inspected by the electrical inspector before it is put into service.

Mechanical HVAC

The following are the requirements for mechanical HVAC work in the town of Hurt:

- All sheet metal duct work will follow SMACNA guidelines
- IAQ (indoor air quality) will follow ASHRAE Standard 62.1 for ventilation requirements, including filtration, controls, and exhaust
- Handling of refrigerants will follow AHRI and ASHRAE (Standard 34) in regard to safe handling and refrigerant guidelines
- Have EPA 608 universal certification
- Supply copies to the town of type, weight, and disposal site for any town recovered refrigerants when a piece of HVAC equipment is replaced or a compressor is replaced and the refrigerant must be disposed of

Mechanical HVAC contractor shall have at least one employee that has a master mechanical card with the state of Virginia. All HVAC work will be done in strict accordance of all EPA regulations. This is not just limited to recovery and disposal. The mechanical contractor will pull and conspicuously post all permits prior to beginning any work. All work will be inspected by the mechanical inspector before it is put into service.

Crane and Rigging

The following are the requirements for crane and rigging contractor work in the town of Hurt:

- 3D lift plan
- Follow OSHA 29 CFR 1910.179, 1910.180, and 1926 Subpart CC standards
- Up to date certification for the crane operator (if more than one crane operator is a possibility all up to date operator certificates can be sent together at one time)
- Up to date crane certification records for the crane that will be onsite. If more than one crane will be onsite up to date certifications will be required for each additional crane that is onsite
- Anyone rigging a load to be lifted by a crane must have a rigging certification
- No operating of a crane within 10' (ten feet) of any overhead utilities

Crane contractors will provide all of the above certifications prior to any setup, rigging, or lifting taking place on town property. Areas will be secured from anyone not belonging in the vicinity of the crane operation. This can be in the form of an employee keeping people back, traffic cones, or red danger tape. Crane operators will use their discretion when it comes to weather situations such as lightning strikes within an area or high winds. They will have the ability to shut the job down due to safety concerns that are out of their, the town, engineer, or other contractors control. The plumbing contractor will pull and conspicuously post all permits before starting work. All work will be inspected by the plumbing inspector before any piping is put into service unless approved by the town's Public Works Department.

Plumbing and Mechanical Piping

The following are the requirements for plumbing and mechanical piping work in the town of Hurt:

- Will follow OSHA standard 29 CFR 1910.142 (General Industry) and 1926.51 (Construction) standards
- Welders will provide up to date AWS/ASME welding certifications that match the certified weld PQR's for the company they weld for along with up to date welder log books
- Companies that provide welding services will provide certified AWS/ASME PQR's (certified welding procedures)
- Any newly installed piping, and/or pumps, flowmeters, etc. will be flushed and strainers cleaned before putting into service
- All plumbing pipe, weld pipe, threaded pipe, or any other pressure piping will be pressure tested at one and a half times (1.5) the operating pressure of the system they are used in conjunction with
- Any stainless steel piping that is welded will be purged with an inert gas to prevent weld "sugaring" on the inside

Plumbing contractor shall have at least one employee that holds a master plumbing certification with the state of Virginia and at least one employee that holds a journeyman's card with the state of Virginia. All plumbing codes will be adhered to. All pipe that is stored before use or is in place on a town jobsite will have all ends capped/tapped off to prevent debris, dirt/mud, or rodents from infiltrating the interior of the pipe.