TOWN OF HURT 2026
MEETING MINUTES

CALLED MEETING

Date: February 26, 2026 Location: Town Hall 533 Pocket Rd. Hurt, VA

Time: 6 PM

Meeting called to order by: MAYOR GARY HODNETT

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE ESTABLISHING A QUORUM
Steve Worley
Jimmy Harding
Alice Bond
Gary Poindexter
Bob Majure, Vice Mayor via phone

TOWN STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:
Shannon Race, Town Clerk
John Eller, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Hodnett called meeting to order at 6:03 pm and presided.

HURT TOWN COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
There was no closed session held on this date.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE
- Councilman Gary Poindexter leads the invocation.

WELCOME
Mayor welcomed everyone and proceeded right into the discussion of the Volare Local Performance agreement.

PROJECT VOLARE/ AVIO LPA APPROVAL
John Eller spoke about the Local Performance Agreement with Volare.
- This agreement has existed for some time, but we could not reveal who the parties were.
- This agreement is between the SR RIFA group consisting of Danville, Pittsylvania County, Hurt, and AVIO USA Inc.
- AVIO will be operating the rocket engine plant here in town.
- The goal is to create 1,546 jobs; average wage is stated at $81,433.00
- AVIO is investing $557,570,000 in this project
- To receive the funds and incentive that have been pledged, AVIO must meet 1,000 jobs.
- Grants are coming from the Tabacco Commission in the amount of $1,700,000.00.
- State government is putting up $5,700,000.00
- Total incentives that AVIO will receive $9,100,000.00

- The Tobacco Grants given to SR RIFA will fund releases of solar farm leases we have on the land that we are selling and part that the Hurt Partners are selling. The solar companies were negotiated with and are going to be bought out.
- Hurt Town Council needs to approve this LPA Agreement.
- An Addendum which changes the recipient of the grant from a company AVIO had established to AVIO. AVIO will now be putting all the properties in their name.
- It will be in the town's best interest to approve this addendum.

Mayor reported that Pittsylvania County was having a meeting tonight as well to approve the LPA Agreement. SR RIFA has already approved the LPA Agreement.

- AVIO is moving their corporate headquarters to Hurt from Arlington.

John Eller stated we need a motion to approve the Local Performance agreement and addendum.

Mayor gave Councilmember Alice Bond and Councilman Jimmy Harding the offer to make the motions since they had not done any in the past.

MOTION TO APPROVE LPA AGREEMENT

Councilmember Alice Bond made the motion to approve the Local Performance Agreement and the addendum seconded by Councilman Jimmy Harding and the Hurt Town Council voted in favor 5-0 and approved the Local Performance Agreement with AVIO.

John Eller will have a more formal resolution that can be used at the next meeting, but this will get the job done now.

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Agreement between the Town, City, County and AVIO with contracts to buy the land with SR RIFA. We need to approve the agreement to sell them the property.

MOTION TO APPROVE ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

Councilman Jimmy Harding made a motion to approve the Assignment Agreement with AVIO to sell them the land the town owns for the rocket engine plant, and assign the town's rights to the Tobacco Grant to SR RIFA to close out the Solar Farm Leases seconded by Councilmember Alice Bond and the Hurt Town Council voted in favor 5-0 and approved the Assignment Agreement with AVIO and Tobacco Grant town rights assigned to SR RIFA.

PLAZA UPDATE

Matt Astrin is back from New York. He is working on getting us the finalized agreement (which may be by Tuesday) specifying what he will be doing at the plaza. We hope to get a call in at our Tuesday meeting with Matt.

OLD SIGN REMOVAL

Whitney at the message parlor wants to tear down the old B sign in front of the parking lot because the glass is busted out. She was asked about ownership. She will own all that property at the end of March. Mayor asked council if she needed our permission to tear the sign down. Hurt Town Council agreed she didn't need our permission. She could just wait until she owns the property then take it down.

CLASS 1 WATER OPERATOR

Bob Williamson was discussed as the town's class one operator for when this project begins. He wants confirmation that this is a done deal. Mayor suggested we bring him on board very soon because he will be needed right away. He will be relied upon for a lot of the engineering work that is about to start.

- Councilman Gary Poindexter asked if Mayor was referring to the next couple of weeks or with the changing of the Fiscal Year. There will be a big budget discussion soon.
- Once Dewberry is ready to start on the planning phase of the project Mayor suggests bringing him on and they are very close to starting.
- Councilman Gary Poindexter stated that will be within the next couple of months.
- John Eller points out that with the sale of the property, there will be extra money. Property sale is set for March 24th however it may be extended a little.
- Mayor wants to be able to tell Bob Williamson that council has approved him to be the class 1 water operator. Give him definition of what is being waited on.
- Councilman Steve Worley asked if Bob is the same man who has been at the water plant location to which Mayor replied 30 some years.

- Bob is still running the pumps now and keeping them all up to date.
- Bob knows where all the lines run. He knows about the electrical problems that must be worked on. He knows all the little details of the system.
- There was discussion about start date and package to offered. Budget line to be used.
- Town must have a class 1 operator as an employee of the town. Discussed Questions about pay.
- Most Class one Operators get $100,000.00 with any experience at all.
- Question about Public Works Director position being put on the class one water operator.
- Class 1 must always be at the water plant, that will be his sole responsibility.
- Town has hopes of a good SCATA system to be at the municipal water treatment plant.
- People from the State will be coming next week. Showing real interest in what we are doing.
    - Revitalizing an old standard treatment plant bringing it up to date and combining with state-of-the-art filtration system
    - Changing private water treatment plant to a municipal plant
    - Rual Water Association - local Gretna guy is giving Joe information about the plant and coming by often

SUGAR HILL DEVELOPMENT

The steps for getting a subdivision in place:

1. They need to have their plans with the application filled out.
2. Joe gave them a list of everything they needed and they have everything ready.
3. They need to present their information to the Planning Commission.
4. The Planning Commission needs to get together and have a meeting with them.

PLAZA – NEW LEASE AGREEMENTS

People in the plaza want to get the new lease agreement.

- Agreements need to be reviewed since it's been about 6 months since last review.
- Town may not want to do long-term leases with all the work coming up.

Mayor said if we have a problem tenant, this is when we unload them. We may not be willing to offer leases to everyone that is over there.

- Vice Mayor asked if the delinquent tenant paid from before.
- Payments are made at the last moment.

John Eller asked if the tenant is a month behind yet.

- Clerk stated she will have to look and send an email to let John know the account status.

John Eller asked if tenant was paying on time now.

- Clerk stated tenants' habit is to run it up before she pays the rent.

John Eller wants to send notice immediately if the payment hasn't been received.

- Mayor stated we will check that tomorrow (Friday, February 27, 2026).

FLOCK CAMERA

John Eller talked about the Flock Camera system. The contract was only 3 pages. There were 8 different documents that went with the contract.

1. Terms and conditions are the main.
2. Privacy Policy
3. License plate reader policy
4. Trademark Notice
5. API Integration (Application Program Interfacing)- cameras working on the web
6. Fee schedule for any installation that needs to be done related to cameras
7. Customer implementation guide

- John Eller gave each council member a copy of the contract and 7 different documents so each person can read it for themselves.
- He went through the documents and marked and underlined important information.
- Councilman Jimmy Harding will take Vice Mayor Majure his copy so that he will have John's notes.
- Kim Johnson will take Paul Johnson a copy.

John Eller said council can talk about it on Tuesday.

SIEMENS EQUIPMENT PARTS AND PUMPS LETTER

Siemens sent a letter to the town that expressed their interest in what we have going on here with the construction in town.

- There're many other people interested, sparked by the Avio announcement.
- Letter will be given to the council members' next meeting.
- A lot of builders are using Siemens already. They are the best out there.
- Siemens interest in water, wastewater and for AVIO.
- Siemens Equipment information will be passed to the people doing the work at the AVIO.

FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Altavista just received a grant for the wastewater treatment plant.

- AVIO's waste will be covered.
- The town's business wastewater is transferred to Altavista, and our contract is 100,000 gallons, which will cover AVIO.
- Mayor met with Gary Shanaberger, Altavista Town Manager and Reggie Bennett, Altavista Mayor.

Mayor Hodnett talked about bringing wastewater to the town because many of the septic systems in town are failing and increasing the contract to 120,000-150,000 gallons.

MEMBRANE PLANT WASTE

Town is considering where the waste from the membrane plant will go.

- Residue to be taken out of the filters, placed in a drying area away from plant
- After dried load it on a truck and haul off to the county dump.
- Dumping fees will have to be negotiated with county
- There are several talking points to go over with the county

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Hodnett adjourned this meeting at 6:45PM.

- Next Monthly Business Meeting March 17, 2026.