

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on January 02, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

Present were Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Okey Skidmore, Gabe Pena, Brian Good and Stanley Boyd. Town attorney Carl Harris, Police Chief David Kinzer and Fire Chief John Vernon were also present. Absent were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank and Councilperson Lori Tabit.

Pastor Rick Crawford of Fayetteville United Methodist Church offered prayer before the meeting.

In the absence of Mayor Cruikshank Recorder Zenda Vance called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded to conduct the meeting.

Town Superintendent Matt Diederich was appointed to the New River Transit Authority. Motion made by Okey Skidmore and seconded by Gabe Pena. Motion carries 4-0.

A Development Committee for the acquired school properties was appointed. Gabe Pena was appointed as Chair on a motion by Stanley Boyd and seconded by Okey Skidmore. Motion carries 4-0. **George Tabit** was appointed on a motion by Gabe Pena and seconded by Okey Skidmore. Motion carries 4-0. **Tighe Bullock** was appointed on a motion by Gabe Pena and a second by Brian Good. Motion carries 4-0. **Lita Eskew** was appointed on a motion by Brian Good and a second by Gabe Pena. Motion carries 4-0. **Tom Dickerson** was appointed on a motion by Stanley Boyd and a second by Okey Skidmore. Motion carries 4-0. **Debbie Richardson** was appointed on a motion by Stanley Boyd and a second by Okey Skidmore. Motion carries 4-0.

**VISITOR'S AGENDA:** N/A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bill Wells with Cascade Properties presented a proposal to offer a **B & O tax break** for new construction. Stanley Boyd moved that this proposal be tabled until the February Council meeting which would allow more time to research the proposal. Motion was seconded by Okey Skidmore. Motion carries 4-0.

Bill Wells presented to Council the need for the **New River Trail Alliance** to change its name to **Mountain State Trail Authority**. Motion to approve was made by Gabe Pena and seconded by Okey Skidmore. Motion carries 4-0.

Veronica Crosier with Active Southern WV passed out literature and presented the idea of forming a **Bike/Walk Activities Committee**. Gabe Pena motioned that we put this on the February agenda to appoint a committee. Motion was seconded by Stanley Boyd. Motion carries 4-0.

**REPORTS FROM BOARDS:**

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION:** Will meet at end of January to determine future improvements

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** No report

**DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS:** Will meet later this month with new committee

**FAIRS AND FESTIVALS:** Thanks to all the volunteers that pitched in to make the Gingerbread Festival, Christmas Parade, Arts Coalition and Woman's Club Events really special. Will begin planning for July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration this month.

**FAYETTEVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION:** All Christmas decorations and programs went extremely well.

**FAYETTEVILLE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:** See attached sheet.

**FAYETTEVILLE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:** Will meet February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 P.M.

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION:** Met twice during holidays-nothing to report.

**HUSE PARK COMMISSION:** Sonja Wood and Cathy Jo Bryant did an amazing job with Wreathes across America. There were 683 wreathes laid on veterans graves.

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMISSION:** No report

**OLD HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BOARD:** In process of appointing a committee to put together a coherent plan for the property.

**PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD:** No report

**WATER QUALITY BOARD:** No report.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** New members passed Level 1 training. All towns in Fayette County participate in Mutual Assistance.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Mayor met with Department which was good for morale and mutual understanding. Twenty-one showed up for physical agility tests.

**REPORT FROM TOWN SUPERINTENDENT:** See attached sheet.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Okey Skidmore is happy that progress is being made on removing the steel plate at the corner of Fayette Avenue and Court Street.

**Stanley Boyd** would like the Town and Town Council to consider a way to put a sidewalk on Laurel Drive. He was honored to be able to help with Wreathes Across America at Huse . Complimented Zenda Vance on organizing a great Christmas parade. **Gabe Pena** thought everything was great during the Christmas season, especially the Gingerbread Festival. His girls enjoyed it immensely. **Brian Good** felt that everything at Christmas time was beautiful and enjoyed by all.

**Recorder Zenda Vance** asked for a motion to adjourn. Gabe Pena moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

  
Recorder Zenda Vance

  
Councilperson Stanley Boyd