

**Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

**Present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit, Brian Good, Okey Skidmore, and Gabe Pena. Also present were Town Superintendent Matt Diederich, Chief of Police David Kinzer, Town Attorney Carl Harris, and Treasurer Kathy Williams.**

**Prayer was offered by Zenda Vance.**

**Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.**

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Good.**

**Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 7, 2021. Gabe Pena moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Okey Skidmore, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and approve the Financial Report. Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Okey Skidmore, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Mayor Cruikshank said this is Black History Month and would like to remember several Fayetteville citizens. First Lucille Meadows, her fifth grade teacher who made a difference in my life. The following citizens served several years on Council, Luther Rotan starting in 1951, David Turner starting in 1965, passed away in 1967, James Poore filled the unexpired term for Mr. Turner in 1967, John Britton started in 1971 and RC Meadows was first elected in 1977. We remember and thank these black citizens who made a difference in our Town.**

#### **COUNCIL/BOARD REPORTS:**

**Gabe Pena said it's going to be a busy time getting ready for the budget. There will be a bump in visitors in Town, which will be good for County and Town helping them to work together.**

**Okey Skidmore: No report**

**Lori Tabit said the Wizard Weekend went very good, lots of traffic.**

**Zenda Vance is hoping the Town can have a Memorial Day parade this year.**

**Stanley Boyd said Fayetteville was a magical place during the Wizard Weekend.**

**Brian Good said the Wizard Weekend went really good. Thanked everyone for working together during the pandemic. Thanked those who work in the background.**

**Town Attorney Carl Harris said 2 weeks ago a woman from Winston Salem came to court and said Officer King was bias but said he was very professional.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Shaun Maynor got a grant for bullet proof vest for the K-9 dogs and working on a grant for the dog poppers. Midnight Officers did a great job stopping a vehicle with a large amount of cocaine.**

**TOWN SUPERINTENDENT: SEE ATTACHMENT**

**VISITORS AGENDA: Max Cadorette with United Security discussed with Council ways to utilize a risk pool type insurance each year. This was offered to Municipalities starting last year.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Budget Revision: Zenda Vance moved to approve and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Brian Good, Lori Tabit, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss and act on setting date Budget Meeting for March. Lori Tabit moved to approve March 10, 2021 @ 8 am and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on setting second meeting to approve budget. Gabe Pena moved to approve March 17, 2021 @ 4 pm and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on Earth Day Event Request (Gina Grayson or Tabitha Stover). The event will be on April 24, 2021. The street in front of Town Hall will need to be blocked off. This is in conjunction with the Oak Hill group having Earth Day on April 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be food and music. There will be many County wide events and cut outs throughout the County. Information will be sent to Council. They will have safe practice in place for hand sanitation stations and masks where social distancing is not possible. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on setting up a Home Rule Committee. Mayor Cruikshank and Town Superintendent Matt Diederick had a conference call with the Mayor of Beckley and he answered a lot of questions. It would need to be advertised 30 days in advance for one or two public hearing and 2 readings. B&O could be reduced. All Council members expressed an interest to be on the Committee. Lori Tabit moved to approve setting up a Committee and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on February hazard pay for Fire Department. Gabe Pena moved to approve hazard pay for the month of February and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on February hazard pay for Police Department. Gabe Pena moved to approve hazard pay for the month of February and Brian Good seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on Granite Utility Services. All phones would be under one contract. There would be a fee if canceled. Brian Good made a motion not to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on Stormwater Fee Residential/Commercial. The cost could be from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per month and would need to see if WV American Water would bill for the fee. Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to table until all the facts could be gathered from WV American Water. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on heating system for Police Department. Mayor Cruikshank ask if Council wanted to be put it out for bid. Zenda Vance moved to approve to put out for bid and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Stanley Boyd, Loti Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on Rotan Street one way. Mayor had spoken to the bus driver for that route and the school bus has a hard time making the turn and the Street is so narrow. It was noted the one way sign needs to be past the gift and barber shop on Court Street. Brian Good moved to approve Rotan Street one way from King Avenue to Court Street and Gabe Pena approved the motion. Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on nepotism with employees/police department. Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve. Dies for lack of motion.**

**Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue. Zenda Vance moved to approve. Council went into Executive Session at 7:45 pm and reconvened at 7:50 pm with no decisions rendered.**

**Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Zenda Vance moved to approve. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.**

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**Mayor Sharon Cruikshank**

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**Recorder Zenda L Vance**