

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on March 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 Sharon Cruikshank.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lori Tabit.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 4, 2021. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Okey Skidmore, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Brian Good, Gabe Pena, 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. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Gabe Pena, Okey Skidmore, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

COUNCIL/BOARD COMMENTS:

Okey Skidmore: The Town lost a great citizen, Ed Cline. He was a World War II Veteran. He will be missed.

Lori Tabit: Sidewalks in Town need to be cleaned off. They have a lot of gravel and debris on them. Wanted to know when the street sweeper would be starting.

Zenda Vance: Hoping to have a Memorial Day Parade and we have received a lot of applications for new Veteran Banners.

Stanley Boyd: The culvert on Heslep Avenue has really helped with the flooding.

Brian Good: St Patrick coming up and Budget Meeting March 10th. Thanked Kathy Williams for her hard work getting the Budget ready. With the Covid make sure you are wearing your mask and being cautious.

Gabe Pena: Glad to see Town moving forward with the comprehensive plan and discussing Home Rule, storm water and planning housing opportunities.

Fire Department: Chief Vernon said they had been doing maintenance and repairs on fire trucks and have also purchased some equipment.

Police Department: Chief Kinzer attended a Virtual Public Sector Seminar with Traveler's Insurance. Plt T.L. Farley attended a 2-day class on Managing the Property and Evidence Room.

Town Superintendent Report: See attachment

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Andy Forron with Fayette County Trail Coalition is raising \$10,000.00 for the trail. They have \$7,000.00 and asking for support from all the Towns. He is asking for \$1,000.00 from each Town. He is wanting to utilize the Town Park and get it developed for the Trail. They are wanting to keep it local as much as possible.

Tyler Broussard from Fayette County Board of Education is concerned about buses on Rotan Street and King Avenue. It is hard for the buses to make the turn if Rotan were to be one-way and he is concerned about the safety of the students. He is wondering if putting up mirrors or lowering the speed limit would help. Mayor Cruikshank will put it on the April agenda for Council to discuss.

Hillary with Captain Thurmond Run would like to have the Street in front of Town Hall closed on August 7th for the run. They will be making some changes to eliminate meals and will be doing single serve food. They are scaling down on food due to covid. They have started on planning the event soon and open registration will be soon. This will be a one-day event.

Roy Smith would like to see South Lee widened. Said the road is not wide enough. He said Halstead was paved 4 years ago but the street in front of his house was not paved. Some trees need to be cut down and ditch lines need to be cleaned out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and act on Hazard Pay Police Department. Since students are back in school and businesses are opening up Okey Skidmore moved to end Hazard Pay for Police Department and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Stanley Boyd, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Hazard Pay for Fire Department. Okey moved to end Hazard Pay for Fire Department and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Increase for WVU Land Use Sustainable Development Law Fee. We will need to add Telecommunication to the Ordinance. This was on the budget for \$5,000.00 but will need to be increased to \$7,000.00. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act of 2021 Streets to Pave. Route 19 to Keller Avenue needs to be paved. With New River becoming a National River there will be more traffic and the road is in bad shape. The Mayor will write a Resolution to the Governor and Delegates in Fayette County and ask for help getting the road paved. Streets to be paved will be discussed at the Budget Meeting on March 10th. Council was urged to drive around town and let Matt Diederich know their thoughts.

Discuss and act of Resolution for Master Plan for the Town of Fayetteville and hiring possibly a consultant. Brian Good moved 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 of submitting a date for application of Home Rule. It takes 6 months for the State to approve the Home Rule. The Town Council could add a 1% sales tax which would exclude food and fuel. The plan would need to be finalized by September 13th and submitted by October 13th. It would take effect July 1, 2022. Mayor Cruikshank would like Council to consider what projects should be funded with the 1% tax.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Okey Skidmore moved to approve. Council went into Executive Session at 7:15 pm and reconvened at 7:59 pm with no decisions rendered.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Zenda Vance moved to approve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance