

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on April 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members 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. Stanley Boyd was not present.

Prayer was offered by Sharon Cruikshank.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gabe Pena.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 4, 2021. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Gab Pena seconded the motion. Brian Good, Okey Skidmore, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 10, 2021. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 16, 2021. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore, Gabe Pena, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 17, 2021. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Lori Tabit, Gabe Pena, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and approve the Financial Report. Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Okey Skidmore, and Brian Good approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

COUNCIL/BOARD COMMENTS:

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Lori Tabit wanted to know when the sidewalks would be cleaned by the Town Street Sweeper. She said some of the streets along Maple Avenue are covered with leaves and gravel.

Zenda Vance said the pot holes going out of Town on Route 16 are really bad and people have busted their tires from hitting the holes. People are also complaining about all the cats running around in Town.

Brian Good said Carol Sue Smith was recognized at a recent Fayetteville Basketball game. She was a true Pirate.

Gabe Pena said the Memorial Building maintenance employees have been putting in a lot of hours to take care of the building and he appreciates their hard work. Fayette County Arts Coalition Save a Life is May 1st at Morgan Insurance. May 8th Walk for Hope in Oak Hill.

Okey Skidmore said Dickie Smith will be having a Memorial Service at the park on June 27th for Carol Sue. There is a 25K run June 25th and 26th. A lot going on at the Park.

Fire Department: Chief Vernon said the Dept will be helping with the Rim to Rim Run. 5 employees are in burn training. Has the 2020 annual report done. June was the highest call with 1 call per day. Chief will try to get the quarterly report done.

Police Department: Chief Kinzer said they were working on Spellman to get reports done. Have been doing door checks. Chief has been working on getting quotes for the new heating system. He has checked on prices on digital camera's and door poppers for K-9's. He asked council to approve the purchase of 1 new vehicle.

Town Superintendent Report: See attachment

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Abbie Newell from Fayette County Trail Coalition talked about the family Bike Trail Concept. The small forested area of the west side of Town Park could host a number of short trails focused on kids and families building bicycles skills. It will be a National Surface Trail.

Terry Sodosky with Principal Financial talked to Council about the Dental and Vision Plans he could offer the Town that would be cheaper and better plans from what the Town has now.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget Revision. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Lori Tabit, Brian Good, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and act on giving Town Employees the Monday after Easter as a holiday. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Lori Tabit, Okey Skidmore, and Brian Good approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on approval sale of Police Department. There was 1 bid for \$115,000.00. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act issue of Rotan Street One Way. One business owner is against putting it one way. Lori Tabit moved to table until May Council meeting until the whole area can be looked at and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Okey Skidmore, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act of the possibility of a 1% sales tax projects. A percentage would be use to address the Stormwater Fee. This way the Town would not have to charge the residents a fee through their monthly water bills which could run anywhere from \$4-\$10 each month. The 1% sales fee would not apply to groceries, prescriptions, or fuel to name a few. As of July 1, 2021 there will be 68 WV municipalities which charge the extra 1%. Beckley and Charleston are two who currently charge. Smithers, Montgomery, and Oak Hill are in the process of implementing the tax. Some other options in addition to the Stormwater Fee, could be recreational for the parks including the old memorial football field as well as Charlie McCoy and Janutalo. These would be developed during public meetings to get a feel from the residents

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as to future projects they would like to see. Gabe Pena asked for this issue to be tabled until the May meeting so clarification could be made on HB3300.

Discuss and act on fees for tickets for vehicles parked in posted areas prohibiting street sweeper. Council and Mayor Cruikshank said letters could be sent to property owners that no parking on streets between 5am to 7 am. Officers would give notice and next time a ticket would be issued.

Sylar Wotring from State Treasurer's Office spoke to Council about ways to break down funds and how to spend money received from Covid and how to spend it wisely. The State Office is in the process of building a website and show all reports on finances and keep track of changes. Budget may be loaded and see how it is going. When you have data decisions they can be made together, Council can have log ins. It would be open to the public and the general fund can be seen on it. It is 100% free. Auditors would be able to get on line and look at budget.

Discuss and act on a \$1,000.00 partnership with Fayette Trail Coalition. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore, Lori Tabit, and Gabe Pena approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on waiving Yard Sale fees for Vintage in the Villa June 11-12, 2021 and Road closure of Court Street in the square. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Lori Tabit. Brian Good, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act of Compensatory time Police Policy Manual. Okey Skidmore moved to approve leaving it as is (480 hours) and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Zenda Vance, Brian Good, and Gabe Pena approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on naming street at Shop and Fire Department. After much discussion Zenda Vance moved to name the street Firefighter Way and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Brian Good, Lori Tabit, and Gabe Pena approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on 2021 Streets to Pave. The Streets to be paved are Fire Fighter Way, 3rd Street, Windsor Lane, Maple Lane, Frank Street, Academy Court, and Water Street. Gabe Pena moved to approve and Lori Tabit

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seconded the motion. Zenda Vance, Okey Skidmore, and Brian Good approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on rehiring Eric Gearhart as seasonal worker. He will start the last week of April, 2021 at \$10 per hour. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on allowing Yard Sales on Sundays after 1pm. Brian Good moved to approve and Gabe Pena seconded the motion. Lori Tabit, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on waiving Yard Sale fees forever. There would be a limit of 2 yard sales per year. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Brian Good, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel issue Police Chief. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Council went into Executive Session at 7:47 pm and reconvened at 8:40 pm with no decisions rendered.

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

Council adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance