

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on May 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

Prayer was offered by Stanley Boyd.

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 April 7, 2022. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Gabe Pena, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Brian Good, Gabe Pena and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

GENERAL COMMENTS AND REMINDERS

Sesquicentennial Submissions are due by June 1st. Please send in your family history and photos to Dr Cook.

Okey Skidmore—Opening day for Little League was last weekend at the park and it was packed.

Lori Tabit---Gave Council report from CVB. May 29th is the Memorial Day Service at Huse Memorial. Wreaths Across America has 747 wreaths for the event and 709 is what was needed.

Zenda Vance---Memorial Day Parade is May 29th at 11 am. Please come out and join us and if you would like to be in the Parade please get the form from Town Hall. We will be meeting at PK-8 at 10 a.m..

Stanley Boyd---Lions Club will be collecting money at the light next weekend. Would like to see a letter sent to Governor and Elected Officials about the 2nd Avenue Bridge and Keller Avenue. Loves seeing the backdrop of the Courthouse in the Senior and Prom pictures.

Brian Good---Community had a terrible accident last week and the lost of Teddy Ewing. Saw his Mom at the event at Adventure on the Gorge. Rode skateboards myself when I was younger and Teddy was doing what he loved to do. Thinking about the Police Department and other family members and all involved in this terrible accident. Baseball ceremonies at park was good to see and park looks great. Schools are in last days of classes, watch out for kids and be safe.

Gabe Pena---Community Cleanup was good. Lions Club good job picking up trash. Great days at soccer field. Passing of Teddy Ewing is a terror would ible reminder as elected official we need to what we can to have safe streets and sidewalks.

APPOINTMENTS:

Dale Clonch – Huse Memorial Park Perpetual Care Trustee. Unexpired term of 5/5/22 to 6/30/23. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Gabe Pena, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No Report

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief of Police Glenn Chapman said 2 Officers went to the kids event at Fayette County Park and really enjoyed it. Melissa Harrah, Principal at PK-8 said she would like to have an Officer at the school next year. Courtney Casey made a video for career day. Taking applications for clerk. Radio log is getting difficult to print because there is too many pages. If Council has any questions please ask.

TOWN SUPERINTENDENT: See attachment

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Curtis Paul spoke about the accident on Route 16 involving Teddy Ewing. He would like to see public sidewalks and the speed limit reduced in the area where the accident happened. Local kids walking and riding bikes needs sidewalks in that area. Would like to see speed limit reduced to 25 mph. Mayor Cruikshank said the traffic study needs to be done by DOH. Matt Diederich stated the Town requested sidewalks 2 years ago but DOH denied it.

Stacey Issacs works for Hospice and has seen someone jump off the New River Gorge Bridge and would like to see Suicidal signs on the bridge. She would like them to be on both ends of the bridge. She would like to have the Community Support and will be going to Fayette County Commission for support. Even if it saves one life it will be worth it. Sheriff Fridley is in support of it. Mayor Cruikshank said there is a group and the Town can share a letter in support of it set up by the WV Suicidal and other involved community members.

Craig Eger would like to see a about a grant paying for sidewalks to address safely in mind on Route 16. What can Community do for electric signs in different places for speed. He would like to see the Community and Council work together and get things done and see what can be done to move forward.

Maura Kistler said we are putting heads together to see what can be done for safely. Has confidence in Council. Maybe to do a petition

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to DOH to lower speed limit. Brian Good said DOH wouldn't lower the speed limit on Nickelville Road.

Stanley Boyd would like to see if we can do an open form meeting with DOH and send letter to Governor. Go to Charleston if we need to and talk to them.

Gabe Pena would like to look and see how to make area safe. Grants were submitted in January for Community improvement for other projects.

Mary Rahall wanted to know the reason for changing the Street lights to LED. She said kids ride bikes down Maple and has seen them about get hit by cars. Maybe bike lanes would help. Ditch at Pies and Pints needs to be fixed. She is always thinking about safely.

Sarah Edwards of Free Folk Brewery so devastated to hear about the death of Teddy Ewing. She is concerned about the safely of her business with people crossing the road on Route 16. She called DOH in Lewisburg and received an email back saying studies will be done. Safety awareness to be top priority.

Casey Poveloues is new to the area and lives in Oak Hill. He had a Mom who would take him out in the woods and roads to teach him about safely. A lot of kids are missing this. We need a campaign to teach safely and how to walk facing traffic.

Mayor Cruikshank said we would keep the Community informed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discuss and act on second reading to Amend Chapter 3, Article 111.01 Meetings. Shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month at Town Hall, 125 Court Street, in the Town at 6 pm. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Brian

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Good, Gabe Pena, Lori Tabit, and Zenda Vance moved to approve. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on second reading to Amend Chapter 3, Article 171.08 Municipal Court Costs, 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and act on adopting Wendell Lane Drive or a portion thereof as a Town street- per residents request. Lori Tabit moved to approve to take in the Street only and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Gabe Pena, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0. If the road collapse it would be up to the Town to repair it. The property owners would be responsible for problems on their side.

Discuss and act on continuing to provide an additional 15% to the Fayetteville CVB for advertising partnership. Tabled unit May 19th meeting so more information can be given to Council to see where the monies are being spent.

Discuss and act on extending the deadline for the purchase agreement with Mountain Shore Properties until July 15, 2022. 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 recommendation from Huse Memorial Park Commission for revision to Employee Incentive Program. Okey Skidmore moved to approve 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 advertising paying Firefighter Way, Dempsey Street and a parking area at Town Park. 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 Memorandum of Understanding with the Attorney General's Office. Carl said this is the same Memorandum as before and action already has been taken.

Discuss and act on request by Grace Baptist Church or use of mobile stage on 8/27 for Community youth rally presented y Liberty University. Table until May 19th meeting.

Discuss and act on Police Officers purchasing their work cellular phones for \$120.00. Must be paid in full only. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Gabe Pena approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to go into Executive Session concerning a Personnel Issue with the Police Department and Legal Advice. Zenda Vance moved to approve. Council went into Executive at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m. with no decision rendered.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report and put it on the May 19th agenda for final approval since it was left off the agenda. 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.

Mayor Cruikshank adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance

