

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on October 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

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

Prayer was offered by Zenda Vance.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cruikshank.

Reading and action on minutes from September 7, 2023. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Brian Good, Lori Tabit, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on minutes from September 21, 2023. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore, Lori Tabit, Zenda Vance, and Peña approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of financial report. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

General Comments and Reminders

Community Clean up on the second Saturday of each month. Supplies are available at Town Hall.

Steve Runyon from DOH was asked about a foot bridge but Matt did not receive a response. AEP is working on right of ways to replace the overhead bridge.

Council/Board Comments

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Gabe Peña said they are working on Storm Water. There are 5 different locations. The cost could be 1.4 million.

Okey Skidmore had no new comments.

Lori Tabit said Bridge Day is coming up and looks like it will be a good turnout.

Zenda Vance said Veterans Day Parade is November 11th at 11AM. Come out and bring a Veteran and ride them in the Parade and show them how much we appreciate the price they paid for our freedom.

Stanley Boyd was happy to see Secret Sandwich Society open back up for business. He said parking is challenging right now. Pump track is a treat for the Town. Bridge Day is in 15 days.

Brian Good said as a community Fayetteville is ramping up, Secret Sandwich Society opening, pump track open. A lot of good things are going on and the splash pad is super busy. Fall Festival at the Fayette County Park October 14th.

Appointments

Cindy Kennedy Award Presentation. Cindy talked a female from jumping off the New River Gorge Bridge. The family was much appreciated. The 2nd award to Cindy Kennedy was helping an out of state man who overdosed on Wal-Mart parking lot.

Department Reports

Fire Department: John Vernon said they are preparing for Bridge Day. Members have been in training. Town had requested Unit 33 be sold to Town. He requests if they decide to sell it in the future that the funds would go back to the Fire Department.

Police Department

Chief of Police Glenn Chapman said they had 206 incidents for the month. The Police department was in the Homecoming Parade and Ansted Parade. The Police Officers are halfway through the academy. The officers are preparing for Bridge Day. Justice Lane will be paved this year.

Visitor's Comments

Brian and Kathy Washington want to see the 2nd Avenue Bridge build back either as a pedestrian or auto. They have a petition with 30 people interested in the bridge and will have more names later. There is a lot of speeding in the area and crossing Rt. 16 is dangerous. There are some who wouldn't mind if it was a foot bridge.

Veronica Crosier said a lot of people outside of Town would like to see the Bridge back or would rather have a foot or foot bridge. If interested, they can sign up to get on boards which the Town keeps a list of people who are interested.

Unfinished Business

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

Updates concerning Town Plan from CEC. Matt sent edit pages to them last Wednesday showing what should be included in the plan. Jim will be back in touch with us. Look at things to move forward with, parking within the TIF. The Town will be withholding the final payment until the plan is complete.

New Business

Discuss and act on opening bid for double wide trailer. No bids were received. Brian Good moved to approve posting on Gov deals.gov for \$50,000 and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley

Boyd, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on disposing of 1999 Ford F350 Super Duty Rescue truck per state requirement. The Street Department wants the truck. An agreement will be made and if sold the money will go back to the Fire Department. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on contracting with AlignHR for HR Assessment. The cost will be \$1,900 and they should have it completed in 3 to 5 weeks. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Brian Good, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approve the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on approving job description for new clerk. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on promotion Cindy Kennedy to Patrolman 1st Class Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on promotion Charles Johnson to Corporal. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Brian Good, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on \$25 monthly cell phone reimbursement. Kathy informed Chief Glenn Chapman that taxes will have to be taken out of the check according to IRS. Glenn said he wanted to discuss it with officers. Tabled no action taken.

Discuss and act on Autumn Lane next steps – Gil Willis. No survey yet and Gil will help with some of the price. Tabled no action taken.

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Discuss and act on OT hours for Bridge Day 5K & Chili Cookoff. Tabith said they would reimburse for helping with trash after 5K run and chili cookoff. It will be 8 hours x 2. Lori Tabit moved to have the Town to cover the cost for overtime and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Trunk or Treat for Court Street square 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Halloween is 6 pm – 8pm). Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discussion with Police Department. Chief Glenn Chapman asks to table.

Carl said with the TIF project we need to make sure what we want to do. Come up with what projects we want, set up priority and then have a meeting. This is a 30-year project and within two years we would start getting the taxes. Get a list for Carl by next Tuesday.

Chief Glenn Chapman asks to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issue. Zenda Vance moved to go into Executive Session. The council went into Executive Session at 7:04 pm and reconvened at 7:25 pm with no decision rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance