

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 7, 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 Pastor Harry Fuller.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cruikshank.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to move #7, A and B to the first of agenda. Strike #5 as it is a duplicate and Table #1. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Brian Good, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on minutes from August 3, 2023. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on minutes from August 17, 2023. Okey Skidmore asked the minutes to be corrected by adding it was a temporary decision on the Town Manager time with research to be done and reported back to Council. Brian Good moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore, Lori Tabit, Zenda Vance, and Stanley Boyd approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

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

GENERAL COMMENTS AND REMINDERS:

Community Clean Up on the second Saturday of each month. People can sign up for Textgov and get updates of things going on in Town.

Council/Board Comments

Brian Good said the Splash Pad opening ceremony will be Saturday at 10 a.m. Brian thanked Okey Skidmore for all the hard work Okey put into it. Thanked Matt for the fall ball games they are going great, they had 175 kids. Pump track is about ready to open, looking for the helmet rule is a must.

Gabe Peña said the kids have loved the Splash Pad and the Pump Track is another great addition. Love seeing the kids at the park. Thanked the Coaches for showing good sportsmanship.

Okey Skidmore said the Huse Park Commission had a 2 ½ hour meeting and are working to getting things done.

Lori Tabit said she was happy to see the Splash Pad and Pump Track open. Park looks good.

Zenda Vance thanked the guys for keeping Huse Park always looking as good. Veterans Day parade will be November 11, 2023 at 11 a.m. She encouraged those at the meeting to get a Veteran and ride them in the parade and let them know how much our town appreciates them.

APPOINTMENTS

Caleb Bailes to the Historic Landmark Commission for a three-year term 9-7-2023 to 8-30-2026. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Department Reports

Fire Department: Fire Chief John Vernon said they responded to 26 calls in August. Turn out time was 7:29 minutes and travel time was

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8:23 minutes. The ladder truck is in Huntington undergoing repairs from damage at the Dodd Payne Hess fire and should be back by the end of month.

Police Department: The Police Department were in meetings last week. Officer Cindy Kennedy talked a jumper off the bridge, Chief will be doing an official recognition soon.

Town Manager: See attachment.

Visitor's Comments: Garry Ballard said 97 Slaughter Street needs gravel, and something needs done about parking on Frank and Grace Street. People are parking on both sides of the street, and you can't get through. Mayor Cruikshank said parking is on west side only and she would check on the signage.

Jack Roten wanted to know why the Town would want to build back the 2nd Avenue Bridge. In 2017 The Town made an agreement with DOH the Town will own the bridge and will have to have an engineer inspect it yearly. He feels it won't decrease traffic and the Town should look at a foot bridge, which would better serve the community in crossing over Rt. 16.

Greg ? said he would like to have the 2nd Avenue bridge back. He said it is hard getting on Route 16 from 3rd Avenue. He doesn't feel Police Officers are enforcing parking on streets.

Harry Fuller requested for Special Event Ministerial Association at PreK-8 School with fireworks. Special events over 200 people has to be approved by Town Council. The association has the correct insurance and permission from the Board of Education. 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.

Request to lease/rent property on Laurel Creek Road by Contractor with DOH. Table until more information is received and get back to Council.

Unfinished Business

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

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Second reading 308.06 Assemblage. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on ratifying the fifth amendment of purchase on schools. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on opening bids for double wide trailer. The Town received 4 bid from Harriette Johnson \$15,000, Glen Murphy \$9,802, Alan and Janet Stover \$35,000, and Adventure on the Road Cabins \$31,111,11. Gabe Peña moved to readvertise at \$65,000 and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña moved to amend to \$55,000 with preapproval 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 cost of survey / map for Autumn Lane. The Town received 2 bids. Wilkerson Group \$1,000 and with map \$1,500 and Theron \$3,000. Zenda Vance moved to approve Wilkerson Group and Loti Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on request to abandon a portion of Lincoln Street (which would have been part of old First Avenue early 1900s) by Charles Mahood. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approve the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on request by 132 Grace Street to waive building fee for repair work on foundation of water damage from street. Motion on waiving building fee for repair on foundation w/o any admission that it was caused by action or inaction of Town or its employees. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion.

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Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on purchasing a new canopy for Huse with shipping for a total cost up to \$2,000. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on adding to the Employee Huse Incentive Program – single employee with 30 years' service at 50% off current cost. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Lori Tabit approve the motion.

Discuss and act on adding volunteer service positions to the Town. This would be volunteer hours worked for school and other things. Town Attorney Carl Harris with draft a waiver of liability. Brian Good moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on hiring Larry Cochran – Full-time Street department. Tabled due to posting/advertising issue. The manager was directed to readvertise for the position.

Discuss and act on replacing historic plaques for Town buildings/homes. The plaques will cost \$100 each. We can go door to door and see if the homes would like a new plaque, the town employees can install or the homeowner. Brian Good moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and Approve invoice for the fencing for splash pad. 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.

Discuss and Approve asphalt for Health Trail relocation at Town Park.

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The cost is \$14,625. 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 on parking on Wiseman and apartment complex. Additional parking and angle parking and Town would bear cost of relocating sidewalk. 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.

Discussion of Second Avenue bridge. It will cost around \$100,000 for right of ways and if the project doesn't happen, we lose that money. Must have right of ways before the project can be started. DOH doesn't know what the cost will be or how long it will take. It will be 2027 before it would possibly be started and the cost could be over 2 million dollars. Council asked Matt to check with WVDOT concerning a walk bridge over Rt. 16 and report back to them. Mayor Cruikshank we needed to have the Street Department clean up around the bridge embankment area.

Zenda Vance moved to go into Executive Session for Personnel Issue. The council went into Executive Session a 7:27 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m. with no decisions rendered.

Stanley moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance