

**Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on December 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, Gabe Peña, Lori Tabit, Town Attorney Carl Harris, 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 November 2, 2023. 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.**

**Reading and Action on Minutes from November 16, 2023. 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.**

**Reading and Action on Minutes from November 21, 2023. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Review and approval of financial report. 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.**

**Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to move #6 on the agenda before General Comments and Reminders. 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 hiring an Investment Banker for the TIF district. This is the same contract with Jackson & Kelly and there will be no money up front. Joe Nassif of Piper Sandler & Company is highly recommended for the job. He has over 23 years of investment banking and financial advisory experience. 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.**

### **General Comments and Reminders**

**Mayor Cruikshank thanked Zenda Vance and Lori Tabit and the Street Department for help with the Gingerbread Festival. Cruikshank asked Matt to leave a message for DOH again about information about the overhead bridge.**

**Katie Washington gave Council feedback from residents on what they would like to see for the overhead bridge. She has set up a Facebook page and it has about 45 people so far. She will share the information with DOH.**

### **Council/Board Comments**

**Lori Tabit thanked Mark and the Street Department for putting up all the Christmas decorations and helping with the Gingerbread Festival. Everything went great.**

**Zenda Vance thanked the ones who picked up and helped in any way with the Gingerbread Festival since she was sick and wasn't able to be there.**

**Stanley Boyd said Janutolo Park looked great and the Town and businesses and lights look so pretty.**

**Brian Good said the Town looks great. He said we need to focus on ourselves and pay attention to everyone.**

**Gabe Peña said the school program at PK-8 was packed with families. He said we need more participation in community services.**

**Okey Skidmore said the Grinch will be at the Memorial Building Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. He thanked James and the Street Department for flagging the Veterans graves for Wreaths Across America at Huse.**

### **Department Reports**

**Fire Department: Fire Chief John Vernon said per the State Code the firefighters have to respond to 30% of calls and attend training meetings to qualify as a firefighter and to receive the stipend check.**

**Police Department: Chief of Police said the department participated in "The Giving Tree" with Fayetteville PK-8. Chief Chapman and Police Clerk Whitney Spears attended a 40-hour Spillman (CAD-IBR) Class. Officers have been moving and remodeling the Police Department since November 16, 2023. It is 95% complete.**

**Town Superintendent: See Attachment**

### **Visitor's Comments**

**Jamie Johnson is asking the Town to support placing the Altamont on the endangered WV Historic places. Mayor Cruikshank said it would be put on the agenda for December 21, 2023.**

**Truett Harris said the Town has a mess with parking. He said Secret Society Sandwich employees are parking on the streets and he has talked to Lewis about it and he shows no interest in it. He has had cars towed also. He wanted to know what the Town is doing to fix the problem. Mayor Cruikshank commended him on fixing his parking lot so all his patients would have ample parking. She asked for the Parking Committee to look at the area, since the physical therapy has a private parking lot, that area of Court Street needs to be looked at with the CEC parking plan and modified.**

### **Unfinished Business**

**Budget Revision. 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.**

**Discuss and act on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of amending Article 1311.03 to permit single family dwelling in Multi-Family (R-2.) Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Loir Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of amending Article 1314.03 to permit single family dwelling in General Commercial (C-1). 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.**

### **New Business**

**Discuss and act on request to close Court Steet for Cabin Faver 50K race start – Saturday, February 17, 2024, 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.- Bryant Baker. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the event. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on Huse Cemetery extending privacy fence. This would be in the back of the cemetery and would hide the equipment. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Brian Good, Staney Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on advertising for a full time Town Hall Clerk. 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.**

**Discuss and act on setting the 2024 Calendar. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe amended the motion to approve any day proclaimed as a Holiday by the Governor**

**the Town will do the same. Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act hiring full time police officer Jess McMullen at \$24.25**

**Starting date will be December 26, 2023, as Doug Dancy will be retiring. 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.**

**Discuss and act on 2022 vacation time carry over for two PD officers. Stanley Boyd moved that holiday time must be taken by June 30<sup>th</sup> since the officer was not aware of the time since it wasn't on his check and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Brian Good moved that any officer not using vacation time during calendar year will lose the time and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0. Glenn will notify each of the officers.**

**Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting and Brian Good seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.**

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**Mayor Sharon Cruikshank**

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**Recorder Zenda L Vance**