

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm 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.

Mayor Cruikshank recognized Ronda Falk and welcomed her to the Fayetteville Town Hall team. Ronda started work on this past Monday.

Appointments

Kathy Housh to the Fairs and Festivals for a term of 2-1-24 to 1-30-2028. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Pena, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Barbara Jennings to the Fairs and Festivals for a term of 2-1-24 to 1-30-2028. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Pena, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Stella Blake to the Huse Memorial Park Commission to an unexpired term for Freda Akers 2-1-2024 to 7-31-2024. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Nancy Workman to the Huse Memorial Park Commission for a reappointment 2-1-2024 to 1-30-2025. 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.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report

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Reading and action on Minutes from January 4, 2024. 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 January 4, 2024. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Brian Good approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of financial report. 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.

General Comments and Reminders

Community Clean up on second Saturday of each month. Second Avenue Walk/Bridge updates. Matt called and left a message in December and has not received a call back.

Council/Board Comments

Mayor Cruikshank thanked Tabitha Stover and CVB for a great Wizard Weekend. In speaking with the businesses, they all enjoyed having a busy weekend in January, it really helped their sales.

Community Clean up on the second Saturday of each month.

Second Avenue Walk/Bridge Updates. AEP will have to move a lot of lines for DOH approval and easements will need to be approved. Steve Runyon has not called back to give a cost of what the project will cost.

Council/Board Comments

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Stanley Boyd said Wizard Weekend was great and was wondering if the date could be moved to a month with better weather. Wondered what the update was on the apartments being ready to rent.

Brian Good thanked Matt and the Street Department for a great job with the snow removal and said it was the best he had seen getting the streets clean. Wizard Weekend was a bonus for the Town businesses in January and February.

Okey Skidmore had no comments.

Lori Tabit thanked Tabitha Stover and CVB for a great weekend. She wanted to know if there had been any interest on the property the Town owns on Laurel Creek Rd; She said the signage needs to be bigger and market better.

Zenda Vance thanked the street department for a great job plowing the streets and keeping them clean during the snowstorm. Wanted to know why the lights weren't working across the street from Town Hall.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See Attachment

Police Department: Sgt. Casey and Sgt. Maynor attended a 16-hour Patrol Sgt. Course. Chief Chapman attended Academy Training regarding state training standards.

Town Manager: See Attachment

Visitor's Comments: N/A

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.

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Second reading to ratify section 145.07 of the employee handbook. This replaces the 2012 version. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Lori Tabit and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on next steps for Wolf Creek Dam Removal-update from Hannah Thacker - -USDA. Scott Settle with DEP was present with Hannah and said DEP has interest in the project also. They have looked several times at the Wolf Creek Dam, and it would be similar to the Kanawha State Forrest which had a dam removed there. This would have to be approved at headquarters. They are asking the Town to move forward as a sponsor at no cost. The Park Service will need to be involved. The next step will be an evaluation.

Discuss and act on setting Budget Workshop up for March 11, 2024, at 8am. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Stanely Boyd seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on changing council meeting dates from Thursday, June 20, 2024, and Thursday July 4, 2024. Zenda Vance said we could not have council meetings on those dates and just have one meeting for June and July. Okey Skidmore moved to cancel the June 20, 2024, meeting and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Okey Skidmore moved to cancel the July 4, 2024, meeting and Brian Good seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on adding parcels identified on Assessors Map as Fayetteville Map 4, Parcels 264, 263.1 263.1 to the TIF area map. 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.

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Discuss and act on Assistant Fire Chief Position. Fire Chief John Vernon discussed with the Council who he felt would be the best choice for the position and recommended Joel Fernet for the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Brian Good moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanely Boyd, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Lori Tabit made a motion to go into Executive Session about a Personnel Issue. The council went into Executive Session at 6:31 pm and reconvened at 6:33 pm with no decisions rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance