

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on March 7, 2024, 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 Sharon Cruikshank.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Cruikshank.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report

Reading and Action on Minutes from February 1, 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 February 15, 2024. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of financial report. 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.

Budget meeting to approve the Budget will be April 21, 2024, at 5:50 pm.

Proclamation To support efforts for Plum Orchard Lake in Fayette County. 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.

General Comments and Reminders

Community Clean up on the second Saturday of each month. The Town is waiting to hear back on the 2nd Avenue pedestrian bridge. DOH person will let us know when he is in the area and will meet on site. Council and residents are favorable for the pedestrian bridge.

Council/Board Comments:

Brian Good said it is budget time and usually a battle in each department. Focus on our goals from our meeting everyone needs to pay attention and think about priorities for the greater need.

Gabe Peña said we need an accountant to move forward with the Water Quality Board, none have applied, so asked Matt to reach out again to Region 4. Grant came through for the Fayette Theater. Fayetteville basketball league finished up and it was exciting to see so many kids playing.

Okey Skidmore said the Mountain Challenge Academy graduation is tomorrow at the Memorial Building at 10 a.m. They do fantastic job, come out if you can.

Lori Tabit said spring was around the corner and it's a good time to spruce up buildings, homes, and Town in general.

Zenda Vance said the festival committee is working on the July 4th Heritage Festival and the Memorial Day parade Monday, May 27th at 11 a.m.

Stanley Boyd said the new apartments at the grade school look very nice. The wall on Keller looks great and would like to thank the crew for doing a great job. Stanley asked Matt if he knew when Route 19 would be paved. Matt replied they were scheduled to start once the plants opened up this spring. Stanley wondered when there is an accident at the intersection who picks up the debris. Glenn replied the towing companies are responsible for all pick up.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See attachment.

Police Department: Office received a call to compliment Sgt Maynor on a lock out at Sheets. Chase Hart attended Advanced Roadside.

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Impaired Driving Enforcement. Cindy Kennedy attended Crisis Intervention Training. See attachment.

Town Manager: See attachment.

Visitor's Agenda: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Budget Revisions: N/A

New Business

Carl Harris had Mayor Cruikshank recluse herself from the discussion on the CVB due to her relationship with the Southern WVCVB. Recorder Zenda Vance chaired this part of the meeting. Discuss and act on Fayetteville CVB (Visit Fayetteville) Annual Report. Tabitha Stover gave the yearly report. She asked Council to up the extra 7% to 15%. She said the Town does not market itself in January and February and the extra money would help. The increase would give more control of advertising. She is asking Council to consider the increase during the Budget meeting.

Holly Fussel from Water Stone said it helps the businesses when the CVB partners with Southern WV. People see it in the visitor's guide, magazines and the growth has been great. She said it pulls people into town and the businesses really need it for year-round.

Ashley Chouinard said she has been in Fayetteville for 13 years. She would come to little league games and Fayetteville was her favorite park. She and her family have made Fayetteville their home. She loves seeing the kids at the park and the July 4th festival. She is asking the Town to increase the extra money back to 15% for the business

owners. Let CVB show people where to stay and eat for the little league championship games being played this year at the park. Please support Visit Fayetteville.

Discuss and act on Visit Fayetteville request consideration on funding for 2025. Brian Good says he supports the extra increase. He said it will help with marketing in slow months and it will help bring more people into the Town. Okey feels we need to wait until after the budget meeting and Stanley agreed. Gabe Peña made a motion to approve no less than a 10% increase for the CVB and Brian Good seconded the motion. Lori Tabit approved the motion. Okey Skidmore, Stanley Boyd, and Zenda Vance disapproved of the motion. Motion ended in a tie.

Discuss and act on next steps for the branding and signage companies. Brian Good moved to set up interviews within the next 2 weeks (April 4th or April 21st) whichever is available with the Companies and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on paving list for 2024. Matt asked Council if they knew of any streets that needed paved. Brian Good suggested posting on Facebook first and Textmygov to see what response we get from the citizens. 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 hiring Ty Hogan to PD at the Patrolman level. 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 selling non-needed PD equipment from old department. This would be equipment not needed by the Town. Okey Skidmore approved the motion and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on sale of 2017 Dodge Charger. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

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Discuss and act on sale of 2016 Ford Explorer. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Stanley Boyd approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act first Reading Article 137, section 137.01, 137.02, 137.04. 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 part-time employment for the police department. Chief Glenn Chapman said he would like to do away with the 2 part-time positions because there is no need for them right now. These positions will be eliminated at the end of the month. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Brian Good, Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Zenda Vance moved for the council to go into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for a personnel issue. Brian Good seconded the motion. The council reconvened at 7:50 pm with no decisions rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance