

**Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on June 6, 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, Lori Tabit, and Gabe Peña. Also present were Town Attorney Carl Harris, Treasurer Kathy Williams, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.**

**Prayer was offered by Matt Diederich.**

**Mayor Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Cruikshank.**

**Appointment:**

**Lori Tabit reappointment to the Bridge Day Commission. Brian Good moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.**

**Previous Minutes & Financial Report**

**Reading and action on Minutes from May 2, 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 May 16, 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 Special Meeting minutes from May 20, 2024. 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.**

**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.**

**General Comments and Reminders**

**Reminder there will be NO June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, and the July meeting is Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> NOT July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Cruikshank asked everyone to remember former mayor Dennis Hanson family in prayer due to his passing.**

**Always remember our Community Clean up on second Saturday of each month. Second Avenue Walk/Bridge Updates. Matt spoke to John Toggle and said grants are available for the bridge. We need to apply with a summary and then go to the next step. He will try to come and look at the area.**

**Council/Board Comments and Reminders**

**Lori Tabit said we have had a lot of rain and was wondering what phase we are in as far as people keeping their grass cut. She has seen a lot of areas in Town that need mowed, and it just looks unkept and bad.**

**Zenda Vance said the Fair & Festival Committee is working on the Heritage Festival. Eric does a great job at the town park and the flowers there look beautiful.**

**Stanley Boyd said he saw a good article on the news about the Fayetteville Heritage Festival. He asked when will be paving be complete on Route 19? Glad to see work being done on the Memorial Building.**

**Gabe Peña said shout out to the Fire Department for all they do. Accountant has been found for the Water Quality.**

**Okey Skidmore said to remember D-Day and thanked all the Veterans for their service.**

**Brian Good said the park had been busy said Matt had been there every day. Kids having fun with games and thanked park employees for a great job. Water Stone party went well and each gate always**

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**had someone there and he didn't see anything out of the way. There is a lot to do here, and people come here and we are lucky to live here.**

### **Department Reports**

**Fire Department: See attachment**

**Police Department: See attachment**

**Town Manager: See attachment**

### **Visitor's Comments**

**Randy Fisher said did not want to see the opening of the right of way on Craig Avenue except for access to cemetery. He said he is speaking on behalf of his neighbors also. He read a letter from neighbor Porter Girard as well. He agrees with #10 on agenda to purchase tools for volunteer work which can then be used by the town.**

### **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 ratifying 6-0 vote to add 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 2024 Paving list. Gabe Peña approved the motion and Brian Good seconded the motion. Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion.**

### **New Business**

**Discuss and act on presentation made by Digital Relativity for branding. They have been working hard on designs, something appealing in the 22–55-year-old range. A unity logo to appeal to visitors and residents. The door, gate or window to welcome people to Fayetteville. While also showing the water, mountains in a continual motion of history and growth. Gabe Peña moved to approve option #2 and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Brian Good, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

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**Discuss and act on next steps for the Wolf Creek Dam Removal- Clayton Scott. Funding is available if used before July 15<sup>th</sup>. The funds could be put into the project, but funds would be held until we are ready to start the project. The would be around \$130,000. The council would need to accept the money and hold until time comes. Brian Good moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on making all speed limits the same on the east side of Court Street. (Avenue 25, Street 15) whereas the west side both are 15. This is confusing to people where it is 15 mph on some and 25 mph on others. Carl said it must be in Ordinance and put on next agenda. Must be streets and avenues that are affected.**

**Discuss and act on Guardian Insurance. 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 closing the east side of Vaglio. There is a lot of trees in the right of way. Must have a Publication and public hearing.**

**Discuss and act on opening bids for the Wiseman Ave. Parking/Sidewalk Project. We received 2 bids: LakeCrest Construction--\$162,500, and New River Contracting--\$165,549.73. Zenda Vance moved to approve LakeCrest Construction 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 the possibility of opening Craig Street Right of Way at request of Gil Willis. Gil said the graveyard overflows onto Craig Street and but his property does not border the graveyard. Gil said a grant could be written for a fence around the cemetery. No action taken.**

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**Discuss and act on permission to purchase some hand tools for clearing brush for Juneteenth celebration for the historic Pierce cemetery off Craig St not to exceed \$1000. Cruikshank explained Leadership WV and Mountaineer Academy South have selected the cemetery project with other volunteers and family at the cemetery on June 19th. 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. Cruikshank thanked the council for their support of this project.**

**Discuss and act on Mission Statement. “We are a small town full of life, love and challenges, yet making it home while embracing the future.” Brian Good moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, Lori Tabit, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on Vision Statement. “We are a cool small town, where life is always good.” Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Discuss and act on setting meetings between town and all community groups to discuss projects and share ideas. This will include youth groups. Both these items were encouraged by our past Comprehensive Plan. This will be on the Council 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September. 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 the possibility of listing commercial buildings on the Town's website for sale. This would be on a volunteer basis with permission from the property owners. Matt will check with DR about adding the page. 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 act on hiring a seasonal worker for the park as soon as scheduled. The pay will be \$12.00 per hour. Brian Good moved to approve and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, Zenda Vance, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 6-0.**

**Mayor Cruikshank asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stanley Boyd moved to approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.**

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**Mayor Sharon Cruikshank**

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**Recorder Zenda L Vance**

