

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Stanley Boyd, Okey Skidmore, Lori Tabit, and Gabe Peña. Also present were Town Attorney Carl Harris, Treasurer Kathy Williams, and Town Manager Matt Diederich. Brian Good was not present.

Prayer was offered by Zenda Vance.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Cruikshank.

Mayor Cruikshank asked to move #7 to #4. Zenda Vance moved to approved and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report

Reading and action on Minutes from August 1, 2024. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Reading and action on Minutes from August 15, 2024. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Zenda Vance, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Review and approval of financial report. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

General Comments and Reminders

Mayor Cruikshank reminded everyone of the Community Meeting September 19, 2024. She hopes everyone will be able to come out and

ask questions on issues they may need more information on to become clear. If you know someone who has issues, encourage them to come out to the community council discussion meeting.

Community Clean up on second Saturday of each month

Second Avenue Walk/Bridge Updates. Matt said we should know something soon about the bridge.

Council/Board Comments:

Gabe Peña said Tuesday co-chair Appalachian Regional USDA received \$750,000 grant for food hub to grow businesses. Remember the family of Erin Larsen of New River Yoga who passed away. We live in a tight knit community and it's good to have each other to lean on.

Okey Skidmore said he had to call the police to his house on at 3:30 a.m. and John McQuire did a good job. He said he can't agree with what Gabe said about living in a tight knit community. People aren't happy with the Town or Council. He wants to know why the meetings about the school properties are not public. He said people don't hear things that are right. Cruikshank said the meetings are open unless there is a need to go into executive session. Carl Harris, Town attorney stated he wouldn't stand for the meetings not being posted to public.

Lori Tabit said the Beautification Committee will be having a meeting on September 10th @ 4:30 p.m. She would like to know if the speed limits on Route 19 could be lowered to 50 mph. Summersville had a light put in where the State Park is, and we can't get our speed limits lowered. What do we need to do to support town speeds.

Zenda Vance said with fall coming we will be having a fair and festival meeting with the Beautification Committee on September 10th to discuss up coming events. We will have Trunk or Treat on October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Halloween will be 6p.m. to 8p.m. Excited about the new businesses coming to Town.

Stanley Boyd said Route 16 turning right at light onto Route 19 is an accident waiting to happen if something isn't done. Hoping people will get out and support the community meeting on September 19th. The stop light in Town is taking a long time to change and needs to be checked. He asked chief of Police Glenn what can be done about 2 cars parking on Street on 1st Avenue all day and all night. Matt said he has notified WVDOT concerning the light, however they keep saying it is fine, he will reach out again.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See attachment

Police Department: See attachment

Town Manager: See attachment

Visitor's Comments:

Teresa Plumley said people need to be more informed about our Council Meetings. They don't know what is going on. Can the agenda explain more in depth what some of the things are talking about. Can visitor's make comments at the end of the agenda. Cruikshank asked her if she had a different idea on how to get the information out in a better format. The only thing with having public discussion at the end of the agenda, council would have voted on the issues on the agenda. As with council, she encouraged people to call ahead of time if there was a question on an item for clarification before the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Budget Revisions—Moved to September 19th meeting

New Business

Discuss and act on request to close Court Street for the Chili Cook-off Bridge Day and to use the stage in front of town hall for October 19, 2024. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the

motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on promoting October as Paint the Town Pink-Cindy Whitlock. New River Health will be doing breast awareness during the month of October. Banners will be put up and each merchant will have signs and pens, and yard signs will be available. A 5K run will be October 15th at New River Health. They will be raising money for scholarships by doing a golf tournament. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on First reading Amendment to 141.12 – Huse Memorial Park Commission – Prohibited Transactions. Ordinance prohibits the Town from selling or making money. No employee can make a profit. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Zenda Vance approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on the purchase of 4 sets of STOP STICKS with the price being \$2,406.00 including shipping. These items will be funded from the State Forfeiture Account. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Lori Tabit approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on Wolf Creek Property. Zenda Vance moved to advertise seeking sealed bids and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Gabe Peña, Stanley Boyd, and Okey Skidmore approved the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Discuss and act on Laurel Creek Property—Tabled until more information can be gathered.

Mayor Cruikshank asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal advice. Lori Tabit moved to approve. Council went into

Executive Session at 6:51 pm and reconvened at 7:10 p.m. with no decisions rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

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