

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on November 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Those present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Stanley Boyd, Okey Skidmore, Lori Tabit, Brian Good, and Gabe Peña. Also present were Town Attorney Carl Harris, Treasurer Kathy Williams, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Prayer was offered by Stanley Boyd.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Cruikshank

Special Presentation by Susan Economou with WVML. Jim Akers was recognized by the WV Municipal League for over 20 years of municipal government. This places him in the WVML Hall of Fame. Jim has served as council member, recorder and mayor for the town of Fayetteville.

Proclamation for Evelyn “Boots” Estep turning 100 years young today. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0. The FHS Alumni Association presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Outstanding Service Award – Officer Kenneth Cullum. Kenneth took supplies and helped with the flood clean up for a week in North Carolina.

Proclamation for November 24-30, 2024, as Christian Heritage Week. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report

Reading and action on Minutes from October 3, 2024. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on Special Session Minutes from October 8, 2024. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on Special Session Minutes from October 16, 2024. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on Special Session Minutes from October 17, 2024. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of financial report. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

General Comments and Reminders

Matt Diederich gave an update on the Second Avenue Walk/Bridge. We received a \$100,000 grant for the walk bridge.

Mayor Cruikshank shared the information on “Who wants to be a Mayor” from the WV Municipal League flyer is at Town Hall. This is for 7th grade students to do an essay for a chance for \$500 for their school.

Council/Board Comments

Okey Skidmore said the Veterans Day service at the Memorial Building has been canceled.

Lori Tabit said bridge day was a great success, and she thanked everyone. Gingerbread Festival and decorating in Town will be happening in the next few weeks.

Zenda Vance said the Veterans Day Parade is November 11th at 11. Please get a Veteran and bring them out and show them how much we appreciate them. Gingerbread Festival is December 7th and a lot of good things going on.

Stanley Boyd said citizens need a sidewalk where Dollar General is coming on Lively Street. Trunk or Treat was great this year. I would like to see Merchant Night for the stores in town.

Gabe Peña said Trunk or Treat was fun. Planning and Zoning had a meeting, and draft will follow to council. December 19th is the last day to edit. Water Quality Board is moving forward. Phase one and the cost will be over one million dollars.

Brian Good said storm water is a big deal to get it going. New fence at the Park and everything looks good and now is the time for people to say if they want anything. Halloween was great good to see parents with the kids,

Department Reports

Fire Department see attachment

Police Department see attachment

Town Manager see attachment

Visitor's Comments

Amy Sullivan -Dollar General—She said she sent an email to Council with concerns with Dollar General. She wonders if it will be walkable for people and would like to see sidewalks. She wanted to know if speed bumps could be installed and have 4 way stop signs. She is concerned about all the traffic. She wants to know who to call if there are problems. She said communication wasn't good about Dollar General coming in. She would like to see people contacted in the area when something is coming in before permits are being issued.

Joseph said he had 5 issues with the Comprehensive Plan. The practice field has several issues the old stone wall on Reynolds and concerned about traffic.

Janet Proctor with Love Hope Art Center would like to serve wine and beer at the Art show on December 6th. Council will have a Special Meeting to vote on the event.

Unfinished Business

Budget Revisions—Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on approval to move forward with legal ad for the public hearing on comprehensive plan. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on placing guardrails or another barrier along Justice Lane about Pies & Pints Parking. The cost of the guardrails is \$8,200. Table and put on November 21st agenda.

Discuss and act on Ordinance for limiting the size of vehicles on Lively Street past Clark Street to Maple Avenue. Carl will draw up Ordinance and have it for the next council meeting.

Discuss and act on clarification on Vaglio Avenue pending tree removal. The eastern side was closed Sarah to Dempsey at a previous council meeting. The council said no more trees need to be removed. Order to be recorded in County Clerk and Assessors Office. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Police Department new uniform patch. Okey Skidmore moved to approve pending confirmation on the placement of flag and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Lori Tabit moved to go into executive session to discuss employee. The council went into executive session at 7:36 p.m. and reconvened at 7:49 p.m. with no decisions rendered.

Discuss and act regarding Police Department hiring position. Brian Good moved to table until November 21st meeting and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0

Vote on a pay correction for Police patrolman John McQuire per Acting Chief Hogan. McQuire's pay would be retroactive to July 3rd to \$24.25. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Zenda Vance made a motion to go into Executive Session concerning a personnel Issue and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. The council went into executive session at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened at 8:27 p.m. with no decisions rendered.

Gabe Peña moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

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