

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on June 5, 2025, at Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Okey Skidmore, Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit, Gabe Peña, and Brian Good. Also present were Town Attorney Carl Harris, Town Treasurer Kathy Williams, Fire Chief John Vernon, and Chief of Police Ty Hogan and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Zenda Vance offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cruikshank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading and action on Minutes from May 1, 2025. Brian Good moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reading and action on Minutes from May 15, 2025. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Gabe Peña 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

Mayor Cruikshank asked Matt if the cardboard is wet at the recycling bends, can it still be recycled? People are setting it outside the dumpster. Something needs to be posted so people need to put inside the bends.

Matt said he is meeting with DOH next Wednesday to discuss 2nd Avenue Bridge. They will be looking at the site and working on the design with the engineer. It is still on track for the walk bridge to be completed.

Council & Respective Board Comments

Brian Good said they will be having a Park meeting soon. There have been lots of people at the park. The weekend and next weekend will be busy and next weekend will be a big event. He wants the Town to be a safe place for everyone. He said the Town is not sponsoring the event next weekend. He said everyone doesn't like everything. He felt the last meeting of council the town is divided.

Okey Skidmore said the Cemetery Board has not had a meeting yet.

Lori Tabit said the Beautification Committee hasn't had a meeting yet.

Zenda Vance said her committee is getting ready for Heritage Festival and looking forward to a great event and firework show.

Stanley Boyd said they are looking at the dilapidated buildings that are unsafe. Only a few on the list, our Town is much better off than most Towns.

Gabe Peña said they had a Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for June 9th. Working on Storm Water and it is a 3 phase project. Volunteers will be cleaning the Pierce Cemetery June 19th if anyone would like to join in.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See attachment

Police Department: See attachment

Town Manager: See attachment

Visitor's Report

Brian Washington appreciates the work going into getting the 2nd Avenue Walk Bridge done. He wanted to know since school is out for the summer can vehicles park on the street on Linburg Avenue. Carl zoning says no parking on Streets.

Frances Sizemore thanked Chief Ty Hogan for helping with Food Pantry. Thanked Council for all they do. She wanted to know about the lease with the American Legion will it be open on evenings and weekends.

Unfinished Business

Discuss and act on Budget Revision. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on request by Cheryl Payne for cleanup of the vacant cemetery located off Grace/Virginia Street. Gabe suggested we do like we did on Pierce Street and get volunteers to help clean it up. Stanley said it could be a liability if the Town took over. No action.

Discuss and act on request by Holly Fussell owner of Waterstone, for a special floor plan extension of their WVABCA license for an event on Saturday, September 20, 2025. Chief of Police Ty Hogan said there were no problems with the event last year. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Okey Skidmore opposed the motion.

Discuss and act on 1st reading on amendment to building permit fee in ordinance 1725.01 Purpose: Exceptions. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on updating the deadly force policy in PD Policies & Procedures Manual. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on a “Fill the Truck” event for the Fayette Co & New River Animal Shelters. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on permission to PD sell the F150 truck after new cruisers come in after July 1. The department is selling because the truck is no longer needed. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on advertising for bids for the two new cruisers. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on renewal of Life, Dental and Vision Insurance through Guardian for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The price stays the same as last year. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on adopting Hamilton Lane as town street. The council accepted the property in 1997. Brian Good moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on replacing June 19 and July 3, 2025, Council Meetings and moving to a June 26, 2025, meeting. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on drafting a lease with American Legion. Carl said he will draft a lease, and the American Legion will need to review and also approve. Stanley wanted to know where the bathrooms would be. Okey said if possible, we need to get state funding because it's going to be expensive for the remodel and he doesn't want to put tourists ahead of the citizens. Tabled until draft is approved by legion.

Discuss and act on Road Closure for Captain Thurmond's Challenge July 27, 2026 (between Wiseman & Maple and E Maple to Church Street. Brian Good moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on hiring of Full-time Street Department employee. 25 applications were received. Aaron Ewing was chosen for the position. Rate of pay is \$18.75 per hour with 6 months' probation. Brian Good

moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 4 way Stop at Huse & Maple. They are Town roads and we won't need permission from State. Needs to be posted on Town Page so everyone will be aware, flags and the solid lines painted. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Advertise the Commercial Property on Laurel Creek. Matt did check with a Commercial Realtor in Charleston, and they did not want to list. Tresha Plumley and Wendy Bayes will get a list of Commercial Realtor and give to the Mayor for Council to review. Mayor Cruikshank asked to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue. Council went into Executive Session at 7:10 P.M. and reconvened at 7:16 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.



Mayor Sharon Cruikshank



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