

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on August 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fayetteville Fire Department. (due to Town Hall being under construction on the floors)

Present were Sharon Cruikshank, Mayor, Council Members Stanley Boyd, Okey Skidmore, and Gabe Peña and Lori Tabit. Also present were Treasurer Kathy Williams, Town Manager Matt Diederich, and Police Chief Ty Hogan.

Prayer was offered by Sharon Cruikshank.

Sharon Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Cruikshank.

Proclamation Recognition: Sharon asks Charles Briscoe, Mayor of Oak Hill, to join her in presenting Gene Worthington with a proclamation, which she read, to recognize all his dedications to the town through the years, Gene spoke a few words of appreciation.

Swearing In Ceremony: Sharon and Chief Ty Hogan swore in Stan Casey to be Captain Casey of the Police Department.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report:

Reading & Action on Minutes from July 17, 2025. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Review and approval of financial report, Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

General Comments & Reminders:

Council & Respective Board Comments:

Okey Skidmore commented on the Huse Cemetery and how all the Street Department employees have worked hard to get all the mowing done and he appreciates their efforts.

Zenda Vance not present at the meeting.

Stanley Boyd spoke about attending the West Virginia Municipal League Conference this week and how beneficial it is to attend the classes offered. He mentioned that everybody needs to be aware of cyber protection to avoid scammers and having the systems hacked.

Gabe Peña spoke about stormwater and explaining that after talking with E. L. Robinson engineers he learned they will need less right-a-ways than previously thought during the management of runoff water from hard rains.

Brian Good not present at the meeting.

Lori Tabit took the opportunity (*since he was at the meeting*) of introducing Dane Gaiser, as the Town's "Flower Guy" he manages all the hanging baskets and flower maintenance, etc. in town. She spoke about the water issues at Janutolo Park and how it washes out the Mulch. She also mentioned she wanted to circle back and check on the status of the White Horse property issues with building debris, construction materials and grass.

Department Reports

Fire Chief John Vernon gave the monthly report (see attached)

Police Chief Ty Hogan gave the monthly report (see attached) also spoke about the training the officers have attended this past month.

Town Manager Matt Diederich gave the monthly report (see attached) also spoke about the progress at the old Historic High School Building. He gave an update on the 2nd Ave. Bridge grant; it is now going into 2nd Phase and Sidewalks. Terradon is designing the bridge. He thanked Chief Hogan for helping with the "high grass" notices. He talked about the LED grant for lighting at the park (\$37,000 project).

Visitor Comments:

Dane Gaiser with Plateau Action Network handed out information and spoke about the many organizations they work with and wanted to reach out to the town to work with the council and see where they can help with any upcoming water projects.

Lita Eskew spoke about her pleasant experience while making arrangements at Huse Cemetery and how helpful James was during the process. She also recommended the town purchase a golf cart to make transporting those who are unable to walk about on the grounds easier.

Denise Scalph thanked the town for the trash cans placed on South Court Street and Matt let her know he has larger trash cans ordered and will make sure that area gets a few.

Unfinished Business:

1. Discuss and Act on General Fund Budget Revision #2, Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.
2. Discuss and Act on second reading for adopting WV Code regarding Motor vehicle laws. Effective August 1, 2025. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

New Business

3. Discuss and act on writing a letter of support for WV Community Development Hub for the New River Gorge Towns Collaboration Grant. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Gabe Peña recused from voting. Motion carries 3-0.

4. Discuss and act on writing a letter to reject Appalachian Power's proposed rate increase. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.
5. Discuss and act on final approval for a new Kubota zero turn mower for Huse (previously budgeted for \$21,238 final quote \$18,339) Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.
6. Discuss and act on purchase with Opioid Settlement funding, two stalker Police hand-held Radar guns. Stalker II SDR (\$1,610) and LIDAR XS (\$2,035) Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.
7. Discuss and act on opening bids for Town Engineer (list attached for Nine (9) bids opened). After reviewing all the bids, the three bids council selected were E L Robinson, Terradon, and Potesta. After this selection, the next step will be to interview the three selections using score cards. Interviews will be on August 21, 2025, at 4 p.m. Approximately 45 minutes per interview.
8. Discuss and act on purchase of Ford F350 Chassis from Mid-State Ford for \$51,489.80 using funds from the Recycle Grant. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Gebe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.
9. Discuss and act on real estate listing agreement with Foxfire Realty for the sale of property at 95 Hunsaker Lane off Laurel Creek Road. David Sibray, Realtor, was very positive in taking the listing, but at 10% commission and for a one-year listing agreement. He feels he can justify this commission rate because of the extra exposure he gives the listing by a press release highlighting the property and advertising in the West Virginia Explorer magazine, hiring a professional photographer with drone license for pictures showing all the angles of the property and the positives around it. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion, but with the contingency that Attorney Carl Harris reviews and approves the agreement and pending a market analysis. Motion carries 4-0.

Sharon asked for Executive Session to discuss real estate. Entered at 6:56 p.m. and ended at 7:23 p.m. No decisions were rendered.

Gabe Peña moved to adjourn the meeting and Okey Skidmore seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Sharon Cruikshank, Mayor

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Kathy Williams, (sitting in for Recorder)

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