

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 18, 2025, at Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.

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

Zenda Vance offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cruikshank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation

Bobby and Sharon Monroe-Bering Advisors. This is a Prevent + Protect Wellness Benefit Program. Best-Fit Options for Peace of Mind are Permanent Life, Accident, Disability, Critical Care, and Hospital Indemnity. FICA Tax reduction of \$600 annually. Bearing's Prevent + Protect offers local governments an accessible and affordable health program pulling together market -leading, wellness solutions into a structure that combines the tax benefits of a Cafeteria Plan with a Self-Insured Medical Reimbursement Plan.

Financial Report

Review and approval of mid-month invoices. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded. Motion carried.

General Comments and Reminders

Trick or Treat – Friday, October 31, 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M. and if council approves the town will close part of Court Street and have Trunk or Treat on October 31, from 5:30P.M. to 7:30P.M.

Visitor Comments

Craig said the dogs in his neighborhood continue to bark all the time. He has asked the people who own them and while they keep them under control for a while, it is short lived, and they start again. He doesn't know what to do and he needs help. He said it is causing him mental health issues.

Kayla Keller said you can't walk down the Street because dogs and people are in violation of Ordinances. She said there needs to be the same standards for people, not just some. She said Fayetteville has changed and everyone needs to follow the same rules.

Gabe moved to move #2 on the agenda to #11 and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Unfinished Business

Discuss and act on 2nd Reading Retiree update (SB712) to Employee Manual. Zenda Vance moved to approved and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 1st Reading for change of Solar Energy System, Small from conditional use to permitted use in all zoning districts. In the Historic district, applicants would need permission from that board. The solar on roofs needs to bend in with the roof as much as possible. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on the table choice for council chambers. Tabled

Discuss and act on front desk work, Mayor said there is another option for the replacement top for \$450, this would include smooth finish, install and paint current desk. Lori Tabit moved to approve with the price difference and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act what council would like to do with the upcoming election process to be compliant with the state. After discussion, the consensus was to move the next election from June 2027 to the next general election in November 2028, taking office on January 1st, 2029. The Town does not have a Charter, so it does not need to be voted on by the citizens and it is just a decision of council. The Legislature has changed election rules and municipalities will have to move their elections with state primaries or general elections. Brian Good moved to approve, and Zenda Vance seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on purchasing Street Cameras. Chief Hogan said if you have issues, you can pull it up and look. She said some of the intersections need them. Brian Good moved to approve purchasing street cameras for \$13,000 and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on lease with American Legion. No action taken.

Discuss and act on letter of support for the Mountain State Montessori School. Brian Good moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Trunk or Treat Friday, October 31 5:30-7:30PM, and the closure of Court Street. This would be open for civic groups, churches and the town to hand out candy. This will not replace Halloween in the town but compliment it. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Gabe moved to go into Executive Session. Council went into Executive Session at 7:08 P.M. and reconvened at 7:23 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Discuss and act on selection of Town Engineer. Stanley Boyd moved to dispense with hiring an town engineer at this time and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Gabe Peña voted against the motion.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting at 7: 29 P.M. and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion.

Mayor Sharon L. Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L. Vance