

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 4, 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 Captain Stan Casey and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Stanley Boyd offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cruikshank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous minutes August 7, 2025, and August 21, 2025.

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 Reminder

No new updates on the 2nd Avenue Bridge. A grant has been submitted for the construction.

Council & Respective Board Comments

Zenda Vance welcomed Gabe to her neighborhood. Several people are complaining about not been able to get into the Post Office because of the steps and would like to see it handicap accessible. Zenda asked Matt if he ever heard back from his letter. Matt said he will write a letter and get it out soon.

Stanley Boyd would like to see everyone support the Pirates PK-8 events and the school.

Gabe Peña said Water Quality would be having a meeting on August 16th and had a Small Solar meeting August 20th. Need to schedule a

meeting to discuss Court Street parking. Luther Crisp does a great job as the Resource Officer at the Pk-8 School. He wanted to know if you had to have license for kids to set up lemonade stands for 1st Fridays.

Brian Good said it's great to see Police presence in Town. We had a Park Board meeting, and it was great to see the complex building getting done. You will be able to practice most sports in the building.

Lori Tabit said there are issues with dogs not being kept on a leash and something needs to be done. Someone was bitten and they should be ticketed. We need to post on the Town Facebook page about the Town Ordinance. If you see a dog not on a leash, you need to call the police.

Okey Skidmore thanked the Town employees for everything they do. There was an issue at the cemetery. Mark and guys took care of the issue.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See attachment

Police Department: See attachment

Town Manager: See attachment

Visitor's Comments: N/A

Unfinished Business

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

Discuss and act on 2nd Reading of updates to Employee Manual-August 2025. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0

New Business

Discuss and act on 1st Reading Retiree update (SB712) to Employee Manual. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on request of \$182.32 for minutes preservation to complete minutes through 1997. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0. Mayor thanked the Council for their support of this project.

Discuss and act on hiring Certified Police Officer – Dustin Bell at \$24.25/hr. with a starting date September 21, 2025. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission for change of Solar Energy System, Small from conditional use to permitted use in all zoning districts – 1st Reading. Carl said there are no conditions or requirements in all districts right now and there is no control as of now. We need to consider rules and regulations, especially in Historic District. Carl will draft an ordinance. No action taken.

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

Discuss and act on opening bids and selection of Town Engineer.

Gabe made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Council went into Executive Session at 6:31 P.M. and returned at 6:43 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

On the selection of a Town Engineer, Gabe Peña asked Carl if he would go through the bids and let Council know what he thinks and put it on the agenda for the next Council meeting. Both companies are responsive and have done great work for the town. Carl said he would

do the best to make comparables where possible and have a summary for council soon for their review.

Lori Tabit made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L. Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L. Vance