

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 19, 2026, at Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.

Present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Stanley Boyd, Lori Tabit Okey Skidmore, Gabe Peña, Police Ty Hogan, Town Attorney Carl Harris, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Zenda Vance offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Brian Good led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial Report

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

Appointments

Adam Wakefield to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3-year term from 2/19/26 to 1/18/29. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Melanie Seiler to the Huse Perpetual Care Trustee for a 2-year term 2/19/26 to 1/19/28. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0

General Comments and Reminders N/A

Visitors Comments

Randy Fisher thanked the Town for their support helping clean up Pierce Cemetery and he has the deed for the property and presented a copy for the Town.

Craig Reger said a lot of locals are disappointed with the snow removal. You couldn't walk on sidewalks because of the snow and ice because owners and residences were not able to get them clean. He was wondering if they could be fined for not keeping them clean. He

said Oak Hill purchased equipment to remove snow on the sidewalks. Maybe the Ordinance could be amended to place fines on the ones who do not keep sidewalks clean of \$25 per day and start with businesses first. Also, he would like to see more target on violations of parking in Town.

Drema Carte said the Park Board had not had a meeting lately, and she said it wasn't discussed about the lighting. Brian Good said the lights were being done through a grant and the Park Board did not need to approve.

Old Business

Discuss and act on Amendment to 933.02 adding an additional citizen to the Water Quality Board-2nd reading. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on repeal of 3307.17. Parking in Residential Areas-2nd reading. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Pierce Cemetery. Natalie Matthews Asanti said she would like to see the Town Partnership with the Pierce Cemetery Foundation to help keep up the maintenance of the cemetery. Mark said there are a lot of stumps there that need to be removed and they could use the stump grinder, once that is done, he didn't see an issue with mowing periodically. There are approximately 240 people buried in the Cemetery. Carl Harris said we would need more details before accepting it and the first thing would be to see if they can get a historical marker. Table until next month's meeting or until needed information is received. Carl and Natalie will discuss.

Discuss and act on bid for town park LED Lighting Retrofit. Three bids were received and Graybar has the best warranty (10 years) at \$37,092.85. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Zenda Vance asked to move items # 7, 10, and 12 to end of agenda and Lori Tabit seconded the motion.

Discuss and act on next steps for Reynolds Wall Project-Kenneth Kinder, El Robinson. The site has been mapped, and the wall is 200ft x 12 ft. There are 4 different wall types 1) Modular Block Wall \$260k 2) Cast-in Place Concrete \$350k 3) MSE wall \$310k 4) Soldier Beam & Lagging Wall \$340. The Modular Block wall would be Robinson choice it would be the most cost-effective wall. It would be moved back 8 ft to correct drainage issues. Okey said he can't see spending money since the wall has already fallen and there is no danger to anyone. Mayor Cruikshank asked if the remaining stone can be put up for safe keeping until the project is done. She thought the money could come from the TIF, the historic (to preserve the wall) and partial for the drainage issue. Carl will get figures from Assessor on TIF. Lori asks for it to be tabled until Carl can get more information on the TIF.

Discuss and act on options for paid parking. Chief Hogan said she called Charleston and they do scan as you go and you can put limit on them. Can use apple or google pay. With 3-hour parking space, \$1 for the first hour and \$1.50 for each additional hour. The device would tell you who paid. With parking problems, we could look at 2-hour parking spaces also. Brian Good said we need more information on and would need signage. Table until Council gets more information.

Discuss and act on South Court Street Parking Sturdy-Will Thornton, Terradon. Will Thornton said people are parking on Court and Rotan streets and he is mapping to see how far to go towards Charlie's Pub. The cost for the study is \$12,765.00. Council would like to see the plan. Brian Good moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on forming a Fayetteville Trail Committee. Gabe said there was a public trail meeting on February 12th. Looking for grants to

help. He would like to have 5 to 7 members on the Committee, and it would consist of residents of Fayetteville. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on E. Maple Ave. closure for NRG Trail Festival-Friday, June 19th 4:00 P.M. until Saturday 20th, 6:00 P.M. After discussion, Zenda Vance moved to deny and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on porta-trailer for public restrooms. The cost for renting a trailer would be \$2,990.00 month and \$125.00 weekly to pump and clean. To purchase a used unit would be \$46,826.00. Stanley Boyd moved to rent the unit and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Okey Skidmore voted against. Matt will check on locations, the rental would be for a minimum of 6 months.

Discuss and act on Parking Partnership with the American Legion. Town would take care of the maintenance of the parking lot in trade for public use of the parking lot with a few held for Legion members only. Matt didn't have the lease agreement available for Council. Table until more information is available. Mayor Cruikshank stated Whitewater Photography is also willing to enter into an agreement. With both a clear designation on public parking with signage for those reserved spots for the business owner.

Zenda Vance moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Council went into Executive Session at 7:24 P.M. and reconvened at 7:48 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Discuss and act on lease and construction of visitor's center and museum/alumni space, green space and additional parking. The lease will be signed by the Building Commission if council approves, and the rent would be \$5,500.00 monthly. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Okey Skidmore voted against.

Discuss and act on next steps for Welcome Signage. Brian Yates, a welder for FIT has agreed to design the sign, like what he did at the Chamber/CVB office but larger. Matt has not heard from him yet so Mayor Cruikshank asked him to get the information and get back with Council. Table until we get more information.

Discuss and act on policy for Town Hall Closure. Employees ask for clarification on the rate of pay when office staff goes home and the Street Department continues to work. Office staff were paid under given directions, where they should not have been. Tabled until next meeting. Carl said the way it was worded on the agenda we would not be able to vote on it at this meeting. Council will discuss and it will be added to next meeting agenda.

Lori Tabit moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L. Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L. Vance

