

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on February 5, 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, Brian Good and Gabe Peña. Also present were Town Attorney Carl Harris, Town Treasurer Kathy Williams, Fire Chief John Vernon, Police Chief Ty Hogan, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Stanley Boyd offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Sharon Cruikshank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report

Review and approval of Minutes from January 15, 2026. 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 Reminders

Mayor Cruikshank thanked the Street Department and Fire Department going above and beyond their duties with the snow and ice we have had.

No update on the 2nd Avenue Bridge

Council & Respective Board Comments

Okey Skidmore thanked the road crew guys for doing a great job during the snow and ice we have had.

Zenda Vance also thanked the Street Department in doing a great job keeping the roads clean during all the snow we had. Thankfully we didn't have any accidents. Heritage Festival will be here before you

know it, and we will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country this year and looking forward to a great event.

Stanley Boyd said the Food Pantry will be open Friday from 11-12:30 and people will start in their vehicles and will move through parking lot. It is important for people to get food. Thanked the guys for all hard work snow plowing.

Gabe Peña said the Water Quality Board will meet on Thursday; Phrase 1 is to get easements from people. Lewis Cook will be taking them to the people. Met with DOH about the accident January 19th on Route 19. We need to see if something can be done for people to be more cautious about the danger at the intersection. Public trail meeting will be February 12th at 5:30. Community talk- people's electric bills, people with no heat, sleep in sheds. People might need help. Wrestling tournament was great. Wizard weekend did great for it to be so cold.

Lori Tabit thanked everyone for helping during the snow. Talked to DOH about the accident on Route 19 and discussed options and about getting the speed reduced.

Fire Department—See attachment

Police Department—See attachment

Town Manager—See attachment

Visitor's Agenda

Judge Sam Fox talked to Council. He is a new resident of Fayetteville and he grew up in Oak Hill and has been an Attorney in Charleston for 36 years. He is running for the position of Circuit Judge in the May election.

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

Mayor Cruikshank asks for a motion to move 3 ahead of 2. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion.

Discuss and act on Pierce Cemetery – Natalie Asanti. Natalie is concerned about the future of Pierce Cemetery. She thanked Dr Cook for all his help getting it cleaned up. She appreciated the Town for their assistance as well. They need help in keeping it cleaned up. The residents and the foundation would like a partnership with the Town and preserve the history of the cemetery. They are working on a grant up to \$50,000 to help identify the graves. Okey Skidmore wanted to know if the Town could take in the cemetery and keep it up. Carl will look and see what we can do as a Town and discuss at next Council meeting.

Discuss and act on opening bids for Park LED Lighting Retrofit. Three bids were received. Graybar of Charleston--\$37,092.85, AEP \$22,485 and Music Lighting--\$82,000. Matt will review and put on February 19th agenda.

Discuss and act on creating a Town Instagram Page. The Town has a Facebook page, and it is supposed to be set up where no comments can be made but sometimes you can make comments. We need to find out what to do, whether show all comments or not. Mayor Cruikshank asked Matt to check into and see what we need to do.

Discuss and act on changing personal time from 8 hours to 10 hours for Police Department. The Police officers work 10-hour shifts so it would be consistent with the working hours. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Amendment to 933.02 adding an additional citizen to the Water Quality Board-1st Reading. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on repeal of 307.17 Parking in Residential Areas-1st Reading. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Fire and Rescue Fee. The Fire Department wants to hire 2 full-time firefighters, which would give the department 24/7 staffing for the Town. This proposal ensures immediate response while keeping volunteers actively involved and valued. The fee would be \$3.00 per night for the use and occupancy of a hotel room. Mayor Cruikshank asked Chief John Vernon and Josh Davis to get the information to Council so they can review it and discuss it at next Council meeting.

Discuss and act on potential ordinance for parking on the street during a storm event, disrupting snow removal and first responders. High Street and Grace Street have on street parking which makes it hard for the snowplows to clear the roads. If parked on the street citizens would have to be given notice before vehicle could be towed. Council will discuss this and try to see how the problem can be fixed.

Zenda Vance made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Council went into Executive Session at 7:25 P.M. and reconvened at 8:43 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L. Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance

