

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

Present were Mayor Sharon Cruikshank, Recorder Zenda Vance, Council Members Stanley Boyd, Okey Skidmore, Lori Tabit, Brian Good and Gabe Peña. Also present were Town Attorney Carl Harris, Town Treasurer Kathy Williams, Chief of Police Ty Hogan, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Zenda Vance offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cruikshank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Financial Report

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

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

Appointments

Re-appoint Lori Tabit to the Bridge Day Commission for a 2-year term 5/1/26 to 4/30/28. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Appoint Dreama Carte to the Huse Memorial Park Board 2-year term. 3/20/26 to 2/19/28. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

General Comments and Reminders

Annual Spring Cleanup- April 24 & 25 8 A.M.-3 P.M.

Kick off for the Fayette County Historical Society's 100th Anniversary. They will feature speakers throughout the year in different locations.

The first will be March 29th @ 2 P.M. in Fayetteville at the Fayetteville Baptist Church.

Visitor Comments

Samantha Sizemore with Womans's Resources said April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and would like to hang ribbons throughout the Town April 1st through April 31st. Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed nationally with comprehensive outreach to increase education and reduce stigma. This will need to be on the April 2nd agenda for Council to vote on.

Old Business

Discuss and act on Pierce Cemetery. Council discussed if we could help once a month in keeping the grass mowed or do we take over ownership and appoint a commission similar to the Huse Board. Mayor Cruikshank asked if council could put it under Historical designation. Natelie said they have applied for a \$50,000 grant for preservation and stabilization. Carl said the town would need to do a MOU and set up a timeline. This will need to be on the April agenda. Brian Good moved to do a MOU and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on climbing competition at Gripped Fitness- May 9, 2026, request for ABC Special Event Permit 4 P.M. – 7 P.M. Alieza Compton said they will be having events all day and finals start at 5 P.M. They will monitor all customers for proper ID's and only 2 drinks will be allowed per customer. They will have security and the event will be indoors. Mayor Cruikshank said they would need to have a floor plan for the ABC Commission and to Town Hall before we can issue the letter for the event. Gabe Peña moved to approve pending the Town receiving the required documents from the vendor on the ABC Commission requirements. Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Okey Skidmore voted against the motion.

Discuss and act on approving the 2027 budget. Mayor Cruikshank thanked Kathy for the hard work she puts into the budget every year. Gabe wanted to know if it could fit into the budget to cover the Police Department covering the ballgames for the PK-8. The Department would be Private Security at \$50 per hour. The Town pays all the cost. Mayor Cruikshank said Kathy had asked for any changes to be sent to her the week prior. At this point the budget was already finalized and ready for the levy. Council would need to look at this later and then do a budget revision. Brian Good moved to approve the budget and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Okey Skidmore voted against the motion.

Discussion was held on including recycling, public transportation, and library services to the 1% Sales Tax description of Citizen Services which already has sidewalks, restrooms, and signage. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on advertising an RFP for Architectural Services for new shop building. This would be located on the Laurel Creek property the town currently owns. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on eliminating the 6-month probationary period for Police Department for certified officers. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 2026 Street Paving List and advertisement. Matt said he received 40 responses from the post on Facebook. The streets on the list are Short St., King Ave., Hresan Blvd., Old Court St. (2,000 feet), Park Dr. (1,200 feet), Fletcher Lane, and Pirate Way (second entrance to Charlie McCoy Park). Okey moved to approve placing the newspaper ad and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Gabe Peña moved to adjourn the meeting and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance