

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on April 16, 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, and Chief of Police Ty Hogan. Town Manager Matt Diederich was not present.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cruikshank offered prayer.

Lori Tabit led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cruikshank said the Town was given the podium in the center of the room, which was donated by Meme Marshall. What makes this particular podium special was that it was made by Gene Bowling, who was one of the driving forces for the Fayette County Vo-Tech program. This podium was made in his welding class and given to his wife, Helen Bowling, who many of us had as our 6th grade teacher. We are so happy to have it at Town Hall. As a former student of Helen Bowling I hope she is well pleased. We will have a plaque made and attached soon.

Mayor Cruikshank reported the minutes have been updated from 1997 to present. While it will be next year before we add more, she is starting on the prep work now.

Financial Report

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

Police Department Promotion

Patrolman K.A. Cullum to Patrolman First Class- \$25 to \$26. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

General Comments and Reminders

Annual Spring Cleanup- April 24 & 25 8A.M. to 3P.M. This will be at the side of the Memorial Building.

Visitors' Agenda

Barry Crist who is running for Fayette County Commission came to talk to Council about his experience and why he would like to be your new County Commissioner. He has lived in Fayette County his whole life and has raised his 3 sons here. He has 35 plus years with the Fayette County School System. Fayette County needs something for kids and for young people to live and raise families.

Tresha Plumley said she would like to apologize to Council for her behavior and outbursts in council meetings from last year.

Sarah Howe lives in at 109 Ankrom St. and has been there for 14 years and has had no issues. She has one neighbor that told her that her dogs are bothering him. She has shock collars on her dogs and keeps them in at night. There are 8 other dogs in the neighborhood. She is trying to be reasonable but there is no state law. She would like to have the word "reasonable" defined.

Cheri Knight would like to know where employees would be able to park. With the future parking at Fayetteville Church of God, she is wondering if maybe they can issue parking decals for employees. Mayor Cruikshank said they are looking at several options.

Old Business

New Business

Discuss and act on Opening of Fire Alarm Bids for Fire Department. One bid was received from Brewer & Co for \$22,500. Brian Good moved to approve pending review by Chief Vernon and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Hotel Tax Fire Fee. Fire Chief John Veron said now is the time to draft an ordinance fee for each day stay in City Limits on rentals and camping sites. If things change in state law our AirB&B's could increase \$5-\$6.00 per night fee, this would not be an added burden on the citizens of town. The more we get busy the more accidents we have. Brian Good moved to approve for Carl to draft ordinance and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Court Street Road Closure request for Sunday, May 17th 10A.M. to 12P.M. for the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride- Matt Vale. Matt fell in love with Fayette County and moved here from Ohio. He said it's a very tight community here. This event is to raise funds for Prostate Cancer awareness and treatment. People are encouraged to dress up for the ride, and they have a great time. This is the 15th year doing the ride. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Update on Lease with House Creek Holding for the lease on the building. There are 2 changes to the lease one is rent increased by \$500 and reduced the purchase from 15% to 20%. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore opposed the motion. Motion carries 5-1.

Discuss and act on new sidewalk from the corner of Wiseman to Maple Avenue. Being a town leased property, the town would put in the sidewalks using town labor and funds. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore opposed the motion. Motion carries 5-1.

Discuss and act on parking lot agreement with Fayetteville First Church of God. The Town will need signage for the parking lot. The town needs to look at adding an area for those employees who work at the two restaurants (8-10 spaces). The Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on purchase of Hammer Attachment for Mini-Excavator from Boyd Cat-\$6,811.58. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on amending the barking dog ordinance. The County had an Ordinance in 2019. If someone has a problem they file a Complaint, and Investigation is done and then you go to Court. Brian Good asked Carl to draft a new Ordinance with the county language and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Cy Persinger spoke to Council about running for the office of House of Delegates. He has lived in Fayette County all his life and is ready to help the people in this County.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L. Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L. Vance