

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on May 21, 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, Chief of Police Ty Hogan, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Sharon Cruikshank offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Sharon Cruikshank 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.

General Comments and Reminders

Matt gave an Update on signage for parking and directional. Signage is needed for the Church parking lot as well as the directionals signs. The Welcome signs will be finished next week.

Matt gave an Update on town park new playground equipment. New playground equipment is getting done. It's a 2-day progress and will need security while being done.

Visitor's Comments

Natalie Matthews Asanti thanked the Mayor and Council for helping with the Pierce Cemetery. She wanted to invite everyone to the Community Meet & Greet on May 25th at 1:00 P.M.

Old Business

Discuss and act on Barking Dog Ordinance Amendment- 2nd reading. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Short Term Rental Ordinance- 2nd Reading. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on E-Bike Ordinance. Mayor said they are riding scooters and E-Bikes on the health trail and are not yielding to pedestrians, nor stopping at stop signs throughout town. Lori said it's good to see kids out but there needs to be rules in place. Parents aren't teaching safety and someone is going to get hurt. The law says under 15 must wear a helmet and all must adhere to traffic rules. Brochures can be made and handed out to the students before school is out. Chief Hogan said the police department will work on a handout and flyer we can post on Facebook. Table until more information is received for Council to review.

Discuss and act on Recycling Bin possible relocations. Options are Police Department, Church of God, Tudors, on corner of Daniels Sreet, Memorial Building, and PK-8 at tennis courts. Brian Good moved to relocate the recycling bin to Tudors to see how it goes and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Fire Service Fee. Carl sent copies of the Fire Fee Proposal to all Council members to review. Okey said he had talked to Richard at Comfort Inn and he feels he will take a hit with the Fire Fee. Mayor said she felt to start out at the lower portion of the fee and see how that goes instead of maxing out in the beginning. John talked to Richard also and he is for it but feels people will look at price and if everyone isn't doing the fees it could hurt his business. Gabe said it is

a process and it would be better to start lower and then bump it up if we need to. John would like to have 4 full-time employees starting out. They could apply for a grant to help with the hiring of 3 people. Fire Chief Vernon feels the only way to continue to provide fire protection and other emergency services by the Fire Department is to impose a reasonable and necessary fire service fee. Carl said to check with HR folks on helping with an employee handbook.

Discuss and act on Authorization to Proceed with Legal Action on 2025 Fireworks Contract. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Zenda Vance moved to go into executive session to discuss police personnel issues. Council went into Executive Session at 7:03 P.M. and reconvened at 7:21 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Gabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L. Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L. Vance