

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on June 4, 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, and Brian Good. Also present were Chief of Police Ty Hogan, Town Attorney Carl Harris, Fire Chief John Vernon, Treasurer Kathy Williams, and Town Manager Matt Diederich.

Stanley Boyd offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Good.

Previous Minutes & Financial Report

Review and approval of minutes from May 7, 2026. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of minutes from May 21, 2026. Lori Tabit 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

2nd Avenue Bridge project is moving right along. Terradon 30% plan is under review. PFR will be next.

Appointments

Appoint Chris Whisenhunt to the Board of Park and Recreation to fill unexpired term of 6/4/26 to 7/31/27. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-1. Okey abstained his vote because he didn't know the appointee.

Council & Respective Board Comments

Brian Good said they had a Park Board meeting today and had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground equipment. Looking forward to the 4th of July. Lots of people coming to Town and Park.

Lori Tabit said the flowers are starting to look good. Hanging baskets are up and working on other areas.

Okey Skidmore said the Cemetery board has voted to raise prices for the plots and crypts.

Zenda Vance said she is excited about the Heritage Festival on July 3rd and 4th. She thanked Josh Davis for building the soapbox derby cars for the race. Lots of different things are going on for the 2 days. Prizes will be given for different events. \$250 for a lot of the first prize awards.

Stanley Boyd said it is good news about the 2nd Avenue bridge.

Gabe Peña said Water Quality Board received bids for construction on House Branch project. Waiting on language of update from WVU on regulations on single dwellings and single family with the ADU possibilities. Must have Ordinance in line by 1/1/27. May 14 & 28 had public hearing on biking trail behind old White Horse property. Fifteen people came out. Homeowners seemed fine with it if it doesn't come up in neighborhood. They would like to see homeowners have small strip of property behind their homes.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See attachment

Police Department; See attachment

Town Manager: See attachment

Visitor Comments N/A

Unfinished Business

Discuss and act on Budget Revision and Revised Budget. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on Digital Relativity proposal to convert out Website for ADA Accessibility-\$2,500. This is required by National Legislation and has to fit all standards. Brian Good moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0. Skidmore voted against.

Discuss and act on opening of Bids for Architectural Services for Town Shop Project. Eleven bids were received. After discussion Council decided it would be best to select a committee to review the bids and narrow it down to 3. The committee will consist of Okey Skidmore, Mark Reed, and Matt Diederich. They will review the bids and let Council know at the next Council meeting who they have chosen for the top 3.

Discuss and act on purchase of K-9 from Makor K-9 for Handler Officer S Gunnoe. Chief Hogan said if the dog doesn't work out we have 2 years to return him. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 5% Cost of Living Adjustment for Town Employees effective July 1, 2026. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on contract renewal with Align Hr. The cost is \$495.00 monthly. Brian Good moved to approve and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on price increases at Huse Memorial Cemetery effective July 1, 2026. After checking we are still lower than the cemeteries in our area. They will rise from \$1100 for opening and closing to \$1400. Opening and closing for Cremains from \$350 to \$700.

Setting fees for Flat Markers and upright markers .60 per sq inch to 1.00 per sq. in. Opening and closing for full burial after 3PM or weekends from \$1300 to \$1650 and opening and closing for cremains Burial after 3PM and weekends from \$550 to \$950. Brian Good moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on election changes. Carl said we must have an election in 2027 to bring in compliance. The Town will have an election in June 2027, and the options are you can have another one in 2028, 2030 or 2032, then every 4 years. Elections must be in with the state/national elections. This will be put on the June 10th agenda.

Gabe moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance