

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on July 2, 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 June 4, 2026. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of Minutes from June 18, 2026. Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd 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.

Proclamation

Mayor Cruikshank read her proclamation for America's 250th Anniversary: Gabe Peña moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0. Mayor Cruikshank then passed out special 250th Anniversary Challenge Coins to all those present, public and council, challenging everyone to remember what our constitution stands for and what freedoms our country has fought for all those years ago and continues to uphold our rights and freedoms today. Remember those who are on the front lines defending those freedoms. Above all remember to be kind and courteous to everyone.

Swearing-In

Police Officer – Joshua Jones

General Comments and Reminders

Matt Diederich said he is waiting for an announcement from the Governor about 2nd Avenue Bridge update. There is a meeting on Monday with DOH to discuss bridge issues.

Mayor Cruikshank told everyone to be cautious of E-Bikes as someone was injured in Town. Chef Hogan said everyone under age 15 must have a helmet. The police will be notifying children and parents they see at the park and on the streets.

Council & Respective Board Comments

Lori Tabit---4th of July weekend and lots of things going on. Glad to see the sidewalk was fixed at Coffee Shop.

Okey Skidmore--- People need to be careful when riding E-Bikes

Zenda Vance—Thanked Kathy Williams for her dedication to the Town for the long hours she works and for getting the budget submitted by end of June. Very much appreciated. Big Festival weekend with lots going on with soapbox derby, lots of kids' games, and what will be a great firework show.

Stanley Boyd—Removed 2 unsafe structures from list and 2 remaining. Looking forward to the opening of the new Welcome Center. Very impressive with the tour he took of the old high school where Hill Hall Hotel will be.

Gabe Peña—Planning and Zoning met and would like to have on the next agenda to meet with WVU Clinic on Trails since there is no mention in ordinances concerning trails.

Department Reports

Fire Department: See attachment

Police Department: See attachment

Town Manager: See attachment

Visitor's Comments

Katie Laner said she has lived here for 15 years and is proud to be here. There was a Pride weekend June 19-21st and posted shuttle buses would be picked up at the Board of Education parking lot only to see where they had blocked it off during the night. The map on the towns website for parking doesn't show where you must have permission to park. Katie wanted to know who made the map that was posted. Matt Diederich said a local artist created the map and some businesses and churches let us use their parking lots for special events and we did get permission from the Board of Education to use after hours for general parking. The Town also gets permission for the July events for bus shuttles, and The Chamber gets permission for Bridge Day each year for shuttles.

Caleb McClung thanked everyone who came out in the community for Pride in Fayetteville. He is concerned about the youth and the need to work with them and talk to them, he works with the City of Morgantown. The parking problem pulled everyone apart. There will be a meeting at the BOE July 14th and present is power.

Jeremy Rush said they didn't have anything to do with BOE. In school at Marshall, they had LGBTQ. He doesn't want people to think they are not allowed in neighborhoods.

Brian Good said when stuff happens, we need to listen. BOE meeting will be a big one and he was burned out on Sunday morning when the lots were unblocked.

Unfinished Business

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

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

Discuss and act on 2nd reading adopting the WV Motor Vehicle Code 301.02. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 2nd reading Election Ordinance revision. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on B&O Tax waiver for House Branch Drainage Basin Project Phase One. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on K9 Policy and Procedures approval. Chief Hogan corrected everything Carl needed corrected. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on lowering speed limit on Fayette Avenue to 15mph or considering other options. This would be starting at Park Drive and to include all of Fayette Circle to Hresan Blvd. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on promotions of patrolmen McGuire, Kees, and Gunnoe each to Patrolman First Class. Rate of Pay from \$26.25 to \$27.25 effective next pay period. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Police Officers and holidays. Chief Hogan said it doesn't benefit officers to work holidays because they get the same pay as the ones get when they don't work. Brian Good moved to approve if an officer works a holiday, he gets an extra day off and it must be taken within the same quarter, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Gabe Peña moved to adjourn the meeting there being no further business. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Mayor Sharon L Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance