

Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on July 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, 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.

Zenda Vance offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sharon Cruikshank.

Mayor called attention to council and those attending, there was a public hearing which was advertised for 6:20P.M. for the closure of Craig Street. So the regular meeting will have to take a recess during that time and will reconvene after said hearing.

Financial Report

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

General Comments and Reminders

Matt informed council that DOH announced Fayetteville has been awarded a \$325,000 Transportation Alternative grant to construct the new Second Avenue Pedestrian Bridge.

Mayor Cruikshank said we have had 2 deaths in our community over the past week; these were people near and dear to all of us and we need to pray for the families.

Visitor's Comments

Dadiya Blysfdzelsius working for the new owners from Water Stone would like to have a Special event with non-intoxicating beer but did not ask in enough time to get it on this agenda and would like to

request Council have a Special Meeting. Mayor asked council to look at the next week and see what they could do.

Hugh McCoy, who lives at Ledgeview Drive, said trees are being removed in the development which is a zoning violation and penalties should be enforced. There are covenants with that housing development with penalties for removal of trees.

Mayor Cruikshank stopped the meeting at 6:20 P.M. to have the public hearing for Craig Street Closure. Edwin Conrad is the attorney for Randy Fisher, Megan Fisher, and Portor Jarrard. He said each property owners would receive part of the street, and he asked if it could be closed and vacated. Attorney Paul Clay represents Gil Wills who owns the other property, said he was not given notice of this public hearing until 4 P.M. yesterday. Mr. Clay said Mr. Wills would be harmed by this abandonment of the street and petition should be rejected because he was not given notice of hearing and petition would not accomplish anything. Carl Harris told both attorneys to present proposed orders to Council.

Public hearing closed and Mayor Cruikshank reconvened with the regular council meeting.

Mr. McCoy continued with his comments. He said this happened after the New River Gorge became a National Park. Town Attorney Carl Harris said Town Manager Matt Diederich is aware of the problem and will contact the development.

Old Business

Discuss and act on 1st reading Fire Fee. Tabled unit changes are made.

Discuss and act on 1st reading (15 mph Fayette Ave. including all of Fayette Circle up to Hresan Blvd.) Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 1st reading adding E-bikes to Article 309. Zenda Vance moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

New Business

Discuss and act on closure of Craig Street. Tabled until we receive proposed orders.

Discuss and act on selection of Architectural Firm for the Town Shop Project. Okey Skidmore moved to approve ZMM Architects & Engineers and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on opening bids for 3 Dodge Durango for the Police Department. One bid was received by Northside. Two cars would be \$43,132 and one car would be \$43,650, due to it being a different color. This would be through County Roads Leasing and was approved at the March budget meeting. Gabe Peña moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission to work with WVU Land Use Clinic for a Subdivision Audit contract not to exceed \$17,000. This section has not been updated since 1974. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on ADU Changes as recommended by the Planning Commission to comply with State Law changes. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on removal of 2 parking spots on N. Court Street. This is considered the 1st reading and the second will be at next council meeting. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Sub Lease for Welcome Center, Green Space and Parking Lot from Building Commission. We can use the same

insurance we already have. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded the motion. Okey Skidmore opposed. Motion carries 5-0.

Zenda Vance moved to go into Executive Session for Legal Advice. Council went into Executive Session at 7:02 P.M. and reconvened at 7:21 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Council will have a Special Meeting on July 23rd at 4 P.M.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:21P.M.

Mayor Sharon Cruikshank

Recorder Zenda L Vance