Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 17, 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 was Town Manager Matt Diederich. Town Attorney Carl Harris, Treasurer Kathy Williams, Fire Chief John Vernon, and Chief of Police Ty Hogan.

Prayer was offered by Stanley Boyd.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cruikshank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Cruikshank said due to the advertisement of the Public Comment that Carl Harris asked that we move the Public Comment Meeting 1st and move #1 from Old Business immediately afterwards.

Mayor Cruikshank opened the Public Comments for the Proposed Fire Fee.

Jack Hoblitzell from Kay Casto spoke on behalf of Greg Bays the owner of Bear Mountain Campground, who objects to the proposed fire fee and said it is unfair and does not include all businesses who rely on the fire department. He was also representing Hill Hall Hotel, who was not notified prior to the first reading. He asked for more information on whether there was a need for paid firefighters? Where being emergencies not met? So, both his clients are against the fire fee.

Doug Hanks from Star Farms Campground is against the fire fee. Found out just by chance about the fire free.

Ross Cherry from The Outpost Campground is against the fire fee.

Laura Kreger who owns the Rifrafters Campground against fire fee. She didn't know about the proposal until a little while ago.

Mayor Cruikshank asked if there was anyone on Zoom who wanted to speak during these public comments.

Hearing none the Public Comments were closed at 6:14 P.M.

Moving to the section of Old Business

Discuss and act on 2nd reading Fire Fee. Dies for lack of action.

General Comments and Reminders

Presentation

USDA/NRCS- Wolf Creek Dam Removal Update

Christi Hicks and Hanah Thacker presented the alternatives review of the dam. NRCS is exploring options for removing the dam. The purpose is to improve watershed protection by removing an obsolete and unneeded dam on Wolf Creek. There is a need to restore natural conditions, reduce threats to human health and safety, reduce threats to downstream water users, improve aquatic conditions, and improve the recreational potential of Wolf Creek and surrounding areas.

Visitor's Comment

Mark Bass said he has been in the Fire Department for over 50 years. He said three members are 75-year-olds and that is who your daytime firefighters are. Council needs to address the problem now or it will get worse and they will lose firefighters. You have a critical situation, and the fee is the only way to build the fund to build the department.

Greg Bays has been in the fire department for 24 years. He said if the fire fee passed people would have to pay $5 a night to stay in their own camper. He said the Fire Department has never had a problem in the past answering calls and doesn't feel they need paid firefighters. We have great mutual aid with the surrounding municipalities, and we have the Fire Levy.

Appointments

Reappointment of Melanie Sieler to the Huse Memorial Park Board 9-17-2026 to 8-1-2031. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reappointment of Stella Blake to the Huse Memorial Park Board 9-17-2026 to 8-1-2031. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reappointment of Caleb Bailes to the Historical Board 9-17-2026 to 8-16-2029. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Reappointment of Elissa Williams to the Board of Zoning Appeals 9-17-2026 to 8-1-2029. Lori Tabit moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and act on 2nd reading removing 2 parking spots at 239 N. Court Street. No action taken as this was approved at a prior meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and act on promotion of J.H. Rice from Corporal to Sergeant. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on promotion of J.P. Hannigan from PFC to Corporal. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on flex policy approval for police policy and procedures. No action taken as this was approved at a prior meeting.

Discuss and act on half payment on TIF to Jackson & Kelly. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 2020 Dump Truck to own through Country Roads Leasing for $156,900. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Phase 1 fee proposal from ZMM for the Town Shop Project. This is for the design and the price is $8,500. Okey Skidmore moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on change in allocation from the 1% sales tax to build funds for the new Town Shop from each section of either 3%, 5% or 7%. (See worksheet). This is just to start the funds, at the next budget meeting council will need to look at the amount to pull from each current allocation or create a new item. Okey Skidmore moved to approve a 7% deduction from each and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on annual updates for Employee Handbook. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Stanley Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on hiring a from desk person effective start date October 5th. Table until September 24th Special meeting.

There being no further business Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

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Mayor Sharon L Cruikshank **Recorder Zenda L Vance**