Fayetteville Town Council met in Regular Session on September 3, 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.

Eric Snuffer with Fayetteville Ministerial Association offered prayer.

Mayor Cruikshank called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance was Mayor Cruikshank.

<u>Previous Minutes & Financial Report</u>

Review and approval of Minutes from August 20, 2026. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of Minutes from August 28, 2026. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Brian Good seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

Review and approval of financial report. Lori Tabit moved to approve and Brian Good seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

<u>General Comments and Reminders</u>

Mayor stated the newsletter for September is ready for people to pick up. The Welcome Center should be opening within the next week. Very excited to finally have handicap accessible facilities in town. September 25th the Town is Going Pink from 9-5 in Memory of Dolly Parton. Dress in Pink and bring a new book to donate to the library or write a check to her Imagination Library. Coming up on October 6th is the grand opening of Hill Hall Hotel at 3PM.

<u>Council & Respective Board Comments</u>

Zenda Vance said people are complaining about the 1st house going up Grace Street with all the vines and weeds growing up. Vermin have

been seen coming out from the property. Also coming out of Laurel Street across from PK-8 when looking to the right there is weeds growing up and you can't see if traffic is coming to pull out. People still want to know why the Post Office is not handicapped accessible entry. A lot of people can't climb the steps. Stanley Boyd said the Lions Club is hesitant to paint steps with caution paint do to the stability of the stairs where the concrete is crumbling.

Stanley Boyd wanted to know if there was any update on the sink holes at end of Keller Avenue. Glad to see the rough road up High Street has been paved. On the Route 16 trees have been removed that had fallen during the last storm.

Gabe Peña said they are working on the sub-division of the trail. E. L. Robinson is looking at the drainage issues with all the flooding. He would like to use some of the 1% tax for repairs and improvement on trails.

Brian Good said fall is coming, and the park looks like spring. Flowers look great. It's good to see the Police Department patrolling the park. You feel safe in this Town and it's good to have that safe feeling. Mayor Cruikshank said groundwork is starting for the Children's Memorial which will be a wonderful place for reflection.

Lori Tabit said the Welcome Center looks great and the flowers in Town. She has talked to Daine about what to put in the bump out on the corner by the bank.

Okey Skidmore said the Cemetery is fully staffed and seeing good progress in the gravesites which needed care. Some flat stones are being reset, and other sites are being leveled out. In County news, the Memorial Building is starting to show some care. He said Chuck Miller has gone out of his way to help get things done.

<u>Department Reports</u>

Fire Department: See Attachment

Police Department: See Attachment

Town Manager: See Attachment

<u>Visitor's Comments</u>

Mary Rahall talked about the flooding on Fayette Avenue. She said there was 2" on water in the basement of a house they own. She thinks the water is coming off the hillside of Maple Avenue. She thinks the engineers put the drainpipe on the opposite side of the drainage. She feels a drainage pipe would help correct the other side of road. Gabe told her there will be a Water Quality Board meeting September 22nd at 5 pm to discuss the drainage issues and she is welcome to attend.

Chuck Miller introduced himself to Council. He is currently appointed to County Commission after the death of Greg Fernett and see seeking to fill the position on the November ballot. He said we all need to work together to get things done. He thanked everyone who came out and helped get the bridge repaired after the flooding at the Fayette County Animal Shelter. He is working to get the flame burning at the Memorial Building that has been out for quite a while and looking forward to seeing more activity there. He said the job is a 24/7 position, and he wants to see things happen in Fayette County and not just talk about it.

Mayor Cruikshank asked to move #5 under New Business to first of agenda.

Discuss and act on Fayette Ministerial Association Mini Fest October 4, 2026, at Town Park. They will offer free pizza, snacks, live music, door prizes, face painting, and giveaways. Brian Good said they would need to meet with the Park Board to get pre-approved and then it goes back to Council for final approval. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Lori Tabit seconded the motion pending approval from Park Board. Motion carries 6-0.

Unfinished Business

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

Discuss and act on 2nd reading ADU Changes per State Code. Stanley Boyd moved to approve and Zenda Vance seconded. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 1st reading removing 2 parking spots at 239 N. Court Street. Stanley Boyd moved to approve, and Okey Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on 1st reading Employee Handbook. Table until Council can review.

New Business

Discuss and act on B&O Waiver for 2026 Paving Project. Matt Diederich asked for the waiver because it's basically like the Town charges the vendor for the B & O, then pays back. Zenda Vance moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on sidewalks for repairing sections of Maple Avenue, Fayette Avenue, Wiseman Avenue, and Court Street. List of what needs repaired or replaced. Cracks in sidewalks can be cut out and repaired but if more than that an outside contractor would need to be hired to replace the sidewalk with whole sections. Mayor Cruikshank said the wording needs to be changed in the sidewalk levy because most of the money goes toward paving. We could use some of the 1% sales tax money so citizens wouldn't have to pay fee, it would fit under the citizen services. If the sidewalk is on owners' property the Town would need permission and we currently have the policy which the property owner pays for the materials and the town pays the labor. We could have a future Community meeting and discuss.

Discuss and act on boot allowance for part-time employees at Huse Cemetery. The stipend is $200. Okey Skidmore moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Discuss and act on Cleaning Proposal Bridge & Broom for all Town Buildings. This is a local business and is the only one with license and available. They could start mid-September. The fee will go up $125 and but they will do windows also. Zenda Vnce moved to approve, and Gabe Peña seconded the motion. Motion carries 6-0.

Zenda Vance moved into an Executive Session to discuss legal issues. Council went into Executive Session at 7:04 P.M. and reconvened at 7:10 P.M. with no decisions rendered.

Zenda Vance moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

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