

# Town of Faison

January 3, 2024

Mayor  
William “Billy” Ward, II

Commissioners:

Christy Allen  
Kenneth Avent, Jr.  
Lee Kennedy  
Sandy McCarty (absent)  
Carlos Quintanilla (absent)

Others Attending:  
Law Office of Joseph Ezzell, PLLC  
Sharon Lee, Town Clerk  
Jimmy Tyndall, Executive Administrator

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## **Board Meeting**

Mayor Ward opened the board meeting at 7:00pm. Mayor Ward opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ward presented the agenda. Sharon Lee stated that she would like to add the Southern Software agreement to the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agenda with the addition and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Mayor Ward asked Andrew Taylor to address the board. Andrew Taylor stated that he was President of Faison Improvement Group (FIG) and he was here to discuss the Farmer’s Day parade. Faison Improvement Group would like to have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Farmer’s Day parade this year on March 23, 2024. This year we would like to have vendors and maybe some music so we would like to have the roads closed from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm with the anticipation that it ends at 2:00pm. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve FIG to have the parade and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Mayor Ward asked Sandra Krantz to address the board. Sandra Krantz reported that she is here to discuss the senior site at the recreation center stating that she was concerned about the meals on wheels ending. This has been an ongoing thing not having enough attendees to continue with the program and she was wondering if the board had any ideas that we could do to increase attendance or can the town pay for the meals to be served to the ones that do attend. Elizabeth Taylor with the Senior Services spoke about the program and if there are not enough numbers to support the program it must be suspended because it is grant funded.

Mayor Ward presented the December 6, 2023 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the comment forms.

Mayor Ward stated that Matthew Scott is not here tonight but basketball is starting soon.

Mayor Ward reported that we received a donation check from a citizen for \$100,000.00 and for it to be used for equipment and or vehicles. Last month our auditor reported that our water sewer assets were at the place that we need to start replacing some assets. Billy Mello has been working on getting bids for a dump truck, work truck, excavator, and trailer. Bids for used Dump Truck are 1- Eastern Wrecker Sales Inc. - \$ 73,500.00, 2 – Lilley International – Raleigh - \$ 77,500.00, 3 – Phelps Truck Sales Inc. - \$ 68,900.00 (salvage title). Bids for work truck – 1 – Impex Auto Sales - \$ 24,414.00, 2 – Bleecker Buick GMC - \$ 24,500.00, 3 – Nissan Roanoke Rapids - \$ 25,083.00. Bids for Excavator are 1 – R.S. Braswell Co. - \$ 35,500.00, 2 – Mid-Atlantic Power & Equipment - \$ 43,950.00, Gregory Poole Equipment Co. - \$ 56,500.00. Bids on trailer - Kellys Sales – 7ft x 20ft - \$ 4,800.00, 7ft x 22 ft - \$ 6,800.00. Sharon Lee stated that if the board wanted to approve these purchases, she had an amended budget ordinance and budget amendments to approve to make these purchases. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to purchase the 2015 International dump truck from Eastern Wrecker Sales Inc for \$73,500.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to purchase the 2021 Chevrolet Colorado from Impex Auto Sales for \$24,424.00 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy passed. All in favor 3/3. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to purchase the 2017 Bobcat excavator from R.S. Braswell Company for \$ 35,500.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to purchase the 7ft x 20ft trailer from Kellys Sales for \$ 4,800.00 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed. All in favor 3/3. Sharon Lee presented a resolution to appropriate water and sewer funds for assets. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the resolution and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 3/3. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve Budget Amendment #9 to appropriate funds to purchase the equipment and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the amended budget ordinance to include the donation and appropriated funds for the purchases and seconded Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Mayor Ward presented budget amendment # 10 to move money to cover expenses for lawn mower services. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve budget amendment #10 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Jimmy Tyndall gave a brief update on the demolition of the old gym. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we have removed trees from the park and are installing tile to make room for additional parking. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we have had a lot of interest in bids on the demolition.

Mayor Ward stated that he and Matthew Scott interviewed Octavio Hurtado, Jr. to work part time for the recreation department. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to hire Octavio Hurtado, Jr. to work part time at the recreation department at \$10.00 per hour and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the Tax Release for Q's Trucking. Sharon Lee stated that the county has released the taxes for Q's Trucking that we billed in error. Motion made by

Commissioner Allen to approve the tax release for Q's Trucking and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the Southern Software agreement. Sharon Lee stated that each year Southern Software has sent their agreement for software updates and customer service in the amount of \$ 4,813.00. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agreement with Southern Software and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 3/3.

Commissioner Avent reported that the Community Garden did get their sign installed.

Commissioner Kennedy gave a report on the Fire Department. Commissioner Kennedy reported that the Fire Department is in the process of getting their 501C reinstated where it had fallen through the cracks and the CPA said that they are hoping to have this fixed within the next 30 days.

Motion made by Commissioner Avent to close at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

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William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

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Sharon Lee, Town Clerk