

Town of Faison

March 5, 2025

Mayor
William “Billy” Ward, II

Commissioners:

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

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

Board Meeting

Mayor Ward opened the board meeting at 7:00pm with a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Ward stated let the record show Commissioner Sandy McCarty is here at the meeting.

Mayor Ward presented the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agenda with the additions seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that we have two public comments, Ron Oates and George Carr. Ron Oates stated that he was here to talk about the 250-year celebration that will take place next year. Ron Oates stated that he was here to talk about the celebration and offer to donate \$1,000.00 to FIG for some signs for the town to install. Ron Oates stated that he would like the town to purchase signs for I-40 and he would like to see new flags for downtown area that will not tangle up and he has one that he would like to donate. George Carr asked if a donation button could be put on the town website and if the town could not do it, they could put one on the FIG website. George Carr stated that the 3 flag poles here in front of town hall looked nice and would like to see putting the same at the ball field and the soccer field if between FIG, donations and the town we can budget for this before the 250-year celebration. George Carr stated that in preparation for the parade we have organized Feet on the Street cleanup this Saturday at 10 am at Mike and Lissa Stempek’s house if anyone can help.

Mayor Ward presented February 5, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the regular board meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to report on the recreation department. Matthew Scott reported that he met with members of FIG to talk about the Easter Egg Hunt and will post a flyer soon. The shelter at the park has started going up this week. The after-school program is going well but we do need 2 new teachers for next school year. There is a bring your town's best All-Star basketball team's tournament in Snow Hill March 22nd and we put together a 12U and 15U All Star team to go and play in their tournament. Matthew Scott stated that we have volleyball and soccer starting this weekend. We will start advertising flag football and I would like to start an adult volleyball league to start in May. Mayor Ward asked the board to accept the resignation letter for Faith Payton. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to accept the resignation letter and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to allow Matthew Scott to advertise for two new teachers for after-school program for year 25-26 and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented Carolyn Kenyon to fill the vacancy on the planning board. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to appoint Carolyn Kenyon to the planning board and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked the board to schedule a budget work session. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to schedule a budget work session for March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented a quote from White's Tree Removal to remove the trees on Main Street because some have died and the others are looking bad and are going to die out and remove a tree limb here on Center Street in front of the old garage. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the removal and bid of \$ 3,450.00 from White's Tree Removal and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to present the bids to purchase a new backhoe. Jimmy Tyndall presented bids as follows: James River Equipment - \$ 134,298.30 plus they will allow us \$8,000.00 for the old backhoe, Gregory Poole Equipment Co. - \$ 143,474.17 no trade in allowance, Company Wrench - \$ 145,828.25 no trade in allowance. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to purchase the new backhoe and allow the trade of the old backhoe to James River Equipment for \$ 134,298.30 and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that Billy Mello got quotes for Christmas trees to replace the tree across the road because it has constantly been hard to keep the lights on it working each year. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to remove the tree and purchase the 3 trees from Display Sales 12ft - \$1,635.00, 16ft - \$2,174.00 and 25ft - \$4,184.00 totaling \$ 7,993.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the bid for new awnings at town hall from Sign & Awning System, Inc. in the amount of \$ 4,115.00 to replace the 3 awnings at town hall and install new awning on building next door. Sharon Lee stated that we did not get bids again from the previous company's because this bid was lower than the bids from 2022. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to approve the bid for the awnings from Sign & Awning Systems, Inc. for \$4,115.00 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked the board for monthly Commissioner reports. Commissioner Kennedy stated that the Fire Department did good on their inspection. Commissioner Kennedy asked if we could do anything about trucks leaving the pickle plant on College and Center Street because a truck

jackknifed during the storm and the fire department had to sit there for hours. Jimmy Tyndall stated that he had spoken with the Pickle Plant and DOT about this area and they are looking to fix that issue and provide a wider turning radius.

Mayor Ward reminded everyone about the Feet on the Street cleanup this Saturday and the parade the following Saturday, March 15 2025 at 11:00am.

Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk