

Town of Faison

March 6, 2024

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

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 adding Close Session minutes, Budget Amendments and Meals on Wheels program. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the agenda with the additions and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward introduced David Long, Jr. with ECU Health Duplin to address the board. Mr. David Long stated that he was new to the hospital and the area, he wanted to come and meet everyone.

Mayor Ward presented the February 7, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Mayor Ward presented the February 7, 2024 Closed Session meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the comment forms.

Mayor Ward stated that Matthew Scott was not here tonight to report on the recreation center but Jimmy Tyndall has a few things to discuss on recreation. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they had been working on framing the closet for the after-school supplies today. Matthew Scott would like to seek the board’s approval to offer flag football and summer basketball. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to allow the flag football and summer basketball if it does not interfere with Calypso’s flag football and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Jimmy Tyndall

stated that we had received enough donations through the sponsorship program to install the lights at the soccer field. The conduit in the bathrooms have been run and we are prepared to wire it and we hope to have enough funding left over to finish what needs to be done at the concession stand.

Mayor Ward asked to schedule a budget work session. Budget work session is scheduled for March 11, 2024 at 7pm at the town hall.

Mayor Ward stated that there is a State Dinner in Goldsboro on April 10th and the NCLM is offering a free training day on June 4th in Goldsboro that would be good for anyone that can attend and we need a head count by Friday.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to update the gym demolition. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they started yesterday and everything was good except the cost of the abatement will increase around \$ 5,000.00 but it will be covered in the grant.

Mayor Ward stated that we need to hire some teachers to fill in for the after-school program and another employee to help Matthew Scott with the soccer program. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to hire Novian Williams at \$10.00 per hour for the recreation department and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to hire Beth Painter at \$14.00 per hour for the after-school program and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to hire Essie Hicks at \$14.00 per hour for the after-school program and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to hire Carolyn Kenyon at \$14.00 per hour for the after-school program and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the Grant Project Ordinance. Sharon Lee presented the Grant Project Ordinance for the ARP funds stating that the date on the Ordinance was changed to reflect that we spent the revenue replacement funds as of July 2023. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the Grant Project Ordinance and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward asked the Commissioner for a report on their areas of responsibility. Commissioner Avent stated that George Carr stated that they had pruned the trees and worked on the flower beds and there are various greens over there right now and they plan to work on the grapevines and trellises. Commissioner Allen stated that the work on the cemetery looks good.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the budget amendments. Sharon Lee presented Budget Amendment #11 for recreation. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve budget amendment #11 and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Sharon Lee presented Budget Amendment #12 for the Powell Bill fund. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve Budget Amendment #12 and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 5/5. Sharon Lee presented Budget Amendment #13 for the Water Sewer Fund. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve budget amendment #13 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 5/5.

Mayor Ward stated that Melissa Brown Director of the Serviced for the Aged contacted him to let him know that they would be ending the meals on wheels program in Faison on March 15, 2024 but the county will offer transportation for the seniors who want to continue to participate to the

program to the Kenansville location and the frozen meals will be delivered to the gym for those signed up for the frozen meals.

Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to close the meeting at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk