

# Town of Faison

April 3, 2024

Mayor  
William "Billy" Ward, II

Commissioners:

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

Others Attending:  
Law Office of Joseph Ezzell, PLLC  
Anne Letchworth, Assistant Town Clerk  
Billy Mello, Public Works Director  
Matthew Scott, Recreation Director

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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. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agenda and seconded by Commissioner McCarty, and it passed. All in favor 4/4.

Mayor Ward presented the March 6, 2024, regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed. All in favor 4/4. Mayor Ward presented the March 11, 2024, Budget Work Session meeting minutes. Commissioner Kennedy stated that we need to correct the name of the mayor listed as Carolyn Kenyon to Mayor Billy Ward. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the minutes with the correction of the mayor's name and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 4/4.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to give a recreation update. Matthew stated that the spring volleyball and soccer would be coming to an end over the next two weeks and that it has been a great season. Matthew Scott stated that he is currently doing a big push for Afterschool on-line registration for next year, as well as for flag football and basketball for the summer. He will be passing out flyers at North Duplin and Hargrove schools next week and has flyers and signs up to promote and ask for help in spreading the word by sharing on Facebook. Matthew Scott stated that the soccer lights were finished yesterday at the sports complex, and it is now set up where we can flip a switch and light up the whole complex. The biggest thing going on right now is on-line registration instead of having people fill out paperwork or coming into the gym to sign up.

Commissioner McCarty asked if the afterschool program came out ok financially since we didn't have as many sign-ups as we planned for. Matthew Scott stated that we did make money and we are in the clear. We had budgeted for three teachers, and we only have two. Matthew Scott stated that for the majority of the time we have had 20 kids signed up and we have space for 36. The goal is by mid-summer to have 36 signed up and to start advertising for a third teacher. Commissioner McCarty asked if registrations were accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Matthew confirmed that registrations are handled that way except for those that are registered now are automatically given an option to sign up. Matthew Scott stated that by adding flag football and basketball, we now offer year-round sports. Matthew stated that the Easter Egg hunt was a great success. Mayor Ward commended Matthew for the great job with the event. Matthew stated that next year when planning events, he plans to have parent committees and have parents more involved with events.

Mayor Ward stated that the planning board met last month and has 2 items that they have approved and now need to be approved by the Town. The first one is on Maple Street/Winnifred Street, someone is looking at the lot for sale and the planning board approved for them to build a stick built one story single duplex, it is zoned for R6, so it is allowed in that area. He is planning to build a 1600-foot two apartment complex. If the board approves, the motion will need to state that he has to meet the setback requirements for that building and he can only build one building on that property. Attorney Joey Ezzell stated that if the buyer is not violating any zoning or ordinances, he does not see why there needs to be board approval. Attorney Ezzell recommended that we table this until more information can be obtained from Jimmy Tyndall to see if there was a particular reason that this needs board approval. Mayor Ward agreed that we would table.

Mayor Ward stated the next approval requested by the planning board is regarding the subdivision on 403. Mayor Ward provided a copy of the subdivision layout. Mayor Ward said that everything has been approved, they can build stick-built or modular homes on those properties according to what is already zoned, and they have added a turnaround for fire trucks as per the Fire Marshall's requirements. Commissioner McCarty stated that they have to have septic tanks on each of the lots so the town can provide water but not sewer for the subdivision. Attorney Joey Ezzell stated he's not sure why the board would need to give approval if all of the building requirements have been met and permits have been obtained. Mayor Ward stated that we will table the decision until we get more information from Jimmy Tyndall.

Mayor Ward presented the audit contract from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., for approval. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the contract and seconded by Commissioner Allen, and it passed. All in favor 4/4.

Mayor Ward presented budget amendment #14 for approval for water/sewer. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve budget amendment #14 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed. All in favor 4/4.

Mayor Ward stated that we need to schedule a budget work session. The meeting was set for April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mayor Ward asked Public Works Director, Billy Mello to provide information on the soccer field parking lot lights. Billy stated that the cost is \$139.00 per month, and we just need to have board approval and sign the contract to proceed. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the contract for the soccer field lights and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed. All in favor 4/4.

Mayor Ward asked for a report on the areas of responsibility. Commissioner Allen stated that at the cemetery meeting, Mrs. Anne Taylor would like to have more clarification on the Green Burial and would like to get more detailed information from Jimmy Tyndall. Attorney Ezzell stated that we need to adopt an ordinance defining where you can and cannot bury someone. Mayor Ward stated that Attorney Ezzell and Jimmy Tyndall need to discuss and set ordinance guidelines.

Commissioner Avent stated that Joe Oakes had taken care of tilling the community garden and that various vegetables are being planted, and a bicycle rack has been added. Commissioner Avent said that people are leaving trash and broken glass around the area. Public Works Director, Billy Mello stated that they have started going by there on their morning rounds and picking up the trash.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that the fire department was having a lot of calls and staying very busy.

Mayor Ward reviewed the upcoming events and stated that we will also add FIG meetings to upcoming events. The next FIG meeting will be April 30, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to adjourn the meeting 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

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Anne Letchworth, Assistant Town Clerk