

# Town of Faison

August 7, 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  
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 adding the Extension for Water Plant repair. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agenda with the addition and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Commissioner Kennedy to discuss the Hurricane Preparedness Community Forum that is scheduled for August 21, 2024. Commissioner Kennedy reported that they will be having the Hurricane Preparedness Community Forum at the fire department August 21, 2024 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. with meteorologist, Erik Heden from the National Weather Service to do the presentation. Attorney Ezzell questioned having a quorum at the meeting. Commissioners McCarty and Avent said they would attend the meeting. Sharon Lee stated that she would find out if other Commissioners could attend.

Mayor Ward presented the July 10, 2024, Legislative public hearing meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented the July 10, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the regular board meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the Comment Forms.

Mayor Ward presented a resignation letter from Adam Brown resigning from the Recreation Committee. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to accept Adam Brown’s resignation letter and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner

Avent to appoint Luis Villalon to the Recreation Committee and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to report on the recreation department. Matthew Scott stated that next Saturday is Movie night that FIG is sponsoring at the gym with a free hot dog dinner and movie following. We are having a good turnout for summer basketball on Saturdays this month. Our after-school open house will be August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 at the gym. Jimmy Tyndall reported that as of now we have 31 students registered. We have just opened fall soccer and volleyball this week and already have kids signed up.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to discuss the Utility Rate amendment. Sharon Lee stated that we need to amend the rate for the Pickle Plant to add a rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons for all gallons over 1,000,000 gallons. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to amend the utility rate for the pickle plant and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented budget amendments #25 & #26. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve budget amendment #25 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve budget amendment #26 and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that he had hired Brent Turner part time at \$10.00 per hour. Mayor Ward recommended that his rate be increased to \$12.00 per hour. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla pay Brent Turner \$12.00 per hour part time until the next board meeting and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Commissioner McCarty stated that while we are discussing personnel, I would like to address the fact that the Mayor is allowed to hire part time employees at \$10.00 an hour. I don't have a problem with that but I feel like we need some guidelines to follow. Commissioner McCarty stated that Mayor Ward just recently hired his brother-in-law, which did not work out, but I do not feel that should have happened. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty that if the mayor feels there is conflict of interest in hiring an individual it must go before the Personnel Committee first and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to increase the mayor's hire rate for part time personnel to \$12.00 per hour and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to present the extension date for the Water Plant. Jimmy Tyndall stated that all the material has been delivered, not to our property but it is all in and the start date is August 19, 2024. Jimmy Tyndall said that we are going to have to bring water into our plant from the Eldon Thornton well while they are repairing it so it will cost more money and time so we will have to use the money in contingency creating change order #2. Jimmy Tyndall stated if something happens and we need more money added to this repair the town would have to pay for the additions if needed. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve change order #2 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to adjourn the meeting 7:41 pm seconded by Commissioner Kennedy.

Respectfully Submitted:

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William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

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Sharon Lee, Town Clerk