

Town of Faison

February 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

Board Meeting

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

Mayor Ward presented the agenda with the additions, Audit Contract, Planning Board, Memorial Day, Equipment Purchase, Southern Bank, Budget Amendment for NC Rural Transformation Grant. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the agenda with the additions seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Hannah Helbig to address the board. Hannah Helbig stated that she was a member of FIG and she is on the committee for the 250-year celebration for the Town of Faison. FIG would like permission to have a pancake fundraiser at the gym February 22, 2025 to help raise money for this project to pay for fireworks. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to allow the pancake fundraiser at the gym on February 22, 2025 and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented January 8, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the regular board meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented the January 8, 2025 legislative public hearing meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward George Carr to address the board about the community garden. George Carr stated that he wanted to see if the town could purchase a tiller for the Community Garden in the next budget year. George Carr stated that they were going to have a cleanup day on March 8th at 10:00 am at Mike and Lissa Stempek’s house and would like to invite everyone to participate.

Mayor Ward stated that Matthew Scott asked to be off tonight. Mayor Ward stated that basketball is coming to an end and he will be working on volleyball and soccer schedules. They have installed the floors in the restrooms at the park and soccer field and here at town hall. The picnic shelter has been installed at the soccer field but they must come back and cut it down. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we had vandalism in the girl's restroom at the park and we had turned over the cameras to the Duplin County Sheriff's Department. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we do need to update the cameras at the park because they are very outdated. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we do have internet at the soccer field for the sole purpose of putting up cameras and that is all.

Mayor Ward presented the delinquent tax list. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve to advertise the delinquent tax list and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Lissa Stemppek if she would like to address the board about Jake Brake Ordinance. Lissa Stemppek stated that she wanted to know if the board would consider a Jake Brake Ordinance to try to stop the big trucks from using Jake Brakes when there is no reason for it. Motion Made by Commissioner Allen to move forward on preparing a Jake Brake Ordinance and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that we have found a white 2021 Traverse at CMA's Rocky Mount Toyota for \$28,326.67. This vehicle will be used for traveling to meetings, training and for recreation to pick up items for the gym. We did budget \$30,000.00 to purchase a vehicle this year. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to purchase the 2021 Traverse for \$28,326.67 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Auditor Contract for 2025. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the contract with TPSA & Co., P.A. and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that we have a resignation letter from Debbie Vinson Mize for the Planning Board. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the resignation letter and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked if a Commissioner would be available to open the Memorial Day service May 26, 2025 at 9:00am. Commissioner Kennedy agreed to open the Memorial Day service.

Mayor Ward stated that our backhoe is on its last leg and if it went down, we would need a dump trailer to pick up junk. Brewer's Ace Hardware had one that we would rent when we needed one but they sold it. We found a dump trailer from Kelly's Auto Sales for \$9700.00. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to purchase the dump trailer from Kelly's Auto Sales for \$9,700.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to discuss Southern Bank's proposal for Fraud Prevention Services. Sharon Lee stated that Gerald Haywood Quinn and Hillary Jackson presented a proposal for Fraud Prevention Services that they offer to help prevent fraud on checks and ACH payments at a cost of \$50.00 per month for checks and \$20.00 per month for ACH payments. Motion made Commissioner Kennedy approve the proposal for \$70.00 per month for Fraud Prevention Services and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented a Budget Revision Request for the Faison Park and Recreation Improvements (NC Rural Transformation Grant). Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to

approve the Budget Revision Request and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously.

Jimmy Tyndall stated that the library has asked to rearrange the area in the library to better accommodate the kids who are using the library because with the after school more kids are using the library. This will require moving electrical outlets so we will have to include this in the budget for next year.

Commissioner Kennedy stated that they are fixing to have an inspection and I think everything will be good.

Mayor Ward asked for everyone to reach out to people to participate in the parade March 15th.

Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk