

Town of Faison

July 10, 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

Board Meeting

Mayor Ward opened the board meeting at 7:07pm. Mayor Ward opened the meeting with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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

Mayor Ward asked David Helbig to address the board. Pastor David Helbig representing the Faison Methodist Church stated that they had received a grant from Campbell University to host English second language classes free of charge to the residents of Faison and they would like to see if they could have the classes at our Recreation Center free of charge. We would like to plan this for Thursday nights to offer a meal and the class for free for 10 to 12 sessions. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to allow the church to use our Recreation Center free of charge for these classes on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the June 5, 2024, budget 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 June 5, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the regular board meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the Comment Forms.

Mayor Ward presented a resignation letter from Elias Esparza. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to accept the resignation letter for Elias Esparza and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented a resignation letter from Octavio Hurtado, Jr. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to accept the resignation letter for Octavio Hurtado, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to report on the recreation department. Matthew Scott asked the board to hire Ann Howard and Lilly Fulghum to do tennis and softball camps. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to hire Ann Howard for tennis camp and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to hire Lilly Fulghum to do softball camp and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Matthew Scott stated that we got the bleachers in and almost put together at the soccer complex and the bathrooms have electricity, hot water and stall doors with hand dryers being installed next week. Flag Football just ended two weeks ago and we had a good turnout. Basketball games will be held each Saturday in August. Mike Stempek applied for a grant with Goodsports.org through FIG and we received the grant which will provide equipment and supplies for kids like shin guards, socks, cleats, balls, nets etc. FIG will pay \$1,000.00 per out of our sponsorship program.

Mayor Ward presented the attorney contract for Law Office of Joseph Ezzell with no increase this year. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to approve the contract with the Law Office of Joseph Ezzell and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Kornegay Insurance – Property & Casualty Proposal for 2024-25. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the Kornegay Insurance proposal and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked the board if they would like to decide on our Christmas Party and go with the Farm House Restaurant again this year. A decision was made to schedule the party with the Farm House Restaurant for Friday, December 6, 2024 at 11:00, close the office so the employees can go home after they eat.

Mayor Ward presented budget amendments #23 & #24. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve budget amendment #23 and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve budget amendment #24 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Cafeteria Plan resolution for additional insurance for employees to pay for through payroll deductions. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the Cafeteria Plan resolution and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Tax Collector resolution to allow Anne Letchworth to collect taxes. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the resolution and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented a copy of the delinquent taxes.

Mayor Ward stated that Duplin County Municipal Association is having a free ethics training for newly elected and re-elected members for July 31st. Mayor Ward and Commissioners McCarty and

Quintanilla will need this class. If you are available to go to please let us know so we can get you signed up.

Mayor Ward asked for a motion to approve the variance request for 212 E College Street. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the variance request at 212 E College Street and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Avent stated that the Community Garden was looking good with a 90 plus harvest rate.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk