

Town of Faison

November 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 a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ward presented the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the agenda and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented October 2, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the regular board meeting minutes and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented October 2, 2024 closed session board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the Comment Forms.

Mayor Ward asked the representatives from United Bank to address the board. Mrs. Brenda Bass, branch manager of the Mount Olive Branch and introduced Liz Basham and Jo Johnson. Jo Johnson presented a proposal offering free checking including ACH capabilities and a remote deposit scanner at no cost and no monthly fees and interest rate of 2.5% on funds held in Money Market accounts.

Mayor Ward introduced John Frye with NC Capital Management. Mr. John Frye presented a proposal for our money market accounts. Mr. John Frye stated that they don't set their rates because the pool has about 30-day life and it's rolling over all the time. The rates are changing all the time, today's rate is 4.67%. Your funds will be available anytime without a fee to withdraw.

Mayor Ward introduced Gerald Haywood Quinn, Jr. with Southern Bank & Trust. Mr. Quinn presented a proposal offering to continue to waive the service charge fees and offer 2% fixed rate on the money market accounts and 4.24% for 6 months for CD's.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to report on recreation. Jimmy Tyndall stated that Matthew Scott asked for \$ 9,000.00 in the budget to purchase a new treadmill this year but US Fitness came to service the equipment and stated that our equipment just needed some belts and other things done totally \$1,851.59 to repair the equipment. Matthew Scott would like to move the money difference in purchasing the equipment and repairing it to after school program. Jimmy Tyndall presented quotes for the picnic shelters that were budgeted for the park and Matthew Scott would like to put one at the park and one at the soccer complex. The bids are from Superior Metal Structures & Concrete, LLC out of Beulaville. The shelter that will go on the concrete slab at the soccer complex is \$2,550.00 and the shelter at the park is \$6,740.00 for shelter and pouring the concrete slab. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the purchase of the shelters for the park and soccer complex and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward stated that Beth Painter has resigned. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to accept resignation and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward stated that he had hired Veronica Allen at \$12.00 per hour to fill the vacancy and would like for the board to increase her to \$14.00 per hour. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to increase Veronica Allen to \$14.00 per hour and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Avent asked if we could get a timer on the tennis court lights. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we will see if we can get one on them and for the soccer field lights also. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we were near the end of having the courtyard ready for the Dr. William Thornton Memorial which is scheduled for November 22nd at 10:00 am. Jimmy Tyndall asked for permission to close off the area near the monument during the ceremony. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to close the area of park circle for the ceremony and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that Margaret Taylor has agreed to join our Cemetery Committee. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to appoint Margaret Taylor to our Cemetery Committee and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the 2024 longevity list. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the longevity pay and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the TOF Prohibiting Pornography Policy. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve TOF Prohibiting Pornography Policy and seconded Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that we did have the Christmas Party scheduled for December 6th at 11:00 am at the gym catered by The Farm House.

Mayor Ward presented Budget Amendment #2 for recreation. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve Budget Amendment #2 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Sharon Lee asked to appoint a finance committee to help make decisions on our banking. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to appoint Commissioners Avent and Allen to form the finance committee and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk