

# Town of Faison

October 2, 2024

Mayor  
William “Billy” Ward, II

Commissioners:

Christy Allen  
Kenneth Avent, Jr.  
Lee Kennedy-absent  
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 7:00pm. 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 McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Debbie Pate to address the board about helping with citizens in the mountains. Debbie Pate stated that she was hoping that the town could help with collecting items to take to the mountains and possibly adopt a small town like our town. Debbie Pate stated that she felt that we needed to assist them at least until the end of this year and possibly next year because it was going to take them a long time to rebuild. Mayor Ward suggested that we adopt the Town of Old Fort because it was a small town and was basically wiped out. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to adopt the Town of Old Fort and collect items to take to them and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Frances Barksdale to address the board about a water leak. Frances Barksdale stated that her mother was 94 years old with dementia and the children were taking turns staying with her and she received notice that they had a leak but could not find a leak. Ms. Barksdale was here to see if the board would help them with a payment plan until they could find out where the leak was at. Sharon Lee stated that the past due bill was due by Monday in order not to be disconnected and that the \$830.00 bill due October 21<sup>st</sup> had to be paid by November 5<sup>th</sup> unless the board gave them permission to have a payment plan. Jimmy Tyndall stated that we have state guidelines that we have to follow to do adjustments but if they could find out where the leak is at, they might qualify for an adjustment. Attorney Ezzell stated that the town could not do a payment plan with anyone except Malie Barksdale because the account was in her name unless someone had power of attorney for Malie Barksdale. Frances Barksdale stated that her brother did have power of attorney for their mother. Jimmy Tyndall stated that he would go and see if he could help them find out where the leak was if Mr. Barksdale provided them with a copy of the power of attorney and

allow him to go on the property. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to table this until the next meeting if the two outstanding bills being paid one that is due by Monday and the other one by October 21<sup>st</sup> of \$125.00 and the water leak being fixed prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and we will revisit it at the November meeting to see if we can waive any charges or set up a payment plan and they would need to provide a copy of the power of attorney papers and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the September 11, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the regular board meeting minutes with the change and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the Comment Forms. Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to discuss the issues we have with chickens. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they had to shoot them the last time we had several complaints and we would like to avoid that if possible and that we have found a net gun if the board would approve the purchase. Mayor Ward stated that the net gun was a lot of money and the cartridges are expensive and it is hard to put the net back in the gun once fired. Jimmy Tyndall said that he would contact the county animal control on how to eliminate the chicken problem that we have. Attorney Ezzell stated that the county ordinance states that animal control can eliminate animals that cannot be reasonably trapped. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they would have to eliminate them with a pellet gun because it is almost impossible to trap them.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to report on the recreation department. Matthew Scott stated that he had prepared rules and procedures for the after-school teachers. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the rules and procedures for the after-school teachers with one change on the second page to 100% undivided attention and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Matthew Scott presented two applicants for after-school sub teachers for when a teacher is out, Sonya Carter and Jazzmine Bayford. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to hire Sonya Carter and Jazzmine Bayford at \$14.00 per hour and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously. Matthew Scott stated that our soccer and volleyball games start this Saturday. Matthew Scott asked the board if they would consider allowing the recreation staff's children to play ball for free. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to give all employees \$10.00 off for their children to play ball for recreation at the beginning of the next ball season and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that the motion made for the Farmers Day Parade stated that they would fall under our insurance for the parade and we cannot do the insurance for the parade. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the March 15, 2025 Farmers Day Parade and FIG will provide the insurance for the day of the parade and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Halloween resolution. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the Halloween resolution and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the tax release. Sharon Lee stated that the county released the taxes for Carlton Lee Kennedy for \$28.61 and the board needs to approve this release as it should not have been billed. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the tax release and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to present the 4-way stops on Solomon Street. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they had been looking at Solomon Street for some time and it has been a very busy street and we need to do something to slow the traffic down and we think the only way to do this is to put up 4-way stops. Jimmy Tyndall stated that he felt that we needed a 4-way stop at South Church and Solomon Street and South Sampson and Solomon Street. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve putting up a 4-way stop at South Church and Solomon Street and South Sampson and Solomon Street and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to give Matthew Scott a write-up addressing all the issues that have been brought forth tonight and call for a personnel meeting and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to adjourn the meeting 9:08 pm and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

---

William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

---

Sharon Lee, Town Clerk