



# **TOWN OF VANCEBORO**

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
July 13, 2020 at 8:00 PM  
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by Mayor Chad Braxton.
- II. Roll call. **Those Present: Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman Steve Belrose, Alderman Keith Cannon, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Todd McMillen and Alderman Dennis Smith.**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Jones.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Smith made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman McMillen made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Carr Riggs & Ingram – Audit FY18-19. **Mr. James Overton with Carr Riggs & Ingram presented the 2018-19 Audit.**

**Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Audit Report. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.**

- VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Jenkins. We held our first Coffee with a Cop on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Vera's Diner, it went well. The next one will be on August 4<sup>th</sup>. We are monitoring grass for ordinance violations as well as other ordinance issues. Police escort for school deliveries ended on June 10<sup>th</sup>. On June 15<sup>th</sup> we attended CPR training by Vanceboro Rescue. The 2007 Dodge Charger was posted for sale on June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have one interested buyer. SECU donated some office items to the department. Booze it Lose it kickoff was held at Cherry Point on June 29<sup>th</sup>, there were other agencies present from around the State. June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> we conducted a security audit on Vanceboro Farm Life School.

**Alderman Smith made a motion to accept the offer from Michael Anthony of \$2,500 for the 2007 Dodge Charger. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**

- IX. Clerk – Public Works – Truck Purchase. **The Town of Vanceboro had collected four quotes to purchase a new Public Works Department truck.**

**Alderman Jones made a motion to accept quote #169 from Cella Ford for a 2019 Ford F-150 XL 4x2 SuperCab. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 5-0.**

- X. Mayor's Report. **The Town of Vanceboro currently has five homes for sale ranging from \$40K to \$200K, located on College Street, James Street and Farm Life Avenue. We are still under the Executive Order set forth by the Governor Roy Cooper; therefore, we are not turning utilities off at this time. Municipalities should receive some financial help from the CARES Act through Craven County. Congratulations to our seniors of the Class of 2020, a banner has been placed in Vanceboro to acknowledge their accomplishments. Attended Coffee with a Cop at Vera's Diner, this will be taking place the first Tuesday of each month. Birthdays this month include: Mayor Chad Braxton, Officer Justin Whaley, Alderman Steve Belrose, and Alderman Todd McMillen. Longtime resident, Lindsay Smith, passed away this month, our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be missed in our community. The library will be hiring a new head librarian that will split time between Vanceboro and Cove City. Recycling will be picked up on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next Board of Alderman Meeting will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kent Esau will be opening Kent's Country BBQ on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Governor Cooper will be announcing the plans for the school schedule for the upcoming school year. Officer Michael Anthony is back on staff with us until school starts back up. No updates on when the basketball court will be reopening. North Carolina will not be donating \$50K for the Phase II of the Richard W. Bowers Park. We are waiting to hear from the Bate Foundation regarding the grant for the park; it will be in October/November. If you'd like to add your phone number to our Phone Tree to receive messages regarding the Town, please call the Town Hall at 252-244-0919. Make sure you fill out the Census information. Check out our new Town website at: [www.vanceboronc.com](http://www.vanceboronc.com).**

- XI. Alderman Reports.

**Alderman Belrose inquired of where the money would be used from the COVID-19 from Craven County. The Town looks nice; we could use some street repairs.**

**Alderman Cannon stated that the Library Director will be looking for a librarian to split time between the Vanceboro and Cove City libraries.**

**Alderman Jones has been asked about the Town purchasing mausoleum for Celestial Memorial Gardens.**

**Alderman McMillen had no comment.**

**Alderman Smith stated that 307 Second Avenue needs to be posted again. He also asked everyone to keep Alderman McMillen's family in your prayers, his wife's grandmother passed away.**

XII. Public Comment.

**John Thomas – Thomas Engineering out of New Bern spoke about Elks Park located on Bailey Lane. He has a client interested in building homes in this area and would like to speak to the Planning/Zoning Board.**

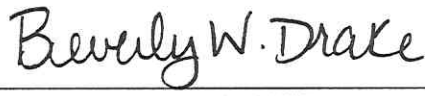
**Mayor Braxton stated that we would get in touch with the Planning/Zoning Board members and arrange a time for them to meet with Mr. Thomas.**

XIII. Adjournment.

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.**

**I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.**

  
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CHAD E. BRAXTON  
MAYOR

  
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BEVERLY W. DRAKE  
TOWN CLERK