



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
July 7, 2025 at 7:00 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 Russell Ipock, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Hud Jordan and Alderman Todd McMillen**.
- III. Invocation by **Alderman Jones**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of minutes from the public hearing on the FY25-26 budget. **Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve minutes from the public hearing on June 23, 2025. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VIII. Public Comment.

None.
- IX. Resolution to adopt the Pamlico Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Alderman Jones made a motion to adopt the Pamlico Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan and carried. Vote 5-0.**

- X. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. Several homes had attempted to break and enter Mill Road and McLawhorn Lane. The suspect was not on the scene when Craven County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene. The investigation was turned over to Sergeant Winnings, the case resulted in an arrest. We have had reports of bicycles stolen on Farm Life Avenue, Grand Avenue, and First Avenue. Corporal Johnson located all of the stolen bikes on the first incident. We are still looking for two smaller bikes, which were taken from the Oaks Apartments on Buck Lane. We had a larceny by employee call at the Speedway. Corporal Johnson investigated the incident and an arrest was made. The SRO contract has now ended with Craven County Schools; the Sheriff's Office will provide the security moving forward. The Police Department will always assist if a need arises. The Walmart grant the police department received helped purchase a few items for the department. Mr. John Turner with Royce Publications worked a couple of days getting sponsors for our upcoming 2026 Police Department calendar. Royce Publications were successful with this fundraiser and the department received \$1,200.
- XI. Mayor's Reports. Craven County Sheriff's Office is now in charge of the SRO position at the Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary School. I met with Doug Jackson from 300 Doug Drive regarding his issue with trash pickup at his house. We were able to get his trash picked up from his home now. Family Dollar was cited today by the police for the grass not being cut. Mr. Kevin Zegeer, Engineer I with the NC DEQ Public Water Supply sent a letter to the town after the inspection on May 29th. He commented on the improvements that have been made to the Water Plant and that the town meets all standards required by the State. Hope everyone enjoyed their 4th of July holiday and enjoyed being with family and friends. Many thanks to all service member that gave it all for us to enjoy Independence Day. Birthdays this month include: Alderman Belrose, Mayor Braxton and Alderman McMillen. Utility Service sent a quote for the prison's new water meter. They will be building an 8" meter for the prison to be installed the next fiscal year. Costs will be \$21,000. There are about 20 water meters left to install in town. Pipe Works will be helping with a couple of those and the rest will be installed by our Public Works department. The Richard Bowers Park needs some weed eating done around it. Mulch has been moved from the park. The fiscal year 25-26 budget has been approved. The dedication service for the new historical marker at the stop light went well. Special thanks to Mrs. Linda Thomas in all of her hard work to make this happen. We had 50 to 60 people in attendance for the unveiling. I met with Duke Energy representatives this past week. I shared my displeasure in the amount of outages we have within the city limits. I shared that the trimming of the trees were not as much as they've done in the past. The Water Plant and Wastewater Plant Tours were very informative. Alderman Ipock bought property on Arnold Street and is cleaning it up nicely. I have reached out to the NC Department of Transportation to find out if we can possibly put in a cross walk here by the basketball court or at the stop light. We have 10 to 11 homes for sale here in town. We didn't receive any money from debt setoff this month. The letter from our town attorney has been submitted to the auditor. Our FY23-24 audit should be complete soon. Our next board of alderman meeting will be held on August 4th. Next recycling date will be July 17th. Please keep all of the families affected by the Texas

floods in your thoughts and prayers. Dr. Stephanie King was supposed to attend our meeting tonight to invite our board of alderman and stakeholders to a luncheon that will be held at West Craven High School at a date to be determined.

XII. Alderman Reports.

Alderman McMillen stated that the new equipment has been installed on the playground. We have included a two-person rocker and a one person rocker. We need to keep the appearance up at the park and start thinking of one more item to include to the left side of the park. I would like to see the board of alderman revisit the nuisance of animals again in our ordinance, for the language. Chief Wise has agreed to look at other area ordinances to help with this.

Alderman Jones had no comment.

Alderman Ipock thanked the Public Works employees and supervisor for the Water and Wastewater Plant Tour. It was great to hear a good report from the NC DEQ Water plant inspection.

Alderman Belrose commented that we should just mow Family Dollar and bill them instead of doing citations to get it mowed. The Corporate Headquarters of Family Dollar will not let the local store hire it out. Chief Wise stated that they will continue to receive citations each time, in addition to having to comply with the ordinance.

Alderman Jordan inquired of the water pressure being low about three weeks ago on a Saturday. Public Works Supervisor, Vernon Edwards stated that the pump on Main Street and the pump at the prison were running at the same time and that was the reason for the low pressure. It was resolved quickly once the operator discovered it.

XIII. There being no further business we dismissed at 8:04 p.m.

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



CHAD E. BRAXTON
MAYOR



BEVERLY W. DRAKE
TOWN CLERK