



# **TOWN OF VANCEBORO**

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
February 5, 2024 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 Keith Cannon, Alderman Russell Ipock, Alderman Thad Jones and Alderman Todd McMillen. Those Absent: Alderman Steve Belrose**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Ipock.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman McMillen made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Cannon and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.  
  
**No Public Comments.**
- VIII. Presentation by Vanceboro Public Library. **Miriam Roseblossom, librarian here at Vanceboro Public Library presented a slide show of what our local library offers to residents of all ages in our area. They had 8,526 people throughout the 2023 year at this location. They offer books, dvds, online resources, hotspots, tablets and laptops, copying, faxing, printing and etc. Their goal is to continue to reach people in the community and create programs to draw them into the library.**
- IX. Police Report was presented by Chief Keys. **Officer Johnson has completed his training and has taken over the SRO position at Vanceboro Elementary. Corporal Herring is now assigned to patrol. Sergeant Sheldon is currently out on FMLA for health reasons. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. I am currently seeking a reserve officer to help out the department.**

X. Mayor's Reports. Officer Sean Johnson celebrates a birthday this month. March 4<sup>th</sup> will be our next Board of Alderman meeting. Next recycling date will be February 29<sup>th</sup>. I attended the Friends of the Library meeting and the Vanceboro Strawberry Festival meeting. I attended the Craven County Recreation meeting; they have installed a new sign out at West Craven Park at the entrance. They have completed a beach volleyball court, and a new playground. Hopefully they will budget for a new baseball field lights and a new disc golf course for the 2024 year. They now have five parks across Craven County. Thanks to Alderman Belrose for repairing the welcome sign at the Hwy 17 end of Vanceboro. The East Carolina Council is preparing our subdivision ordinance and will get us a draft when it is completed. Mr. David Millis, Warden at the Craven Correctional Institution here in Vanceboro, North Carolina has been awarded the State Warden of the Year. He has been employed with the institute since 1998 and has also served in the US Coast Guard. Congratulations to Mr. Millis on this award. The prison is currently looking to fill positions for 47 correction officers, and they have a 30% vacancy on medical positions available. Thank you to Alderman McMillen for his work prepping the Richard W. Bowers Park for the new fencing, it looks great. Primary election will begin on March 5<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register to vote for election. Early voting begins on March 15<sup>th</sup> and a valid driver's license or valid id will be required. I spoke with Attorney Scott Davis regarding the home daycare on McLawhorn Lane, we cannot allow the daycare to open at this residence because of the zoning in place.

XI. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Cannon stated that we needed to reline the parking lot here at the Town Hall. I attended the Craven County Opioid meeting; it was very informative. I believe that our local law enforcement is doing a great job in fighting crime. Vanceboro Christian Help Center could use more training in the fight against opioid crisis. I would like to see more adequate funding provided to the Rescue Squad. Craven County is organizing a post overdose team to reach out to people after they come home from the hospital and help them with their next steps to recovery. I thank the ladies from the library for their presentation.

Alderman Ipock has had great comments from the residents regarding the new sign at the Town Hall. Have we found anyone to replace Pernell, or have any candidates interested? How are we advertising for the current position in the Public Works Department?

Alderman Jones stated that he had positive comments on the sign at the Town Hall. He thanked Public Works employee, Cornelius Bradley for his hard work. He told Vernon Edwards he was willing to help if he was needed.

Alderman McMillen stated that the fence at the Richard W. Bowers Park has been completed. The park has been cleaned up and branches cut down that need to be picked up. I am willing to help Cornelius in getting those removed from the park. We need to look at replacing the mulch at the playground or possibly getting the

rubber matting placed at the playground. I will look into some pricing for this, and we can discuss it at the budget workshop for next fiscal year.

XII. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:51 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