



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
May 4, 2026 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 Jones made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan 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 Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.

No Comments.
- VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. **We have met with the apartment manager and parents at the Oaks Apartments regarding the curfew issues. The medicine we've collected in the drop box has been dropped off at the SBI Lab in Raleigh. We worked on the preparations for the Strawberry Festival for May 1st and 2nd. We've had several wrecks in town this month. We have written a town ordinance for violation of curfew.**
- IX. Mayor's Reports. **Jolynne introduced two of the pageant winners at the meeting. Miss Jessie Buck is Vanceboro Strawberry Queen and Miss Grace Swindell Sanjuan is Little Miss Strawberry. Miss Alice Lewis, Vanceboro Strawberry Princess, couldn't make tonight's meeting but will attend in July. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the Strawberry Festival. We had the highest number of**

vendors this year. We have had great comments on the I42 band. The Town collected \$20,000 from sponsors and vendors this year. We will be having a pros/cons meeting soon. Public Works employee John Raines will celebrate his birthday this month. Our hearts and prayers go out to Brittany Mumford's family in the loss of her stepdad Joseph Stanley and to the family of Danny Quinn. Recycling will be on May 21st. Our next budget workshop will be on May 19th at 6 p.m. The next Board of Alderman meeting will be held on June 1st. Thank you to the City of New Bern for sweeping the streets throughout town. I met with Scotty Wilkins from USG regarding maintenance on the tanks, it will cost about \$10,000. We received \$4,515 from Capital Management Trust in interest. Public Works employee Chris Edwards installed and poured cement for the grill last week, he did a great job. There are ten homes for sale in town. Thank you to Alderman Belrose for the planters at the stop light and the plants at the town hall. NCDOT's timeline for the cross walk at the stop light should be operational by April of 2029. The town hall will be closed on May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. We purchased a utility trailer last week for \$1,800. We used it for cleaning up at the Strawberry Festival, which made it a lot easier. The total for unsold cemetery plots is Vanceboro Cemetery – 203 plots and Celestial Memorial Gardens – 594 plots. I called Barnhill Construction to obtain a quote for Farm Life Avenue.

X. Alderman Reports.

Alderman McMillen stated that the planning committee for the strawberry festival did a great job. Christie Arrington does a great job as Chairperson for the event. Thank you to Chris Edwards and Nick Crosby for their help with cleanup at the festival. Thank you to Rachel Price for all of her hard work with the festival. Chris Edwards did a great job with the grill at the park. The park is being used on a daily basis. Alderman Jones and I are working on plans for a bathroom at the park.

Alderman Jones thanked everyone for their hard work with the strawberry festival. I met with a previous inspector with Craven County and gathered a list of things to do for the bathroom for the park.

Alderman Ipock stated that great planning went into the festival being a success. The tour of the old jail will be on June 1st at 6 p.m. How many residents are using the app to monitor their water usage? 30 residents

Alderman Belrose stated that the giant meniscus at the Wastewater Treatment plant is surviving well. Does the town have extra Vanceboro flags to sale? Yes

Alderman Jordan thanked everyone for their work with the festival. I enjoyed the I42 band. The addresses for campers that appear someone is living in them are as follows: 447 & 439 First Avenue and 350 & 326 Buck Lane.

XI. Clerk. Engagement Letter and Audit Contract with Nunn, Brashear & Uzzell P.A.

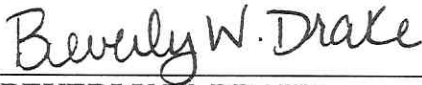
Alderman Jordan made a motion to enter the engagement letter and audit contract with Nunn, Brashear & Uzzell P.A. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.

XII. There being no further business we dismissed at 8:02 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