



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
September 8, 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 Belrose**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman McMillen made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jordan made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Hearing – Animal Ordinance.

Mayor Braxton opened the Public Hearing. Alderman McMillen reviewed the proposed ordinance at the meeting.

Denise Smith – 262 Williams Lane commented on the safety of the animals as well as the safety of people.

Atalie Kauffman - 185 Cleve Street commented that cats are roaming and they are causing problems. What can be done? If they are chipped, can you trap them?

Chief Wise reported if you take care of an animal for 72 hours it is considered your cat.

Alderman Ipock made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 5-0.

Alderman Jordan made a motion to adopt the animal ordinance that was presented. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.

VIII. Public Comment.

Robert Ipock – 209 College Street stated the cemetery looks better. Celestial Memorial Gardens needs mowing at the back.

IX. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. **The department assisted with the National Night Out in Maysville. ECrash is up and running, wreck reports are being generated to DMV. Vanceboro Night Out will be held September 26th from 5 to 8 p.m. Working on getting more volunteers and games. We assisted Craven Animal Control with the vaccination clinic and investigating an animal cruelty case. School has started back; the new SRO has been handling issues at Farm Life Elementary. We are assisting as needed. The department help assist Probation and Parole with finding a subject at the Bailey Lane Apartments. Corporal Johnson arrested four individuals on warrants during traffic stops. Family Dollar has been issued a second town ordinance for violation of grass.**

X. Mayor's Reports. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Walter Evans, Randy Nobles, and Craven County Commissioner Tom Mark. The next Board of Alderman Meeting will be held on October 6th. Recycling will be picked up on September 11th. I have notified Department of Transportation about adding a cross walk in town. The DOT filled in the wash out on Main Street. The roof at the old jail has been replaced, we will schedule a tour soon. A pipe is broke on Farm Life Avenue, the street will have to be cut to repair the line. Ethic training for the Board of Alderman and Mayor will be held on September 23rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. here at the Town Hall. Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 4th at 7 p.m. Town annual employee Christmas Party will be held on December 16th at 6:30 p.m. Thank you to Alderman Belrose for replanting the plants at the stop light and placing new plants at the Town Hall. Annual edging and curbing quote is \$6,000. Annual ditch mowing will take place in late October or November. Mrs. Leslie Young, Tax Coordinator with Craven County stated that the county population was 105,000.

XI. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Jordan stated that we should have a better welcoming package for the Town. He also said that we should consider having a dog park.

Alderman Belrose stated that a lot of money was spent to grow the plants at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, half of them were mowed down by the State. They should grow back but we need to place a sign up stating to not mow. The employee Christmas Party will be moved to the Masonic Lodge on Farm Life Avenue.

Alderman Ipock wanted to know if the water leak had been repaired on the water tank on Farm Life Avenue. Public Works Supervisor said no.

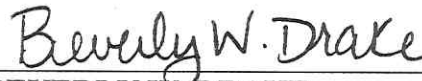
Alderman Jones stated that he liked the new side-boy.

Alderman McMillen had no comment.

XII. There being no further business we dismissed at 8:00 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