



# ***TOWN OF VANCEBORO***

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
May 5, 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 Thad Jones, Alderman Hud Jordan and Alderman Todd McMillen. Those Absent: Alderman Russell Ipock**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Belrose.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.  
**No Public Comment.**
- VIII. Public Hearing – Subdivision Ordinance.

**Alderman Jordan made a motion to open the public hearing for the subdivision ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 4-0.**

**There were no residents signed up to speak at the public hearing.**

**Alderman Jones made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 4-0.**

**Alderman McMillen made a motion to adopt the subdivision ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan and carried. Vote 4-0.**

**Alderman Jordan made a motion to adopt the fee schedule for the subdivision ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 3-1. Alderman Belrose was opposing vote.**

**IX. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. The department has responded to a few domestic cases this month. There was a wreck involving a school bus with 53 kids involved. All the kids were okay from the incident, but the other driver was taken to the hospital by ambulance. We have been monitoring Buck Lane and Farm Life Avenue for speeders. All wreck reports will be sent directly to the NC DMV moving forward. Officer Johnson completed field training. We had a great turn out of officers to assist with the Strawberry Festival.**

**X. Mayor's Reports. Birthdays this month include John Raines and my wife Jolynne Braxton. Prayers go out to the family of Pastor Blenda Hargett of Shabach church. Town Hall will be closed on May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. Our next scheduled budget workshop will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Board of Alderman meeting will be held June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Next recycling pickup will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The property manager at the Oaks and Bailey Lane apartments held an Easter door decorating contest and I was the judge for the winner. We collected \$3,078 through Debt Setoff this month. May 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to have your Real ID in place to fly outside of the country. May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. the Board of Alderman will tour the wastewater and water plants. Thank you to the City of New Bern for sweeping the streets throughout town before the Strawberry Festival. Thanks to Alderman Belrose for planting flowers at the stop light. The Strawberry Festival went great and we had wonderful weather. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers for all their hard work. Brittany and I met with NC Floodplain Management regarding compliance moving forward. We should have a date to place the historical marker here on Main Street in May or June. I attended the Tough Mudder competition with eight others from our church to watch my son Parker compete in the competition. It was held in Atlanta, Georgia and they had to complete 12 ½ miles.**

**XI. Alderman Reports.**

**Alderman Jordan recommended the following individuals for the Planning and Zoning Board: Brandon Bradshaw, Andrew Black, and Rachel Price. Royce Jordan and Lou Powell will remain seated on the Board. There were no other recommendations, so this is our new Planning and Zoning Board. Alderman Jordan will reach out to them to let them know.**

**Alderman Belrose gave special thanks to Tommy Water, Brandon Bradley, Andy Caprara, Todd McMillen and many others for helping with the Vanceboro Strawberry Festival. The feedback meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

Alderman Jones thanked everyone for their help with the Strawberry Festival. It was a great success.

Alderman McMillen thanked Alderman Belrose for a great job leading the field work at the festival. He thanked the younger people for getting involved. The public works department did a great job preparing for the festival.

Mayor Braxton thanked the Global Methodist Church for providing golf cart rides to the festival. We had around 100 vendors set up at the festival and great entertainment.

West Craven Park's attendance went up 30% in March to 7,600 people. Creekside Park had 50,000 people visit. West Craven Park had 51 teams play Lacrosse there, and the West Craven Tarheel Little League has 165 players this year. We are glad to see this league start back up in our area. Craven County Recreation Department had 92 sign up this time for basketball out at Farm Life in the gym.

West Craven Park has upgraded equipment at the playground, installed a 2<sup>nd</sup> batting cage, installed disk golf, walking trail, and 6 pickleball courts will be finished in May. The third baseball field will be getting LED lights placed.

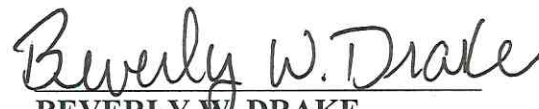
Alderman Belrose wanted to give special thanks to White's Farm and Holly for donating the plants that were placed at the stop light as well as the ant killer used at the festival field.

Public Works Supervisor, Vernon Edwards commended Brittany Mumford and Beverly Drake for helping with locate requests and calling our residents when we had the water leak last week. Thanks to Cornelius Bradley and Nicholas Crosby for working through the night and the next day to help with the leak.

XII. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:41 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