



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
August 3, 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 Russell Ipock, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Hud Jordan and Alderman Todd McMillen. Those Absent: Alderman Steve Belrose**
- III. Invocation by **Alderman Jordan**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen 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 Jordan and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VII. Sealed Bids for Bushhog/Side boy. **Mayor Braxton opened the sealed bids and they were as follows:**

**Tony Manning – Bid \$800 for the Side boy
Alderman Todd McMillen – Bid \$400 for the Bushhog**

Alderman McMillen was refrained from the vote. Alderman Ipock made a motion to accept the bids for both the bushhog and the side boy. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan and carried. Vote 3-0.

- VIII. Public Comment.

Janice Dixon – 1655 Wilmar Road – presented a old picture to the Town that the Ruritan Club had of a aerial shot of Vanceboro from 1945. She also stated that Show Me Some Love event will be on October 3rd at 1 p.m. If anyone would like to

volunteer their time to help or donate food, please let them know. Mayor Braxton asked the Police Chief to arrange to have a couple of volunteers for the event.

Josh Lewis – 1005 Honolulu Road – stated that he was now on the Arts Council in New Bern and they were interested in possibly doing a mural on the old theater wall beside the park. He will find out more about this and bring it back to the Board of Alderman.

Jo-Lynne Braxton – 404 First Avenue – introduced the Junior Miss Strawberry to the Board of Alderman. Alice Lewis is the winner from this level at the VSF pageant, and she is involved with softball and competitive dance and will be attending 7th grade at WCMS.

IX. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. The department attended CPR/AED class on July 20th. Investigator Winnings is investigating several juvenile crimes at this time. Vanceboro Night Out will be on September 24th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The armed robbery at the Speedway is under investigation. Officer White assisted with GHSP, put on by Craven County Sheriff's Office. Corporal Johnson made several arrests this month, ranging from warrants to on view. We purchased new body cameras for all the officers; they are up and working well.

X. Mayor's Reports. Birthdays this month include: Alderman Hud Jordan and Public Works employee Chris Edwards. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Tom Toler. He was the VFW Commander and was a great asset to the town. He helped bring blood drives to the VFW, parties, and church functions. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the family of Kirby Braxton, a surveyor in the area and he volunteered at the Vanceboro Christian Help Center. He will be truly missed. Next Board of Alderman Meeting will be September 14th. Next Recycling date will be on August 13th. NC Capital Management Trust Interest was \$4,400.24 this month. We have four to five houses available for sale in town.

Chris Dixon recommended Stokes Land Clearing to clear our ditches throughout town. The quote for this project was \$21,500. Alderman Ipock made a motion to use Stokes Land Clearing to do the ditch project for the town. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 4-0.

Craven County Planning and Zoning Department is implementing a online portal for permitting, this should help speed up the process of obtaining permits. The fire department has purchased a 3,000-gallon tanker for \$499,000. It is great to see them continuing to improve. Thank you to all the volunteers that contribute and help during wrecks, fires, limb removal from roads, etc. The police department has body cams now that record audio and video, this will be a great asset for the department. The plants at the WWTP are growing well. The limbs at the site will be mulched by the end of the year. The town hall will be closed tomorrow until 12 p.m.; the clerks will be attending FEMA training for disaster preparedness. I received a quote for the fence at the dog park, the estimate was \$14,500. Alderman McMillen will get a couple of other estimates to compare prices.

XI. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Jordan asked if the Board of Alderman would be able to see the subdivision information from Rivers and Associates before it gets approved? Mayor Braxton stated that the East Carolina Council will present it before the Board after the engineers have completed their part.

Alderman Ipock attended the MPO Meeting in July. They have a lot of plans for highways and roads. They are making plans to improve the use of CARTS; a lot of people need transportation for doctor visits and etc. The Town needs to look at the tree growing over part of New Street.

Alderman Jones has had several cemetery complaints regarding grass being too high. Mayor Braxton stated that the cemetery is under contract for 34 cuts a year, in the past it was less.

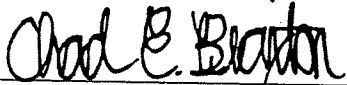
Alderman McMillen has spoken to Brad White about possibly building a block structure for the bathroom at the park. He will meet with a couple of contractors in possibly doing the park as a turnkey package.

XII. Clerk.

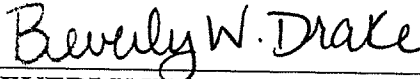
Internal Control Policy (Coronavirus) – Alderman Ipock made a motion to adopt the Internal Control Policy. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 4-0.

XIII. There being no further business we dismissed at 8:08 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