



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
February 6, 2023 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 Keith Cannon, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Russell Ipock, and Alderman Todd McMillen**.
- III. Invocation by **Alderman McMillen**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman McMillen made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment. **No public comments.**
- VIII. Carr Riggs & Ingram. **Mr. James Overton of Carr Riggs & Ingram presented the draft copy of the June 30, 2022 audit. The draft has been sent to the Local Government Commission for final approval. Carr Riggs & Ingram will send the Town a copy of the final audit once it is approved.**

Mr. Overton asked the board to amend the contract for modification to date and fee. Alderman Ipock made a motion to approve modification. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0
- IX. Ordinance Adoption- Flood Damage Prevention. **Alderman McMillen made a motion to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.**

- X. Police Report was presented by Chief Keys. We started pre-selling tickets for our **Spring Break Pig Picking that will be held on April 16th**. I have started a new training requirement for all officers including myself. This new requirement requires all officers to complete a minimum of 80 hours of training outside of their yearly in service training. Corporal Herring assisted a homeless man in getting a place to stay. We investigated a burglary that occurred. The suspect who is also a resident in Town was arrested and charged with multiple felonies. I am making a recommendation to the Town to have amber flashing lights placed on the north end of Town on the reduce speed sign. This will help alert traffic coming into Town to slow down. This is the area we have majority of our traffic crashes.
- XI. Mayor's Reports. I spoke with Jonathan Russell with East Carolina Solutions about the grant application for the water and sewer. It has been resubmitted to the state for the \$9.65 million. Out of 29 streets about a dozen warrant a change to 15 mph. This can be discussed at budget workshop. Birthdays this month include Officer Hess. Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Alderman Belrose. I attended the Friends of the Library meeting. I applaud their effort and I am happy with where the library stands. New backhoe was delivered, and we will be erecting a shelter for it to go in. We now have a surplus of equipment and need to decide if we will do a sealed bid or use Govdeals.

Alderman Ipock made a motion to proceed with sealed bid. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 5-0

CRC met last week and I represented the Town. The second Thursday of each month from 9-3pm the Department of Adult Correction will be hosting a job fair. I attended the Craven County Parks and Recreation meeting a few weeks ago. A few projects have been completed. I applaud the commissioners for seeing how important parks and recreation are to our youth. Town Clerk had surgery and is out recuperating. She recently hit a milestone with the Town. I thank her for her 15 years of service. Budget time the Chief has suggested getting another radar sign. This will cost around \$2000. I met with our new NC House of Representative Steve Tyson and rode with him through Town. Also met with Senator Jim Perry who is new to our district and showed him the needs of the Town.

- XII. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Cannon stated the Strawberry Festival committee held a meeting and Alderman Belrose attended. The festival will have the same activities and be a one day event. The projector was installed but I am not happy with the brightness. Would like board to consider spending about \$200 more for a better projector. The library board met and will soon be making a presentation about adding on an addition to the library. Hope Beverly gets well and everything goes good. I was sorry to hear about Alderman Belrose son-in-law.

Alderman Belrose thanked the Town for the prayers and support. I learned a lot at the Strawberry Festival meeting. It takes a lot of time and money, and they do a great job.

Alderman Ipock stated the Strawberry Festival is good for the Town. I would like for it to continue. A lot of other events fall on that same weekend. Could the date be moved? February 25th the Rotary club is having a BBQ plate sale for the Christian Help Center. Plates will be \$10.

Alderman Jones stated he was contacted by a few residents about the water bills being ripped.

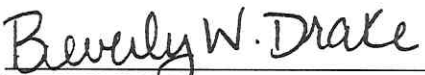
Alderman McMillen stated construction started on the shelter after quite a few delays. Thanks to Terry Morris and his crew for donating sand and topsoil. He recommended moving the shelter to the front. I think this will work out best in the long run. More visible and closer to power.

XIII. There being no further business we dismissed at 8:29 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