



# **TOWN OF VANCEBORO**

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
October 1, 2018 at 8:00 PM  
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by Mayor Chad Braxton.
- II. Roll call **Those Present:** Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman David Dunn, Alderman Todd McMillen, Alderman Dennis Smith, and Alderman Billy Whitford. **Those absent:** Alderman Earl Wright.
- III. Invocation by Vernon Edwards.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meetings **Alderman Smith made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Dunn and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Whitford made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Smith and carried. Vote 4-0.**
- VII. Police Report was presented by Chief Jenkins. Thank you to our officers for dedicating their time overnight to stay at the Police Department during Hurricane Florence. We went out to Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary and passed out donations to the ones staying in the shelter. Jones County assisted us in the Westside Crackdown, several were arrested and charged. I'd like to commend Sergeant Callaway for his work and dedication in this area. Attended Cove City's Fireman's Day on September 29<sup>th</sup>. New police vehicle should be ready in October. Boyd's Automotive is repairing the 2007 Charger. We have 9,055 points in the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Do the Right Thing winner for September was Jakori Berry. Congratulations to him and the other nominees for doing the right thing.
- VIII. Mayor's Report. Thank you to our Police Chief and Officers for their help with the drug bust. Congratulations to our Assistant Clerk, Brittany Singleton on her upcoming wedding Saturday. Happy Birthday to our Town Clerk, Beverly Drake on Friday. Hurricane Florence has brought this community together and helping one another. The ditch work paid off during the storm. We received 15 inches of water during the storm. Local State and Federal Government were well prepared for this storm. Condolences and prayers to Beverly Drake's family, her father in law passed away. Bailey Lane Water Tower is almost complete. Trunk or Treat will be October 31<sup>st</sup> at Vanceboro United Methodist Church. Farm Life Avenue will

be blocked for homecoming. Christmas Tree Lighting Service at the Town Hall will be November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The State of Emergency curfew on the town went smoothly. President Trump and Governor Roy Cooper toured New Bern and the surrounding disaster areas. Thank you to Alderman McMillen for your work on the Bate Grant. The contractor will begin picking up limbs on October 2<sup>nd</sup>; have your limbs out to the road. We will plant some bushes at the front of Sewer Plant to hide limbs on the front of lot. Ditch mowing will be scheduled soon. Tree trimmers will be working on Williams Lane this week. Thanks to Vernon Edwards, Michael Bryant, Chief Jenkins, and Officer Callaway for making sure everything was running good after the storm. Police generator was an asset and worked well. Dog agreement is in place. Updates during the storm were made through Facebook. We have six (6) locations that will be getting paved soon at a cost of \$110,000. We receive \$32,000 a year from Powell Bill funding. Bettie Powers has opened up a restaurant, M ann M's Drive-In. Mosquito spraying will be done in town by the end of the week. Thank you to my wife for 19 years of marriage, I appreciate her being by my side.

IX. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Dunn thanked the staff for all they have done.

Alderman Smith mentioned that the tile on Buck Lane had been replaced. Happy Anniversary to the Mayor and his wife. Thanks to Vernon and the guys for their hard work.

Alderman Whitford thanked Public Works, Police Department and the council for their hard work.

X. Public Comment.

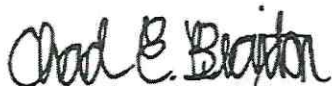
Andrew Black – 805 College Street – Thanked Police for checking on them for his daughter during the storm

Sergeant Callaway – Police Department – Thanked the Fire Department for all their hard work and dedication during the storm.

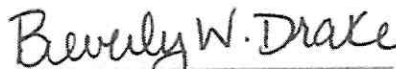
XI. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.



CHAD E. BRAXTON  
MAYOR



BEVERLY W. DRAKE  
TOWN CLERK