



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
October 6, 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 Hud Jordan and Alderman Todd McMillen. Those Absent: Thad Jones.
- III. Invocation by Alderman Jordan.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 4-0.
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. Alderman McMillen made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 4-0.
- VII. Public Comment.

No Comment.
- VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. Vanceboro Night Out was rescheduled to October 9th from 5 to 8 p.m., due to impeding weather. Several arrests have been made by Sgt. Winnings and Corporal Johnson. The department has been performing security checks inside and outside of the local churches in our area. Corporal Johnson seized 59 grams of marijuana and a firearm at a traffic stop. We assisted the County with several checkpoints and saturation patrols. The police department wall was hit by a driver. Sgt. Winnings was able to locate the individual and issued citations; the driver will pay for the repairs.

IX. Mayor's Reports. Town Clerk Beverly Drake celebrated her birthday yesterday. The next Board of Alderman meeting will be November 3rd. Recycling will be picked up on October 9th. USG Utilities will be repairing the tank on Farm Life Avenue at the end of October or beginning of November. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st by the Global Methodist Church on Farm Life Avenue from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Vanceboro Night Out will be on October 9th from 5 to 8 p.m. I'm glad our clerk and assistant clerk are back this month after illness. We earned \$5,239.59 in interest on the money moved to Capital Management Trust this month. The edging and curbing will be done October/November throughout town at a cost of \$4400. Craven County allotted \$5,000 to the park for this fiscal year. If you have any suggestions, please contact Alderman McMillen for ideas regarding the use of those funds at the park. A mobile home on Buck Lane was destroyed by a tree. The American Red Cross, Vanceboro Christian Help Center has been trying to help the family to get placed into a home. There are currently around 10 homes in our town for sale. Our welcome packet for the Town has been updated and will be passed out to new residents moving into town. Special thanks to Torrance Heggie from Razor Sharp Cuts for hosting a Community Day, it was well attended, about 500 people. They had food, bouncy houses and games. Ethics training has been completed by the Town Mayor and Board of Alderman. Craven County will be replacing District I Commissioner Tom Marks next week, since he passed away. The lots and field on Mill Road were mowed. We are looking for a contractor by January 2026 to take over the two cemeteries in town. The crosswalk for the Town has been pushed up to the NC Department of Transportation mobility and safety division for consideration.

X. Alderman Reports.

Alderman McMillen asked if all the ordinances were available online now?

Alderman Ipock stated that it was good that the sub-division ordinance was now on the website.

Alderman Belrose stated that several customers had contacted his about not receiving their water bill. G & H Designs is making signs to place out by the Waste Treatment Plant to not mow our plants that are planted. The plants are growing back now and are about one foot high. The Town might want to consider replacing the Richard W. Bowers Park sign with a laser coated sign. It will not fade as quickly and will hold up longer than what is there now. On Second Avenue between Farm Life Avenue and White Street there is a broken limb on the power lines. Please use caution if you are in this area.

Alderman Jordan stated the Rotary Club would like to help with the Christmas Tree Lighting this year. The Town Clerk will follow up with him and discuss this further.

Town Clerk Beverly Drake asked the Alderman to support she and Brittany Mumford in working with the NC League of Municipalities in their new AIM (Accounting Instruction & Mentorship) program that they have developed to assist towns. The program lasts six to eight months and will require two to four hours a month of hands-on training. The Board of Alderman were all in favor of allotting time for this training to be completed.

XI. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:37 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