



TOWN OF FAIRMONT

Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes – Final

Mayor – Charles Kemp
Mayor Pro Tempore – J.J. McCree
Commissioner – Heather Seibles
Commissioner – Clarence McNeill, Jr

Commissioner – Melvin Ellison
Commissioner – Jan Tedder-Rogers
Commissioner – Terry Evans

The Regular monthly meeting of the Fairmont Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm, in the Fairmont – South Robeson Heritage Center.

Members Present:

Charles Kemp Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, J.J. McCree, Commissioners: Melvin Ellison, Terry Evans, and Clarence McNeill, Jr.

Members Not Present:

Commissioners: Heather Seibles, Jan Tedder-Rogers.

Others Present:

Jerome Chestnut, Town Manager, Rodney A Cain, Deputy Town Clerk, Jessica Scott, Town Attorney, Jon Edwards, Chief of Police, and Ronnie Seals, Public Works Director.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mayor Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm., Deputy Town Clerk, Rodney Cain took roll call.

Invocation:

Rev. Hilton Woodell of Ready Branch Baptist Church led the assembly in Prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor Kemp led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor's Presentations:

Mayor Kemp recognized the following persons and presented a certificate of appreciation.

- A. Ms. Lucille Ward – 60 Years of Outstanding Service as an Educator.
- B. Ms. Prostenia McCrimmon – Tomorrow's Children, Today. Summer youth program.
- C. Ms. Jill Vickers – Designer of the new Fairmont Rack Cards which highlights the "Shortest Route to the Beach".
- D. Ms. Krista Rachels and Students – Fairmont High School, art teacher and creator of the new "Fairmont Art Mural". (Ms. Rachels nor any of her students were able to attend the meeting).
- E. Mayor Kemp introduced the new Fairmont High School Principal – Dr. Anthony Barton. Dr. Barton spoke on the future of Fairmont High School.
- F. Proclamation – Town of Fairmont, "Employee Appreciation Week".

September 4, 2023, through September 10, 2023. A signed copy of this proclamation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

Public Hearing:

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the proposed project amendment for the Town of Fairmont's Community Development Block Grant, **CDBG project number 20-I-3608**, and discuss the Town of Fairmont's request for additional funding from the FY2017 CDBG-I program funds.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to open the Public Hearing at **6:30 pm**.

Motion – Commissioner Evans

Seconded – Commissioner Ellison

Vote: 4 – 0 **(APPROVED)**

There was no discussion from the public.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to close the Public Hearing at **6:35 pm**.

Motion – Commissioner Evans

Seconded – Commissioner Ellison

Vote: 4 – 0 **(APPROVED)**

Approval or Disapproval of the CDBG-I Project Amendment and funding of \$500,000.

Commissioner Ellison made a motion to adopt the CDBG-I Project Amendment and funding of \$500,000.

Motion – Commissioner Ellison

Seconded – Commissioner Evans

Vote: 4 – 0 **(APPROVED)**

Recess:

Mayor Kemp called for a recess at 6:38 pm so the clerk could complete the minutes for the Public Hearing. The meeting resumed at 6:41 pm.

I. Approval or Disapproval of Agenda:

Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion – Commissioner Evans

Seconded – Commissioner Ellison

Vote: 4 – 0 **(APPROVED)**

II. Public Comments Period/Citizens Appearance:

Nathanial Thompson, Fairmont, NC.

Mr. Thompson expressed concerns with the sound system in the Heritage Center. He stated, citizens cannot hear the council conducting the meeting.

III. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes – July 18, 2023.
- b. Approval of Public Hearing Minutes – August 15, 2023.
- c. Ordinance 23-242 – Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Amendment #1 - \$45,150.00.
- d. Ordinance 23-243 – Road Closure October 21, 2023 – Main Street for the Fairmont Farmer’s Festival.

IV. Old Business:

- a. No Old Business

V. New Business:

- a. No New Business

VI. Comments:

- a. Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and Town Manager
 - a. Mayor Kemp thanked citizens for their participation in the town meetings.
 - b. Board Members thanked the citizens for coming.
 - c. Mr. Chestnut provided clarification and announced the following items:
 - The Public Hearing Process for Local Government.
 - August 31, 2023, is International Overdose Awareness Day.
 - August 16, 2023, Home Repair Resource Fair, from 11:30 – 12:30 in the Fairmont City Fire Station.
 - Mr. Chestnut also addressed concerns about the sound system in the Heritage Center.

VII. Community Announcements:

- a. August 16, 2023 – Job Fair & Blood Drive, 10:00 – 2:00 pm, Heritage Center.
- b. August 28, 2023 – First Day of School
- c. September 9, 2023 – Senior Bingo, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Heritage Center.
- d. September 16, 2023 – Senior Citizen trip to Northwood Temple, 12:30 pm, Fayetteville.
- e. September 19, 2023 – Regular Town Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Heritage Center.

VIII. Adjournment:

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion – Commissioner Evans

Seconded – Commissioner Ellison

Vote: 4 – 0 **(APPROVED)**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Rodney A. Cain
Deputy Town Clerk