

## **Regular Meeting – June 17, 2025**

The Fairmont Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fairmont-South Robeson Heritage Center with Mayor Charles Kemp presiding. Commissioners present were J.J. McCree, Terry Evans, Heather Seibles, Melvin Ellison, and Clarence McNeill, Jr. Commissioner Jan Tedder-Rogers was absent. Staff present included Town Manager Jerome Chestnut, Town Attorney Jessica Scott, Town Clerk Jenny Larson, Deputy Town Clerk Rodney Cain, Police Chief Jon Edwards, and Public Works Director Ronnie Seals. Others in attendance included Victoria Moore, Angie Lovin, Wayne Brewer, and several citizens.

### **Call to Order and Invocation**

Mayor Charles Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Pastor Wayne Brewer of Trinity Methodist Church, gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Mayor's Presentation**

Mayor Kemp read a proclamation in memory of Tra' Watson and presented a copy to his mother Victoria Moore. Mayor Kemp thanked her and her family for organizing a community wide clean-up this past Saturday to honor her son's memory.

### **Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**

Commissioner Ellison made a motion to go into public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. The budget includes a 2.5% cost of living pay raise for employees but keeps the base utility and tax rates the same. The General fund budget is \$2,832,831, Powell Bill fund is \$156,058, and the Water/Sewer fund is \$1,723,608.

There was no public input on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to come out of the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Seibles made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Evans seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Public Comment Period/Citizens Appearance**

**Angie Lovin – Public Nuisances**

Mrs. Angie Lovin, owner of Angie’s Touch of Class and Fit 4 U, came before the board to discuss public nuisances on Thompson Street.

**Consent Agenda**

Upon motion by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Seibles, it was unanimously voted to adopt the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, May 20, 2025, and Budget Workshops, May 27, 2025, and June 3, 2025.
- b. Ordinance 25-277 – Project Budget Ordinance NCLWF Sediment Control Pilot Project Grant
- c. Fee Schedule for FY 2025-2026
- d. Salary Classification 2025-2026
- e. Water Write Offs 2024-2025 - \$11,913.82

Signed copies are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**Old Business**

There was no old business this month.

**New Business**

**Ordinance 25-278 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget**

Mayor Kemp opened the floor for the board to discuss the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget. Commissioner Evans would like to see the minimum usage increase to 1,500 gallons instead of the current 1,000 gallons.

Commissioner Seibles made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-278 - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget in the amount of \$4,731,762. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion, and it failed with a vote of 2 to 3 as follows:

For:	Commissioners Seibles, Ellison
Against:	Commissioners Evans, McCree, McNeill
Absent:	Commissioner Tedder-Rogers

Commissioner Evans made a motion to hold a special meeting to discuss the FY 2025-2026 budget on Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 3 to 2 as follows:

For:	Commissioners Evans, McCree, McNeill
Against:	Commissioners Seibles, Ellison
Absent:	Commissioner Tedder-Rogers

**Resolution 25-05 – Petition for Satellite Annexation of 130 Convenient Mart**

Town Manager Jerome Chestnut announced that Mr. Nasruddin W. Massar, owner of 130 Convenient Mart, has submitted a petition for non-contiguous satellite annexation. The property is located on NC Highway 130 East. Commissioner Ellison made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-05, directing the clerk to investigate an annexation petition received under G.S. 160A-58.1 from Mr. Nasruddin W. Massar. Commissioner McNeill seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 4 to 1 as follows:

For:	Commissioners Seibles, Ellison, Evans, and McNeill
Against:	Commissioners McCree
Absent:	Commissioner Tedder-Rogers

A signed copy of the resolution is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**Commissioner Input**

Commissioner Evans passed around pictures of buildings on Main Street that need to be addressed by code enforcement.

Commissioner Seibles invited everyone to the Juneteenth Community Day from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. in the Fairmont Community Park.

**Mayor Input**

Mayor Kemp talked about the need for a youth center.

**Announcements**

Wednesday, June 18 – Job Fair/Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Heritage Center.

Thursday, June 19 – Town offices closed in observance of Juneteenth.

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Saturday, June 21 – Juneteenth Community Day, 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m., Fairmont Community Park.

Saturday, June 29 – Fantastic Fourth Fireworks celebration, 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., Fairmont Community Park.

Monday, June 30 – Special Town Board Meeting to adopt Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget (if not approved on June 17) and to adopt amended Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center.

Friday, July 4 – Town offices closed in observance of Independence Day.

Saturday, July 12 – Senior Bingo, 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., Heritage Center.

Tuesday, July 15 – Regular Town Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Heritage Center.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Ellison seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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Jennifer H. Larson  
Town Clerk