

Town of Fairmont
Special called meeting
Tuesday – September 2, 2025 @ 6:00pm
Fairmont-South Robeson Heritage Center

In attendance: Mayor, Charles Kemp, Mayor Pro-tempore, Clarence McNeill, Commissioners: J.J. McCree, Heather Seibles, Terry Evans, Melvin Ellison, Deputy Town Clerk, Rodney Cain, Town Attorney, Jessica Scott, and Town Manager, Jerome Chestnut.

Call to order and Invocation: Mayor, Charles Kemp

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner, Melvin Ellison made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel per N.C.G.S. 143-318-11 (a)(6) and consult with an attorney retained by the board to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Fairmont per N.C.G.S. 143-318-11 (a)(3).

Seconded by: Commissioner, Terry Evans

Vote: All – Motion Passed

6:02 pm

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Commissioner, Terry Evans made a motion to come out of closed session and return to open session.

Seconded by: Mayor Pro-Tempore, Clarence McNeill

Vote: All – Motion Passed

8:00 pm

ACTION - 1

Commissioner Terry Evans made a motion to terminate the contract of Town Manager, Jerome Chestnut. Effectively immediately, without cause.

Seconded by: Mayor Pro-Tempore, Clarence McNeill

Vote: (3 for): Evans, McNeill, McCree / (2 Against): Seibles, Ellison - Motion Passed

ACTION - 2

Commissioner, Heather Seibles made a motion to instruct the Deputy Finance Director, Rodney Cain, in the absence of the Finance Director, Jennifer Larson, to carry out the duties of the Finance Director.

Seconded by: Commissioner, Melvin Ellison

Vote: All – Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner, Terry Evans made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by: Mayor, Pro-Tempore, Clarence McNeill

Vote: All – Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Cain", is written over a horizontal line.

Deputy Town Clerk, Rodney Cain