Town Council Meeting October 6, 2026

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order with all council members present except Mr. Marshall. Attorney Churchwell was present also.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mrs. Arwood, the minutes of the September 1, 2026 council meeting unanimously passed.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Walker, Ordinance #7-26, zoning annexed property of Map 10.24 off State Street, known as the QuikTrip property, zoned to C-3 on first reading, passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

On a motion from Mrs. Walker, second from Mr. Woods, Resolution #26-10, approving the 2024 CDBG Grant Project for J. S. Herren, passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Voiles, Resolution #26-11, approving the Property Conservation Grant, passed unanimously.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Voiles, it was unanimously voted to accept a 2012 Street sweeper and a F750 roll back truck from the LESO site of used military equipment. Chief Cotter checked on a local delivery person to pick up the sweeper, but it would be more cost effective to go get ourselves. The sweeper is located in Camp LaJune, North Carolina and the truck in Virginia. The program will allow the town to sell the equipment after we are done with using it.

Chief Cotter gave a report of a busy month, with training, break-ins, and several calls.

Chief Layman gave a report with eighty-eight calls of service, two firemen injured, but both are doing well. A truck was also hit on the interstate while protecting the scene of a wreck. The truck is being evaluated right now.

Mr. Woods reported for the planning commission. Training is coming up for 10/30 for the board. Mr. Coldwell's request has been tabled until the October meeting.

Mr. Wilson gave a report for the recreation department. The Pine Fest was a successful event. There was a big crowd consistently through the day. Most of the vendors were happy with the event, however the heat played a big part in their day. The Health Fair is coming up October 10

at the Ruritan Community Building. Hours are 10 am until 3 pm, and there are several different health booths scheduled to attend. October 29th at 7 pm will be the time for the movie "Halloween Town" at the boys and girls club. Christmas in White Pine is being planned as well. It will be December 5th and will be in the boys and girls club parking area as well. After the parade, "Elf" will be shown too.

Mr. Stewart left a report for the board, but could not attend the meeting.

The street department picked up around $750 worth of large items.

Under financial news, Mrs. Susong reported that taxes have gone out and already coming in. Auditors will be at the office next week to begin the process for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Under new business, Mrs. Walker said she had been approached by a property owner who would like to see the fireworks ordinance be changed. The area of the Stuart subdivision is the particular the heaviest and citizens are not following the rules of days and times to shoot fireworks. The board decided to get surrounding towns ordinances and discuss at next month's work session. Another new item brought up was to set a policy and procedure for the naming of town owned property. This item was also decided to discuss at the November work session. Chief Cotter also wants to discuss some new ideas for the solicitors and peddler's ordinance at the next work session. Mrs. Arwood brought up the speeding on Walnut Street again. Chief Cotter brought up getting a sign like the one at Baneberry. We will check with them and see if they had a grant for the sign or how much it might be.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Arwood, it was unanimously voted to pay bills.

Mayor Warren gave announcements to remember. The Health Fair coming up this weekend, October 13th will be the IDB Meeting, October 20th will be the Planning Commission, October 29th will be the Halloween movie, and October 31st will be the Rocky Top Trunk or Treat Event.

On a motion from Mr. Woods, second from Mrs. Voiles, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Glen E. Warren, Mayor

Alyson P. Susong, Recorder/Judge