

Town of Fairview



**Town of Fairview
Regular Council Meeting
June 10, 2025 @ 6:30 pm**

1. Call the meeting to order: ---Mayor Wilfong

The following Council members were present: Mayor Gary Wilfong, John Biggers, Patricia Kindley, David Link and Kerry Price

Others present: Darrell Baucom, Financial Officer; Ed Humphries, Land Use Administrator; Teresa Gregorius, Town Clerk and Spencer Cox, Administrative Assistant

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Agenda Changes/Approval of Agenda

Patricia Kindley made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. David Link seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Kindley, Link and Price voted yes (4-0).

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

5.A. Financial and Tax Reports--- *Report Accepted as Information*

5.B. Land Use Report---*Report Accepted as Information*

5.C. Fairview Park Facility May Draft Minutes (*No May Meeting*)

5.D. Planning Board May Draft Minutes (*Minutes accepted as information*)

5.E. Approve Council Minutes for May 13, 2025

Kerry Price made a motion to approve the consent agenda. John Biggers seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Kindley, Link and Price voted yes (4-0).

6. Public Comments: None

7. Presentations: None

8. Items of Business:

8.A. Discuss/Approve Budget Amendment 1 for the 2024-2025 Budget

Darrell Baucom presented the budget amendment for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He explained various adjustments made to align the budget with actual figures, including:

- \$6,000 added for donations towards the fisherman statue
- Increased fund balance appropriation due to higher park salaries and expenses for rental house
- \$10,000 added for investment income from the capital management trust
- Adjustments to miscellaneous income, utility franchise, and zoning fees
- Increased capital outlay for the rental house HVAC and septic system
- Higher insurance expense due to increased workers' comp insurance
- Increased legal fees due to zoning issues
- Adjustments to office expenses, utilities, and park maintenance
- Higher Park salaries and payroll taxes
- Additional professional fees for grant application assistance

Kerry Price made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 1 for the 2024-2025 Budget. David Link seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Kindley, Link and Price voted yes (4-0).

8.B. Discuss Proposed 2025-2026 Town Budget

Darrell Baucom presented the proposed 2025-2026 town budget, noting one change from the previous month's presentation. The zoning code update cost was spread over three years instead of one, reducing it from \$67,200 to \$22,400. He mentioned that \$36,612 would be pulled from the fund balance to balance the budget while maintaining the 2-cent tax rate.

8.C. Public Hearing on Proposed 2025-2026 Town Budget

Mayor Opened Public Hearing

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Closed Public Hearing

8.D. Discuss/Adopt 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance for fiscal year

Darrell Baucom explained that the revenue-neutral tax rate would have been 1.34 cents per \$100, but they were keeping it at 2 cents. He clarified that one cent of tax generates approximately \$90,000 in revenue.

Council members discussed the implications of the tax rate and the use of fund balance. Kerry Price inquired about the tax rate needed to avoid using fund balance, which Baucom estimated to be around 2.53 or 2.54 cents.

David Link made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance for fiscal year 2025-2026. John Biggeres seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Kindley, Link and Price voted yes (4-0).

9. Council Comments:

David Link suggested inviting Robert Cook and possibly Burke from CRPTO (Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization) to give a presentation about their work and how it could benefit the town. Mayor Wilfong agreed to investigate scheduling this presentation for a future meeting.

John Biggers shared an experience from a recent fishing event at the park organized by his church. He described how the event positively impacted a family who had recently lost their father/grandfather, allowing the grandchildren to fish as their grandfather used to do with them. He emphasized the good use of the park and its positive impact on the community.

Kerry Price asked about the addition of a link on the town website for reporting road potholes. Teresa Gregorius reported that the link for reporting potholes is on the town website now.

Patricia Kindley mentioned that the outreach library vehicle had visited for the second time and would return on June 18th.

Ed Humphries gave updates on several topics:

- Amphitheater construction progress
- The Macon property issue, including concerns about truck traffic, dust, and potential violations of town ordinances
- Hiring a part-time intern to assist with office work and summer camps

Spencer Cox provided information about the upcoming Friday night event (Music in the Park), including the use of the old stage, food offerings, and parking arrangements. She also mentioned that a photographer would be taking professional photos of the park for use on social media and the website. She also provided dates for upcoming summer camps at the park:

- Art camp (June 16-19)
- Around the World camp (June 23-26)
- Old School camp (July 15-19)

Mayor Wilfong reported on a recent interview with Michael Wayne O'Neill, a reporter for the local newspaper, discussing Fairview's progress and future plans. He expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming Friday night event and the ongoing park improvements.

10. Adjournment

David Link made a motion to adjourn. Patricia Kindley seconded the motion. Council members Biggers, Kindley, Link and Price voted yes (4-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Gregorius
Town Clerk

Gary Wilfong
Mayor

Approved this 8th day of July 2025