

# Town of Fort White

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT WHITE

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The Town Council of the Town of Fort White met in regular business session February 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson. On roll call, members present were: Donald Cook, Demetric Jackson, Matthew Lance, and James Richardson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2017 as submitted was made, second and approved.

Motion to approve agenda with amendment of placing District 3 vacancy to old business and adding the FWHS FFA project to new business was made, second and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS – District 3 council position vacancy

Mayor Jackson advised that he had interviewed 4 applicants for the vacancy and was recommending Mrs. Mary Fleming for the position. Motion to accept Mayor Jackson's recommendation of appointing Mrs. Mary Fleming to the District 3 council seat was made, second and approved. Mrs. Fleming was sworn in by Town Attorney.

### NEW BUSINESS:

DOT SCOP for 2019: Chad McCormick advised council that it was time to submit projects for the 2019 SCOP. Mayor Jackson advised that it had been previously agreed that the streets to be included for the project were Yulan and Dortch with Yulan being the top priority.

HYDRO TANK INSPECTION: Vernon advised council that it was time for the 5 year inspection for the hydro tank at the water plant. He stated that he had received two quotes/proposal to do so – Two Fold for \$2175 and Pittsburgh Tank for \$2785. A motion was made/second to accept quote from Two Fold in the amount of \$2175 to inspect the hydro tank. Motion was approved.

COMPUTER/TEXT COMMUNICATION AT WATER PLANT: Vernon advised that Wade Mathis from Sanders had sent an email with a quote to install a new modem and reprogram the Sci-trol controller to allow text messaging alarm call outs instead of the

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Joanne Maini  
497-2992

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phone line presently being used. The cost is \$2840 along with setting up an account with AT&T. He stated that the system was working okay at present, but he wanted to present this system as something the town might consider in the future. Mayor Jackson noted that AT&T does not have a tower in the town and might present a problem.

**LEAGUE OF CITIES TRAINING:** Vernon advised council that a representative from the League of Cities had met with him and the other employees explaining the different training programs available to the town. He stated that one program that he felt the town would benefit from is the training program for setting up traffic cones. He advised that there should be one licensed employee in charge of setting up cones when needed. Programs are presented over time at different locations. The representative is to notify the town when a training program is available so the town can participate.

**JOHNNIE B. BRYANT PARK LIGHTS:** Eric advised council of a proposal from Duke Energy to place three light poles and upgrade lighting at the park at a cost of \$883.05 with a monthly rental fee of \$49.35. He also stated that Duke energy would refund the town half of the cost by submitting the paid invoice to Duke Energy. Motion was made/second to accept the proposal from Duke Energy for the lighting of the Johnnie B. Bryant field at Town Park. Motion was approved.

**FFA PROJECT:** Two representative from the FWHS FFA Chapter addressed council with a proposal to beautify Deese Park by performing landscaping to be maintained by the FFA chapter. Council approved the proposal and expressed appreciation to the FFA.

**TREE REMOVAL:** Mayor Jackson advised that a resident of the town had been in contact with the town advising of a hazardous situation with a tree along Yulan St. . Vernon was advised and stated that the town would address the situation. Councilman Richardson stated that the resident became impatient and had the top of the tree removed paying the cost himself. He presented the bill to town with a request that the town pay half of the cost for the removal of the tree top. It was noted that a clear determination of whether the tree was on right-of-way or private property could not be made. The town attorney made a notation of the legalities involved when dealing with "acts of God". Motion was made/second to pay half of the cost for the removal as requested (\$350) by the resident. Councilman Donald Cook abstained from voting as he is related to the resident. Motion approved with 3 for and 1 against.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**