

TOWN OF YADKINVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
213 VAN BUREN STREET
YADKINVILLE, NC
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Eddie Norman

Commissioners:

Tony Hall

Monta Davis-Oliver

Chris Matthews

Scott Winebarger

Richie Parker

Town Attorney Ben Harding

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Manager: Mike Koser

Town Clerk: Alex Potts

Planning Director: Meredith Detsch

Event Planner: Lauren Willard

Police Chief: Philip Scott

Police Commander: Michael Norman

Quorum requirements met – meeting proceeded.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Norman at 5:58 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Manager Mike Koser offered the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (MOTION)

Commissioner Monta Davis-Oliver made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Commissioner Chris Matthews seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 5/0

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MOTION)

Commissioner Tony Hall made a motion to approve the following minutes as presented.

Commissioner Monta Davis-Oliver seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 5/0

- June 2, 2025 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
- June 9, 2025 (Special Meeting Minutes)
- June 27, 2025 (Reconvened Meeting Minutes)
- June 27, 2025 (Closed Session Minutes)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Willingham: Mr. Willingham expressed his gratitude to the Board for their generous funding to the Yadkin Arts Council. He provided an overview of the Arts Council's operations and highlighted the customer base it attracts to downtown Yadkinville. Mr. Willingham also informed the Board about the theatre's annual Juried Show scheduled for Friday, July 11th. Additionally, he mentioned that the Performance Academy will open this coming fall, offering a wide range of new classes for children of all ages.

Matt Sin: Mr. Sin addressed the Board regarding several House Bills currently under consideration, which aim to limit the authority of local governments in planning and zoning matters. He urged local governments to take proactive steps to ensure their voices are heard in Raleigh.

Emmy Corn, President/CEO of the Shallow Ford Foundation: Ms. Corn supported the Friends of Downtown Group, emphasizing their excellent ideas for Downtown Yadkinville. The Shallow Ford Foundation expressed interest in raising or contributing funds for a potential downtown park.

6. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Jody Doss presented his monthly report to the Board. Commissioner Parker asked about their current workload since the Boonville Volunteer Fire Department is no longer responding to calls. Chief Doss explained that they typically handle around two calls a day in Boonville.

7. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Philip Scott provided the monthly report to the Board. He mentioned it was a busy month, highlighting calls regarding transient individuals. Mayor Norman asked about the July 4th event, to which Chief Scott responded that it was incident-free.

8. PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR REPORT

Public Works Director Jacob Swaim was not present at this meeting.

9. EVENT PLANNER REPORT

Event Planner Lauren Willard provided an overview of the Friday After Five Concert that took place in June, as well as the Fourth of July event held on Friday, July 4th, and Saturday, July 5th. She mentioned that everything went smoothly and expressed her gratitude to everyone who assisted with the events. Ms. Willard requested guidance from the Board regarding the 2026 Independence Day Celebration. She noted that next year, July 4th falls on a Saturday, which means the cost for fireworks will be approximately \$25,000. Additionally, she inquired whether the Board preferred to keep the event as a two-day celebration or to combine it into one day. After some discussion, the Board agreed to maintain the event as a two-day celebration and to cover the additional cost for fireworks on Saturday.

Ms. Willard noted that the America 250 Group is planning a two-day festival for next year to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America.

10. PLANNING REPORT

Planning Director Meredith Detsch presented her monthly report to the Board. She noted an increase in new houses and the opening of the RV Park on Service Road.

11. TOWN ATTORNEY BEN HARDING

Town Attorney Ben Harding had nothing to report.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Park Feasibility Study Discussion:**

Manager Mike Koser recommended including the property adjacent to the Yadkin County Chamber building in the park feasibility study to gather ideas for that space. It was mentioned that the Town has allocated over \$10,000 for the study.

- **Spurlin Signs & Awnings Proposal for Yadkinville Park Sign (Attachment #1)(Motion):**

Town Clerk Alex Potts presented a proposal from Spurlin Signs to replace the Yadkinville Town Park sign.

Commissioner Chris Matthews made a motion to approve the Spurlin Signs and Awnings proposal, as presented. Commissioner Richie Parker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 5/0

- **Ordinance Pertaining to Building Colors Downtown:**

Manager Koser mentioned that Planning Director Detsch had conducted research on façade painting in the downtown area. He emphasized that there is an ordinance restricting the colors that can be used, but the guidelines are somewhat vague. Mr. Koser plans to present a color palette inspired by the mid-century era at a later date.

- **Re-appointment of Mr. Gray Garrison to the Tourism Development Authority (1-year term):**

Commissioner Chris Matthews made a motion to reappoint Mr. Gray Garrison to the TDA Board for another 1-year term. Commissioner Scott Winebarger seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 5/0

- **Added Item: Sallyport at Yadkin County Courthouse:**

Manager Koser mentioned that he has been in discussions with the Yadkin County Manager about the sallyport design for the Yadkin County Courthouse. He presented the plans, explaining that the building will extend beyond the parking spaces but should not disrupt traffic.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Monta Davis-Oliver: Commissioner Davis-Oliver expressed her gratitude to Lauren Willard for organizing the Fourth of July event. She also thanked the Yadkinville Police Officers who assisted when a vehicle broke down on the side of Unifi Industrial Road. She noted that they responded quickly and were very polite to the constituents.

Commissioner Richie Parker: Commissioner Parker thanked all staff for the wonderful Fourth of July event.

14. ADJOURNMENT

*With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Monta Davis-Oliver moved the meeting to adjourn. Commissioner Chris Matthews seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:31 p.m.
Vote: 5/0*



Eddie T. Norman, Mayor



Alex Potts, Town Clerk