

Town of Norlina
Regular board meeting
Minutes July 7, 2025
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

Board members present- Mayor Wayne Aycock, Commissioner Denny Burrows, Commissioner Claude O'Hagan, Commissioner Charles Smiley, Commissioner Tyrone Simes

Call to order

Mayor Wayne Aycock called the regular town board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Charles Smiley, followed by a moment of silence.

Citizen Comments

Glenn Fields inquired regarding status of sewer project. Blaine Reese reported it was now under construction. Mr. Fields commented on status of streets and grass growth. Blaine responded the town does assist with the state with grass cutting and due to lots of rain the grass cutting is behind. Also, down a staff member. Mr. Fields commented regarding status of vacant lots. Claude O'Hagan responded the Town is down a staff member and weather conditions. Claude reported there was a backup of tax delinquent properties.

Theresa Carter present.

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Charles Smiley to accept the regular meeting minutes for June as presented, seconded by Commissioner Claude O'Hagan; motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

Commissioner Smiley reported 2025/2026 budget was approved.

Departmental Reports

Police- Commissioner Burrows – Blaine reported assistance of police during July 4th weekend

Finance- Commissioner Smiley – Reported approval of budget. Claude O'Hagan report the Town is heading in right direction regarding finances.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Turner-Brothers – not present

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan- catching up on all the grass being cut from recent rains.

Will look into lots near Mr. Fields' property.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes – Status of vacant lots will be looked into.

Old Business

Mayor Aycock reported passing of budget.

Blaine Reese reported regarding sewer project, 2 wells: wet well and dry well reported to be set this week, Crane has been delivered, pits have been dug. Progress meeting set for following day and are set for 2nd Tuesday of each month. Reported delay of generator at port due to tariff issue.

New Business.

Upcoming Town elections. Greg Loyd reported trying to get the Town on even years for elections so the town could save funds on election costs. Commissioner Simes addressed regarding staggered terms for Commissioners.

Kenya Christian Fellowship run set for October 25th. Town assisting group with event. Town is inquiring about what route the group would like to take.

Train Car Grant: Blaine reported that Greg had started some leads to turn historic train car into Warren County tourism center. Blaine is following up with possible grants for refurbishment. There is a teams meeting on July 15th with NC Department of Commerce. Blaine is also looking into T Mobile small town community grant. Blaine along with Claude reported community enhancement and playground by adding pavilions in the town common area and removing old gazebo. Stated the need of improvement of appearance of Town.

Commissioner Smiley made a motion to make town gazebo surplus property for sale, seconded by Claude O'Hagan: motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Aycock stated there was a delay with the new fire truck. October 5th is 100 year anniversary of Norlina Fire Department. Stated possible festivals to bring back to Town.

Mr. Fields inquired regarding new apartment complex. Blaine reported that the were zoning permits for first 3 houses.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Mayor Aycock to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Charles Smiley; all were in favor of adjourning.