

Town of Norlina
Regular board meeting
Minutes January 5, 2026
Norlina Town Hall- 139 Hyco St.

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

Town Clerk, Greg Loyd

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.

Yearly Audit Presentation made by Keith Joyce, Joyce and Company: Review of Town's 2024/2025 Fiscal Year

Citizen Comments

Edna Hargrove, 127 Nutbush Creek Ln., spoke about not receiving mail. It was determined she did not live within the Town limits.

Amber Raymond pointed out the need to add and improve sidewalks.

Minutes

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

Administrative Reports

Departmental Reports

Police- Commissioner Burrows-Police Chief Marrow reported a good Holiday season for kids' charity. Gave positive yearly report for the Town.

Finance- Commissioner Smiley- Completion of Town Audit. Greg Loyd reported that Commissioner Smiley is in 2-3 times a week to review checks and monthly checks on all Town's Bank Reconciliations.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Shrounda Douglas-Riddick: reported for the Town to focus on communication to the Town's residents. Ways of updating meetings with livestreaming to help residents that cannot make monthly meetings. Stated to make sure the Town's Meeting Minutes and Agendas are on the Town's website. She brought to the attention of the Town in the future employee health situations should be in closed sessions. Reported a Norlina student, Juniper Cumming was appointed on the NC Department of Instruction Student Advisory Council. Mayor Aycock suggests her to attend the next Board meeting for recognition. She noted Norlina's potential Mobility Hub to be prominent on our website.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan- Mark Perkinson reported repairing frozen pipes around Town and reported status of Water/Sewer project.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes – reported 3 homes are almost finished at the new Parktown Village Project. Reported that signs need to have a permit. Also reported on installation of Century Link Fiber network. Reported he will be contacting the new County Tax Administrator regarding the abandoned homes and lots in the area and delinquent taxes. He suggested the Town acquiring a new bank.

Old Business

Greg Loyd reported working on staggered and even year terms for Mayor and Commissioners. Spoke with NCLM Lawyer to hold elections in 2028, top 3 vote getters receive 4-year terms and the bottom vote getters receive 2-year terms. Reached out to local representatives to begin process in General Assembly. Also reported on going cashless on April 4th, 2026 to streamline operations.

New Business.

Commissioner Douglas-Riddick taking steps for the Appearance Committee to improve the appearance of Town. Commissioner Simes reported on the history of the appearance committee and there were efforts made. Suggests updating the Town's calendar to include upcoming events.

Commissioner Simes reported he is running for County Commissioner for District 3.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Douglas-Riddick to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Simes; all were in favor of adjourning.