

Town of Norlina
Regular board meeting
Minutes March 2nd, 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 Attorney, Robert May

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.

Citizen Comments

Mr. Fields expressed concerns about the condition of the Northern part of Town.

Minutes

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

Administrative Reports

Mayor Aycock reported that he had spoken to Commissioner Simes regarding the successful passing of the Audit.

Departmental Reports

Finance Commissioner- Charles Smiley: Review of Auditor contract later in the meeting.

Police- Commissioner Burrows-Police: Chief Marrow reported no serious crimes in the month of February. Also reported a new drug of dipping embalming fluid on cigarettes and dealing with new cases. He reported to call police immediately if anyone runs across these cases. Department is looking into adding E Crash software to better manage traffic accidents online. Also reported ongoing gaming activities in the activity.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Shrounda Douglas-Riddick: Reported she would give Juniper Cumming, Member of the State Superintendent's Advisory Council the Town's Certificate of Appreciation for representing Warren County. She reported attended the Tri County Women's Lunch, January 9th that networks with Women professionals through business development and community events. Announced Seven Springs Vineyard hosts the first Friday of each month business socials for networking. On January 23rd attended Warren County Classic an Alumni Association. Represented the Town in the Monk's Walk for Peace. Attended the annual Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce Member Appreciation event at the Lion's Club. Reported the Black History Month parade in Soul City as a big success. Will follow up on Appearance Committee. Wants to explore live streaming of Monthly meetings. Presented the Board with mural images of the overpass project. Reported the success of the Warren County Boys and Girls Basketball season.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan- reported catching up with Public Works Director Mark Perkinson on February's deep freeze issues. Preparing for the upcoming Spring grass cutting.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes – Participated the Warren County basketball parade. Reported running for a County Commissioner seat.

Old Business

Blaine Reese reported final stages of the USDA Water/Sewer Project. Mr. Reese reported there will be a SCADA water management system installed which provides real time remote monitoring and control of water distribution, treatment and wastewater infrastructure using sensors. With this new system the Town will not need onsite monitoring of the lift stations on the weekends which will save the Town

money. He reported that the Town will start on the next phase of the water/sewer project. Mr. Reese reported he is actively searching for grant funds. Commissioner Douglas-Riddick raised concerns of high-water bills. Blaine Reese explained the Town has to purchase water from the Town of Warrenton. He explained the County contracts with the Town of Warrenton for sewer treatment therefore they set the rates for the Town sewer services. Commissioner Simes reported in the past the Town has met with the County over this structure.

New Business.

Right of Way and Utility Resolutions: Blaine Reese confirmed Tractor Supply is coming. Ground breaking will start in April. He presented 2 Resolutions to the Board. The first Resolution is the dedication of right of way across Wildcat Limited Properties to the Town of Norlina for a public street. Commissioner Simes made a motion to accept resolution, seconded by Commissioner O'Hagan; motion carried unanimously. Blaine Reese presented the 2nd resolution regarding Warren Corners LLC easements for water and sewer, storm drains across from the property to dedicate to the Town. Commissioner Simes made the motion to accept 2nd Resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Burrows; motion carried unanimously.

Greg Loyd presented to the Board Audit Contract for 2025/2026 Fiscal year. The rate increased \$500 from \$41,000 to \$42,500.00. Commissioner Simes made a motion to accept the contract; Commissioner Douglas-Riddick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Marian Cascone, Warren County Tax Administrator, spoke regarding tax deadlines and due dates. She reported the process on collecting delinquent taxes and the foreclosure process. She reported on Property Tax relief programs available to the public. The County is actively focusing on businesses that are not paying taxes. Expressed difficulties in contacting owners of abandoned properties.

Adjournment

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