

Town of Norlina  
Regular board meeting  
Minutes April 7th, 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

Director of Operations, Blaine Reese

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**

None

**Minutes**

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

**Administrative Reports**

**Departmental Reports**

Finance Commissioner- Charles Smiley

Police- Commissioner Burrows-Police: Chief Marrow reported tenants in 301 Walker Ave. advising the owner to go through eviction process. Blaine Reese reported he had communication with the owner of 301 Walker Ave. about the eviction process. Chief marrow reported the arrest of theft at Food Lion. Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Shrounda Douglas-Riddick: Reported there will be a Council Walk, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Reported steps to set up Appearance Committee. Blaine Reese reported in working with Commissioner Douglas-Riddick on increase budget of the Appearance Committee and presented the Gaming Ordinance that will be discussed at a later date. Explained the location of the new Mobility Hub.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan- waiting for a couple of proposals before presenting to the Board.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes – Met with board of adjustments and they approved of 4 new single family homes at corner of Argo and Walker Ave. 3 homes on Terrell St. have been completed and met with the developer on starting a 30-40 new home development. Reported upcoming Blue Bird festival in Warrenton April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**

Blaine Reese reported the USDA Water/Sewer Pump Station is finished. He stated all the new development: housing, new school, Kenyan Christian center will go through the new pump station. Step 2 will start soon and application process is beginning.

Mayor Aycock reported the Board needed to go into an Executive Session regarding a personnel issue. Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Meeting.

A motion was made by Claude O'Hagan to end Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Douglas-Riddick: motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**

Blaine Reese read resignation letter of Police Chief, Tony Marrow, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. A motion was made by Commissioner Simes to accept letter of resignation, seconded by Commissioner Burrows; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2026-03: Intent to Request Legislative Action to Amend Town Charter to Establish Four Year Staggered terms and Even-Year Municipal elections. A motion was made by Commissioner Simes to accept Resolution 2026-03, seconded by Commissioner Smiley; motion carried unanimously.

Blaine Reese presented new Gaming Ordinance for Board to review.

Blaine Reese presented first draft of Budget Workbook to the Board to review. Expressed concerns over increase health insurance costs.

**Adjournment**

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