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

Board members present- Mayor Wayne Aycock, Commissioner Denny Burrows, Commissioner Charles Smiley, 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

Mr. Sledge inquired about Thanksgiving Food Drive held by Police Department. Commissioner Simes reported he would relay information to former Police Chief. Also inquired if Officer Greene was still on duty. It is reported that Officer Greene is still on full-time duty.

Karron Higgs reported trees had fallen on his lawn and expressed concerns of brush removal around Town. Also expressed concerns about public works staffing. Mark Perkinson explained about work order system that residents can call for service.

Minutes

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

Administrative Reports: Commissioner Simes attended annual COG Award banquet. He reported next year's banquet will be held in Warren County.

Departmental Reports:

Finance Commissioner- Charles Smiley: reported the Town is on time with the annual audit.

Police Commissioner-Denny Burrows: reported the Warren County Tourism has their website up. Website: visitwarrennc.com. It includes calendar of events.

Technology & Enhancement- Commissioner Shrounda Douglas-Riddick: Reported traffic congestion around Warren YES School. She's working with school administrators on this issue. Reported a sign missing on Hawk's Rd. intersection. Reported on Warren County Homecoming in partnership with Warren County Tourism. She inquired on the old signs coming into Norlina to be removed. Mayor Aycock expressed concerns over the influx of people coming in the area due to Homecoming Weekend and crime committed. Commissioner Simes reported a large number of people that are coming in from out of Town causing issues that is not associated with the Warren County Alumni Association.

Park & Public Works - Commissioner O'Hagan: Mark Perkinson reiterated the Town's Work Order system.

Zoning- Commissioner Simes: Reported making a contact with the United Way and discussed how the Town could be more involved. He reported Tractor Supply would be opening in February.

Old Business: Blaine Reese is attending the Warren County Borad of Commissioners Meeting to present Police Contract and is there in case of any questions.

Greg Loyd reported attending GovDeals training in selling Town surplus property: Crown Victoria town car.

New Business:

Greg Loyd reported the meeting with Town and County officials. Warren County Living and Learning Youth Center and the University of North Carolina participated in a Youth Science Camp. It was discovered there was presence of lead in Junction Park. There is no lead presence in the playground. The lead is coming from the paint of the historic train car. He reported the Town is waiting back for

recommendations on treatment of the area. Commissioner Burrows explained the findings of the report that was presented to the Board.
Greg Loyd reported letters would be going out to the Overlay District Business Owners regarding the appearance of the Town. He also relayed that Blaine Reese was receiving complaints of trash cans being left out after trash pickup. He reported on next billing cycle there would be a memo regarding trash cans. He also reported the Town trying to get residents to sign up for mass texting.
Mayor Aycock reported on the upcoming grand opening of Warren YES Charter School, Wednesday, October 7th.

Adjournment

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