Minutes of Meeting
November 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Old Fort Board of Aldermen was held in the Board Room located in Town Hall on November 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Governing Board Members present: Mayor Pam Snypes, Mayor Protem Iretha Hancock, Alderman James Grindstaff, Aldermen Wayne Stafford, Alderman Melvin Lytle and Alderman Erin Adams.

Visitors: See attached sign in sheet

Meeting was opened by: Mayor Pam Snypes

Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Alderman Wayne Stafford

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman James Grindstaff led the pledge of allegiance

Approve the Minutes:

Alderman Erin Adams made the motion to approve the prior month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Iretha Hancock and approved 5 – 0 vote.

Public Comments:

Mason Black with the Old Fort Library updated all that has been going on at the library in the past month. The NC Arboretum and Painters Nursery have donated some herb plants, bird houses and other plants outside the library for the public to be able to enjoy.

The Library has also received a grant to supply books for rising kindergarteners.

Gail Turner spoke on behalf of Cathy Moore who could not be present at tonight's meeting. She read the updates on the 250 celebration and the "Waiting on the Train" in McDowell County. The open house on the 4th Sunday of each month at the Old Fort Depot is going very well (see attachment).

Gail also announced the upcoming blood drive that will be held at the Old Fort First Baptist Church. There is a great need for type "O" blood.

Board of Aldermen reports:

Alderman Erin Adams	-	None
Alderman James Grindstaff	-	None
Alderman Iretha Hancock	-	None
Alderman Melvin Lytle	-	None

Alderman Wayne Stafford - Thanked all the voters for their support, and he will work for everyone, those who voted for him and also for those who didn't

Mayor Pam Snypes - Christmas decorations have been ordered and are to be delivered the week of Thanksgiving; should be put up in time for the Christmas parade on Dec 6th.

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday & Friday the week of Thanksgiving.

Staff Reports:

Town Administrator – Renee' Taylor

None.

Police Report:

Mayor Snypes read the previous month's police report activity (attached).

Public Works:

Mark White gave an update on the sewer line which has already started on Salisbury Avenue.

Water Report : - Gail Turner

(Report attached)

She gave the garbage pickup schedule during the holidays. The garbage pickup for the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years will be on " Monday" only of those weeks.

Sewer Report:

None.

New Business:

The Board decided to have the Christmas Employee Dinner and the swearing in of the Mayor and Alderman on December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot building.

Alderman Iretha Hancock made the motion to go into closed session as outlined by NCGS 143-318.11. The motion was seconded by Alderman Erin Adams and approved 5 – 0 vote.

Alderman Erin Adams made the motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wayne Stafford and approved 5 – 0 vote.

At 7:10 p.m., Alderman Erin Adams made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Melvin Lytle and approved 5 – 0 vote.

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Mayor, Town of Old Fort

Attest:

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Renee 'Taylor, Town Administrator