Minutes of Meeting
October 19, 2026
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 October 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Visitors: See attached sign in sheet

Meeting was opened by: Mayor Protem Iretha Hancock

Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Alderman Wayne Stafford

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Melvin Lytle led the pledge of allegiance

Approve the Minutes:

Alderman Wayne Stafford made the motion to approve the prior month's minutes. The motion was seconded by Alderman James Grindstaff and approved 5 – 0 vote.

Public Comments:

Mason Black with the Old Fort Library announced that the Library has some Halloween activities planned – Tuesday is spirit photography of spooky things and Wednesday is horror movie screening. The month of November will be back to the regular flow with story reading every day at 11:00 a.m.

Ann George with the Old Fort Beautification Committee let everyone know the winter plants have all been planted in the pots around town. All of the fall décor in town has been donated. Ann has designed new T-shirts for all of the volunteers.

Cathy Moore gave an update on Waiting on the Train and the opening of the depot and museum times (handout attached).

Old Business: None

New Business:

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to Amend the Town Charter for Municipal Elections to be held on even numbered years. The motion was seconded by Alderman Erin Adams and approved 5 – 0 vote.

Alderman Melvin Lytle made the motion to approve the budget amendments (attached). The motion was seconded by Alderman Wayne Stafford and approved 5 – 0 vote.

Alderman Erin Adams made the motion to go into closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11 (4). The motion was seconded by Alderman James Grindstaff and approved 5 – 0 vote.

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

At 7:30 p.m., Alderman Wayne Stafford made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Erin Adams and approved 5 – 0 vote.

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Mayor Protem, Town of Old Fort

Attest:

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Renee 'Taylor, Town Administrator