

Mayor

Ed Lowery

Commissioners

Christopher Carlson

Tony McVickers

Benjamin Mahaffey

Kristen McVickers

Kelly Grant

Attorney

Sarah Price



Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Raymie Day

Utility Clerk

Lana Penfield

Chief of Police

Hudson Chitwood

Public Works Director

Joe Penfield

Code Enforcement Officer

Tina Odom

**MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2026**

Called to order by Mayor Lowery 7:00PM

Invocation by Mr. Solomon

Pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Lowery

The following members of the board of commissioners were present:

Mayor Lowery

Commissioner Carlson

Commissioner Grant

Commissioner Mahaffey

Commissioner T. McVickers

Commissioner K. McVickers (virtual)

Overview

- Meeting opened with prayer and Pledge; commissioners re-sworn and minutes from Dec 2, 2025 approved.
- Council tentatively awarded the well project (bid figures discussed came in under budget).
- Ongoing rules & property issue: title insurance / heir dispute delaying transfer of property intended for scouting use.
- Updates on municipal projects and a prospective Parkton Medical Center — developer expects to appear at next workshop.
- Department reports were given.

New Business

Oaths

- Commissioners Carlson, Mahaffey, T. McVickers, K. McVickers and Grant were re-sworn and administered the oath.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Mahaffey motioned to approve meeting minutes from December 2, 2025 and Commissioner Carlson seconded; All were in favor.

Well Project

- Bid was received at \$887,725, it is within budget and covered by the grant.
- Design change: well 5 to have a quick-connect (no permanent generator); portable generator to serve wells 1 and 5; well 4 to have a permanent generator.
- Resolution authorizes accepting the bid and submitting required paperwork.

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- Commissioner McVickers motioned to approve the resolution and Commissioner Carlson seconded; All were in favor.

Old Business

Sewer Project Update

- Mrs. Penfield informed the board that Mr. Honeycutt from McGill provided an update right before the meeting. Due to the complexity of the update, it will be provided to the board and discussed at the January 20th, 2026 workshop.

Ruritan Property Update

- Commissioner McVickers states that he has heard from the churches and contacts of the property; they wish to move forward.
- It is noted the building is deteriorating from rain and may require significant repairs.
- Town attorney Sarah Price states that the property transfer paused pending confirmation of good title to avoid potential heir claims.
- Options discussed on how to proceed. Mrs. Price to follow up and confirm good title and avoid potential heir claims delaying conveyance.

Parkton Medical Wellness Center Update

- Commissioner T. McVickers states that there is a proposal for a medical wellness center to locate to Parkton.
- Medical center developer is abroad but ready to proceed; expected to be present at the next workshop/meeting.

Parking Lot Paving Update

Mrs. Penfield states we are waiting on 1 estimate (which will be the 3rd) from Sikes. Estimate scheduled for next week.

Public Comments

Bob Hill

- Mr. Hill calls into question the legality of Mrs. McVickers position on the board and requests information on her position in DC.
- Mrs. McVickers asserts her position on continued Parkton domicile: She states she votes and resides in Parkton, her W-2s are processed under North Carolina, her vehicle and license are tied to NC, and she is employed temporarily by a U.S. Senator in Washington, D.C.
- Mrs. Price stated residency is fact-based; government service in D.C. generally does not terminate NC domicile unless registration/voting occurs elsewhere; intent and evidence (e.g., voter registration) determine domicile.
- Mr. Hill requested Mrs. McVickers assignment; assignment is streets and signs (public works).
- Mrs. McVickers requested to read a letter she wrote in regard to her position.

“Parkton Residents:

It has come to my attention that there are questions regarding my status and intentions as an elected member of the Town Board of Parkton, North Carolina.

First, I would like to assure you that my intent to serve as a public servant to the residents of Parkton remains unchanged. When I ran for office, I did so as a lifelong citizen of Parkton, eager to bring value to a town that has long brought value to me. It has always been a goal of mine to serve my community and the American people in whatever capacity is afforded to me. That opportunity has presented itself in two ways: first, through the chance to work directly with the United States Senate in a Senator's office, and again in November, when I was graciously elected to serve as Councilwoman in Parkton.

I maintain that I am, first and foremost, a citizen and servant of Parkton. This town is my home now and will remain so indefinitely. I will continue to remain active in the town and my community for many years to come. While my current professional responsibilities require me to be in Washington, D.C., I have not abandoned my ties to Parkton, though I am not able to be physically present for all meetings. I remain an advocate for Parkton and see my work not as a distraction from my responsibilities to the town, but as an asset to my advocacy. This opportunity allows me to be directly aligned with my service to the people of Parkton and to the United States.

There is a certain gravity that comes with taking office, and I want my participation to benefit the town. If, for any reason, I feel that I am unable to adequately serve Parkton, I will take prudent steps to ensure the continued success of the town.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my town in this great capacity. Sincerely,

Commissioner Kristen McVickers"

- Mr. Hill stressed Mrs. McVickers inability to fulfill local duties if she is not a resident and threatened a recall if the commissioner does not resign or the board does not declare the position vacant.

Department Reports

Public Works

- Mr. Penfield stated there was a water leak last Friday and it is already taken care of.
- Mr. Penfield discussed the purchase of a leaf vacuum priced at approx \$4,500.
- Purchase contingent on current budget; if within budget department may proceed without returning to board; if requiring a budget action it must come to the board.

Police

- Assistant Chief Michaels attends in place of Chief Hudson as he is in training.
- Report given. 23 Traffic stops, 4 written and 19 verbal, 2 disorderly conduct calls, 1 larceny call, 1 weapon violation, 1 health and welfare check, 1 B&E, 1 Request

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to speak with an officer, 1 Suspicious vehicle/person call, 1 Communicating threats call. SBI and FBI audits closed; internal audits near completion

Admin

- Ms. Day states year end financial and administrative tasks being completed
- Maintenance building transfers complete
- Deposit from DEQ made. Deposits are more frequent and running smoothly thanks to the help of Mrs. Elliott at McGill.
- All 1099s and W2s will be processed by S. Preston Douglas.

Legal

Nothing to report

Zoning

Nothing to report

Commissioner Comments

- Mayor Lowery and Commissioner McVicker will be assigned to tasks with the COG.
- Mayor Lowery assigns the following departments to commissioners. Grant – Zoning, K. McVickers – Streets/Signs (Public Works), Carlson – Police Department, Mahaffey – Human Resources. Mayor Lowery requests Commissioner McVickers be appointed Mayor Pro Tem.
- Commissioner McVickers asks if he will still be economic development as well. Mayor Lowery confirms.
- Commissioner Carlson makes a motion to assign Commissioner McVickers as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Mahaffey seconds the motion. All in favor.

Adjournment

Commissioner Carlson motions to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mahaffey seconds the motion. All in favor. Meeting closed at 7:28PM.