

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
May 12, 2025
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:32 pm on Monday, May 12, 2025. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor David Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Marquise Broom, Diana Dolan-Beulah, and Bill Brittingham.

Staff: Chief Guild, Town Manager, Amy Thomas and Town Clerk, Tracey Thompson.

Public: Resident, Dick and Rick Jones.

Public Comments:

- Councilmember Broom announced the VFW will be hosting the Memorial Day Ceremony Service on May 26th at 10am at Odd Fellows Park. They will also be placing flags on veteran grave stones at nearby cemeteries on May 24th at 9am.
- Resident Dick Jones had a concern about a ticket he received while riding with an expired temp tag last year, and questioned why the Public Works Kubota can drive on the streets. Amy and Mayor Kelley both explained that the Kubota is street legal and has a DMV sticker that was approved by the state as a slow-moving vehicle.
- Resident Dick Jones had questions on the town's water supply and flushing schedule. Mayor Kelley explained the details of why Public Works needs to flush hydrants. There was also discussion as to why we had missed the deadline for last year's Lead and Copper testing which we have completed at the beginning of this year and will have to complete again in July.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the April 2025 police report.

- Hidden Pond patrols due to dirt bikes, officers are dedicating 30 minutes a shift.
- Next Monday, May 19th is the PAC meeting at the Price Center open to the public.
- Lt. Darling's new vehicle arrived.
- Accreditation changes, at the third year there is a requirement to reinspect everything.
- 248 calls of service for the month of March.

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve the April 2025 Police Report. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

- 29 alarms for the month.

Budget Report:

Amy presented the April 2025 Budget Report.

- 17% remaining of the budget.
- Public Works received the crack sealer.
- Engineering expense will be reimbursed to us from DSM Commercial.
- Repair lines are being used, lots of repairs this year.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the April 2025 Budget Report. Vice Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the April 14, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and the April 14, 2025 Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to accept the April 14, 2025 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and the April 14, 2025 Town Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Kent County Sewer Bill:

- Discussion on Kent County response to forgiveness letter the town sent.
- Discussion on payment plan vs paying in full.

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to pay Kent County Sewer Bill in full. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Dolan Beulah- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- no, Mayor Kelley- no.

End of Summer Bash Date:

- Wednesday, August 20th from 6pm-8pm.

Approval of FY26 Budget:

- Increased line for chemical for water system due to increase in pricing and public works needs to purchase macrolite.

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Dolan Beulah- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- Yes, Mayor Kelley- Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm to go into Executive Session

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting to go into executive session. Councilmember Dolan-Beulah seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Town Council Meeting was reconvened at 8:29pm.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to hire a part time public works employee. Vice Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Dolan Beulah- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- No, Mayor Kelley- Yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date