

**Town of Felton
Town Council Meeting
April 13, 2026
6:30 pm**

Mayor Kelley called the Town Council Meeting of Felton to order at 6:15 pm on Monday, April 13, 2026. Present at the meeting were:

Council Members: Mayor David Kelley, Vice-Mayor Joanne Clendaniel, Marquise Broom, Patrick Forey, and Bill Brittingham.

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

Public: Dave Hanks, Charles Vattimo, Rita Marie Ferguson, Tyler Patterson, and Rick Jones.

Public Comments:

- VFW Commander and Chief of Felton VFW Post, Charles Vattimo spoke on upcoming events.
- May 9th Food Drive will be held over at Odd Fellows Park 9am-3pm.
- May 19th is the next member meeting at the Historical Society.
- May 23rd (possibly date move to May 16th) Annual Cemetery cleanup.
- May 23rd Invited to Bowers Beach Opening Ceremony of the Buccaneers Bash.
- May 25th Memorial Day Service at Odd Fellows Park.
- State of Delaware doing a bike rally with Legislators and Governor to visit and stop at each VFW Post. Scheduled to be in Felton September 20th.

Police Report:

Chief Guild presented the March 2026 police report.

- In car cameras are completed, April 28th the new police truck will have its installation.
- Ordered new duty weapons. Waiting on delivery.
- PAC meeting scheduled in May at the Price Center.
- Completed the Spring Shoot.
- Brake compression signs have been ordered.
- New No Parking signs in front of North Elementary. The school painted the curb yellow.
- Mandatory annual training by post standards have been completed.
- 205 calls of service for the month of March.
- 580 calls of service for the calendar year.
- Discussion with Dave Hanks who had multiple questions for the Chief.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve the March 2026 Police Report. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Felton Fire Company Report:

- 26 Fire Alarms for the month of March

Budget Report:

Amy presented the March 2026 Budget Report.

- 25% remaining of the fiscal year.
- Public Works is requesting to use Capital Improvement funds to purchase light bars for the snow plowing trucks. Total to outfit two trucks is \$4,746.
- Chief Guild is requesting to use Capital Improvement funds to finish paying for the emergency equipment to outfit the new police truck. Total cost \$12,853. Discussion on using the funds from the Tahoe they sold vs just taking the funds from Capital Improvements.

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to take funds from Capital Improvements to pay for the emergency equipment for the new police truck and the light bars for the public works snow plowing trucks. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, Bill Brittingham- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the March 2026 Budget Report. Vice-Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Mayor Kelley presented the March 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept the March 9, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Second Reading- An Ordinance Repealing Article IV, Title 33 of the Town Code of the Town of Felton Entitled “An Ordinance Controlling the Height of Grass, Weeds and other Vegetation within the Town of Felton” and enacting a new Article IV, Title 33 of the Town Code of the Town of Felton Entitled “An Ordinance Controlling the Height of Grass, Weeds and other Vegetation within the Town of Felton and Establishing Penalties for Violations Thereof.

Motion: Vice Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve An Ordinance Repealing Article IV, Title 33 of the Town Code of the Town of Felton Entitled “An Ordinance Controlling the Height of Grass, Weeds and other Vegetation within the Town of Felton” and enacting a new Article IV, Title 33 of the Town Code of the Town of Felton Entitled “An Ordinance Controlling the Height of Grass, Weeds and other Vegetation within the Town of Felton and Establishing Penalties for Violations Thereof. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

First Reading – An Ordinance to create a Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons 65 Years of Age or Older:

- Ordinance will state if the resident with a tax exemption does not pay their taxes on time they will lose their discount for that tax year.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to approve the first reading – An Ordinance to create a Real Property Tax Exemption for Persons 65 years of age or older. Councilmember Broom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Member- Zeus Tecson:

- Resident Mr. Tecson who has contracting experience would like to become a member of our Planning and Zoning Committee.
- Amy reached out to a planning and zoning member to see if they were willing to give up their spot in order for Mr. Tecson to join. Which she did get a member to agree.

Motion: Councilmember Forey made a motion to approve Zeus Tecson as a new member to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Vice Mayor Clendaniel seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Charter Revisions:

- Discussion on the present charter and the charter revision.
- Charter would be amended so the Chief of Police reports to Mayor and Council.
- Discussion on the duties the mayor will have once the charter is revised.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to start the process to amend the charter. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

Annexation Request- 18 Cattle Drive:

- Developer Tyler Patterson wants to annex 18 Cattle Drive into town limits.
- Will be renovating the home on the property and hopes to subdivide lot to build another home.
- The property will be cleaned up next week.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Clendaniel made a motion to accept annexation request of 18 Cattle Drive. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

End of Summer Bash Date:

- August 26th, 6pm-8pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm to go into Executive Session

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:57pm

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

Motion: Councilmember Broom made a motion to accept employee raises for the FY27 Budget. Councilmember Forey seconded the motion. Roll Call- Vice Mayor Clendaniel- Yes, Councilmember Broom- Yes, Councilmember Forey- Yes, Councilmember Brittingham- Yes, and Mayor Kelley- Yes.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

These minutes were prepared by Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk.

Tracey Thompson, Town Clerk

Date