



TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
PARK TOURS
MAY 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at North Street Park in Boone. Mayor Dalton George presided. Town Council members present included Virginia Roseman, Anne Pruitt, and Adrian Tait. Town staff present included Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Public Works Director Todd Moody, Grants Coordinator/Communications Laney Wise, Cultural Resources Director Mark Freed, and Fire Chief Jimmy Isaacs. The purpose of the meeting was to allow Council members to meet with staff at Town-owned properties to gather input and take potential action regarding the properties and park resources.

NORTH STREET PARK

Cultural Resources Director Mark Freed gave a brief history of the park, noting its significance to the community over the years. He noted that staff were working to obtain a grant for a pavilion and that potential future improvements included additional parking, including ADA parking, and an enhanced entrance off Queen Street. Mr. Freed reported that volunteers would be working on a pollinator garden and a potential art project to highlight the significant impacts the Junaluska community has had on Boone.

JUNALUSKA PARK

A brief discussion took place regarding the lease of the property from the American Legion, with Mr. Moody agreeing to meet with representatives to discuss the future of the lease and the property as a whole. Council members also noted the poor condition of the restrooms and drainage issues in the lower field. Councilmember Tait shared that he had discussed the idea of a walking trail along the perimeter of the park with members of the neighborhood and received support for the concept.

JAYCEE PARK

Councilmember Tait suggested implementing a reservation system for the picnic shelter to improve community access and utilization. Ms. Wise reported that feedback gathered during recent neighborhood meetings at the park included requests for updated and ADA-accessible equipment, walking paths, additional grills, and a splash pad.

DANIEL BOONE PARK

The need for the ability to host events outside of Horn in the West was briefly discussed before members were given a tour of the historic cabins and Strawberry Hill. During the tour, members also noted the need for additional signage throughout the area.

Councilmember Roseman left the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

BOLICK FARM PROPERTY

Chief Isaacs provided members with a survey of the property identifying the location of the future Fire Station 4, where work had begun earlier in the week. Previous plans for the property were discussed briefly, along with potential future uses and sale opportunities for the remaining property.

Hearing no objections, Mayor George adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Dalton George, Mayor