



**TOWN OF ELM CITY
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022, at 6:30 PM
Town Hall Chambers 117 S. Railroad St.**

In attendance:

Mayor Tawanda Moore (hereinafter, Mayor Moore)
Mayor Pro Tem Tammie Atkinson (hereinafter, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson)
Commissioner Tim Bridgers (hereinafter, Commissioner Bridgers)
Commissioner David Greene (hereinafter, Commissioner Greene)
Commissioner Gil Wheeler (hereinafter, Commissioner Wheeler)
Commissioner Zackery Mercer (hereinafter, Commissioner Mercer)

Also in Attendance:

Town Administrator, John Edwards (hereinafter, Admin Edwards)
Finance Officer, Shameshia Fennell (hereinafter, Finance Officer Fennell)
Interim Town Clerk, Atina Newsome (hereinafter, Clerk Newsome)
Public Works Director, Jeff Hill (hereinafter, PWD Hill)

Call To Order:

Mayor Moore called the regular council meeting to order on May 10, 2022, at 6:30pm. Mayor Moore invited those with citizens' concerns or special comments for the honorary to sign in and make their concerns and comments heard.

Invocation:

Mayor Moore quoted a poem by Author, Marrianne Williamson.

Pledge Of Allegiance:

Mayor Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve April 12, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve April 12, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

Public Hearings/Comments:

Mayor Moore read the instructions of the Public Hearings/Comments. She opened the floor for public comments.

a. Town Plan 2040- Comprehensive Land Use & Master Plan

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Moore read the Consent Agenda's definition. She asked for a motion to approve Budget Amendment #5. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment #5, Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Presentations/Discussions:

- a. Public Hearing for Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Michael Harvey with In Focus Presented the final draft of the Land Use Plan that needs to be adopted by the town, by June 30th 2022. Mr. Harvey expressed that Elm City was well on their way to adopt a plan that represents a great structure of growth for the town. The land use map identifies certain areas of growth for businesses manufacturing and residential areas. Mr. Harvey explained how the Land Use Map and Zoning Map works together for the modifications of the community, and the change will create a great expansion in all areas, especially in downtown Elm City. Last but not least Mr. Harvey, stated that the Land Use Plan is a living & breathing document that can be changed to the need of the town.
- b. Teresa Whitley, spoke about being interested in seeing a mini-Walmart come to the town, but had a concern of the town using her yard as a parking lot and would should have a vote against the parking lot areas. Ms. Whitley also suggested that the town put some businesses in the 306 S. Branch St. area because at this time, the vacant space is attracting unwanted activity.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adopt the Land Use Map. Commissioner Greene made a motion to adopt the Land Use Map. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Staff Reports:

- a. PWD Hill gave a copy of his Monthly Operation Report.
- b. Finance Officer Fennell gave her report on the Budget Amendment #5 and Expenditure Report

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

- a. Commissioner Greene spoke some available grants and investors that could go towards the Elm City Bank Building (Batts Williams Building).
- b. Commissioner Wheeler gave a reminder to staff to have the Public Works Department hang the flags in town for Memorial Day.

Closed Session: *Pursuant to NCGS 143-318 (a) (6)*

- a. Personnel Matter

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to end closed session and Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Adjournment: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm