

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2022 at 7:30pm

Elm City Train Depot

TOWN COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

Mayor: Tawanda A. Moore / Mayor Pro Tem: Tammie Atkinson

Commissioners: Tim Bridgers; / David Greene; / Cornel Mercer; / Gil Wheeler

Town Manager: John Edwards

Finance Officer: Shameshia Fennell

Town Clerk: Teresa Whitehead

Customer Service: Atina Newsome

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order and gave the welcome. She also invited all those who would like to sign up to address the Board to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell, presented the Budget Amendment and Adoption of New Rate Schedule for the town's utilities.

*Mayor Moore called for a motion to accept the new rate restructure of the utilities. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the new rate structure; Commissioner Greene seconded the motion.

*The motion was carried by a 5-0 vote.

UPDATES BY TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager John Edwards updated the board re: Parker St. Lift Station, and the town's continuous strides towards a 5-year Comprehensive Plan with NFocus. Questionnaires were passed around to Commissioners and collected.

Admin. Edwards shared the new hiring of Public Work's Director; Jeff Hill, Water & Sewer Operator; Jon Jones, and Part Time Public Works Technician; Arthur Jones previously worked

for town for two years). Mr. Edwards also shared the recent hiring of Customer Service Rep. Atina Newsom and Town Clerk Teresa Whitehead.

Admin Edwards shared the ending contract services date of 12/31/2021 with Envirolink Inc. with all equipment to be moved by the close of business day on 1/15/2022. All public works services are handled by the Town of Elm City's Public Works Department with the exclusion of garbage and recycling pickup.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Alex Baines of "The Light Creation" introduced herself and her business as well as expressed her excitement about being a new business in town.

Marsha Wells expressed her concern with mailboxes in front of her house that could be part of an old law...issue with the local Post Office's placing the mailbox.

Joshua Robinson of the Elm City Forward Coalition expressed a desire to get updates on the Town's Parks & Recreation Department. He mentioned the Focus Group Surveys, Citizen's Boards, Downtown Growth, Town Social Media website, Sound Equipment, Town Events for the New Year.

COMMISSIONER CONCERNS

David Greene inquired about the cemetery.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318 (a) (6)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned with a motion made by Commissioner Wheeler and Seconded by Commissioner Atkinson. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.