



**TOWN OF ELM CITY
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM
Town Hall Office 117 S. Railroad St.**

In attendance:

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

Also in Attendance:

Public Works Administrator Theresa Whitley (hereinafter, PWA Whitley)
Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)

Absent

Commissioner Zachary Mercer (hereinafter, Commissioner Mercer)
Town Clerk Atina Newsome (hereinafter, Clerk Newsome)

Call To Order: Mayor Moore called the regular council meeting to order on January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm. Mayor Moore invited those with citizens' concerns or special comments for the honorary to sign the sign-in sheet to make their concerns and comments heard.

Invocation: Mayor Moore

Pledge Of Allegiance: Mayor Moore

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda for January 10, 2023 council meeting. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve December 13, 2022 regular council meeting minutes. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the December 13, 2022 minutes and Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

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

- A. Dennis Knight spoke on behalf of how illegal dumping has slowed down on his vacant lot. He thanked Code Enforcement Public Works and Town Hall Staff for excelling at their job. He also mentions that he wished there could be a fee if you are caught for illegal dumping.
- B. Jody Whitley: Zoning Officer Lucas spoke on behalf of Mr. Whitley, who petitioned the Town for the rights to hunt on the Town property, which the Bissette and Bass Farm out. He has permission from the Bissette and the Bass family but needs approval from the Town. He wants to slow down the deer and rabbits from eating the crops on the farm. Commissioner Wheeler motioned to approve Mr. Whitley to continue hunting the land of the Bissette and Bass farms, which is the Town of Elm City property, until further notice. 2nd by Commissioner Bridgers. The Motion passed 4-0.

Consent Agenda: NONE

Presentations/Discussions:

1. Camera System: Mike Leclerc spoke about the camera system he can install and presented his proposal for services to install cameras at Town Hall and Maintenance Op Yard. Commissioner Wheeler motioned to install cameras at the Town Hall and Operation Center. 2nd by Commissioner Bridgers. The Motion passed 4-0
2. Heritage Cemetery: Mr. Dennis Knight spoke on behalf of the Heritage Cemetery board on the request for the Town to take over the maintenance of the cemetery. Mr. Knight and the Board agreed until they hear from former Congressman G.K. Butterfield on the grant to table any decision. The Town Board spoke on the possibility of annexing that property into Town Limits in the future.

Unfinished Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Town Staff Reports:

Public Works Report: Ms. Whitley gave the monthly update on Public Works

Zoning Code Enforcement: Zoning Officer Lucas gave the monthly update on Code Enforcement and Zoning-related topics. The Town staff agreed to let Melvin utilize the Town property on Stage Coach Rd. to get to his farm property by Golf Cart or Four-Wheeler as long as he knows that he or no one else can cut an actual road on the Town property.

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

Greene None

Bridgers None

Wheeler Gave an update on Town related items

Atkinson asked if the Town could send a resolution to citizens who have lived or served within the Town for a long time. To be acknowledged at the Funeral. Wheeler also stated that we could acknowledge outstanding achievements with the schools and other things in the Town with a resolution.

Moore: Mayor Moore gave her report on updates with the Town.

Chief Joyner, Fire Chief of Toisnot Rural Fire Dept. Gave an update on what the fire department is doing to help the Town gain more trucks for Public Works from neighboring jurisdictions. He also stated that the Town Hall Office needs more lighting for the safety of the employees, the Mayor, and the Commissioners.

Closed Session: Commissioner Wheeler motioned to go into a Closed Session; Commissioner Atkinson seconded the Motion. The Motion passed 4-0.