



**TOWN OF ELM CITY
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2024, at 6:30 PM
Elm City Train Depot 101 Nash St.**

In attendance:

Mayor Tawanda Moore (hereinafter, Mayor Moore)
Mayor Pro Tem Tammie Atkinson (hereinafter, Commissioner Atkinson)
Commissioner Gil Wheeler (hereinafter, Commissioner Wheeler)
Commissioner Bridget Wimberley (hereinafter, Commissioner Wimberley)
Commissioner Vonica Carr (hereinafter, Commissioner Carr)
Commissioner Tim Bridgers (hereinafter, Commissioner Bridgers)

Also in Attendance:

Town Clerk Melissa Younger (hereinafter, Clerk Younger)
Finance Officer Tiondra Fields (hereinafter, Finance Officer Fields)

Absent:

Town Attorney Slade Rand (hereinafter, Slade Rand)
Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)
Public Works Supervisor Wilbur Etheridge (hereinafter, Wilbur Etheridge)

Call To Order: Mayor Moore called the Regular Council Meeting to order on December 10, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Invocation: Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson

Pledge Of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda for December 10, 2024 with the addition of Mike Tolson with Mack Gay Associates to the Action Items section. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the agenda for December 10, 2024 with the addition of Mike Tolson with Mack Gay Associates to the Action Items section. Commissioner Wimberley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Monthly Council Meeting on November 12, 2024. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on November 12, 2024. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations/Discussions: None

Action Items:

- **Town Attorney, Slade Rand** – Mayor Moore stated that Mr. Rand had presented resolutions to the board at the November meeting for their review. Mayor Moore asked for an approval of said resolutions. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve resolutions from Town Attorney Slade Rand. Commissioner Atkison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Zoning Officer, Shawn Lucas** – Melissa Younger presented the Code Enforcement Case (ordinance) for 406 E. Wilson St in Mr. Lucas' absence. Due to the major structural damage of the property and the pecan tree being considered dead due to heat rot by the Wilson County Forestry Service. Zoning Officer Lucas highly recommends having the tree removed and the property boarded up to prevent any harm done to existing structures around it and to prevent anyone from getting severely hurt on the property, with a lien being placed on the property to recoup the Town's expense when the property sells for tax foreclosure.

There were two bids put in to for the removal of the tree as well as the boarding up of said property:

Pitt's Tree Service- \$4,400

Horne's Lawn Care- \$4,500

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to accept the ordinance from Shawn Lucas, regarding 406 E. Wilson St ordinance as well as moving forward with the lien, boarding up the property, and removal of the pecan tree; choosing Pitt's Tree service to perform the work at \$4,400. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to accept the ordinance from Shawn Lucas, regarding 406 E. Wilson St ordinance as well as moving forward with the lien, boarding up the property, and removal of the pecan tree; choosing Pitt's Tree service to perform the work at \$4,400. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Finance Officer, Tiondra Fields** – Budget Amendment *Tabled*
- **Mike Tolson, Mack Gay Associates** – Mr. Tolson came to speak about two Funding Offers/Resolutions, totaling roughly 4 million dollars, that needed approval before December 31, 2024. One was for Water Filtration & Emergency Backup Generators and the other was for DW System Rehab and Improvements.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the two Funding Offers/Resolutions for Water Filtration & Emergency Backup Generators and DW System Rehab and Improvements. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the two Funding Offers/Resolutions for Water Filtration & Emergency Backup Generators and DW System Rehab and Improvements. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tolson also gave an update on some pricing he received pertaining to digital meters. He stated that the materials would cost roughly 250k and installation would be between 100k-150k. He would like to set up a demonstration with a local company, Core & Main, and town staff, to have further discussions and have them answers any questions.

Public Hearings/Comments:

Mattie Sharpe of 514 Daniel Dr. is concerned about a ditch that causes flooding and would like to have it cleaned on a regular basis. She also mentioned that the railroad company use to keep it maintained, and **Commissioner Wheeler** recalled that they did as well. Mayor Moore reassured Ms. Sharpe that the Town is in the process of having a contracted worker begin working to clear the ditches of debris, so that the water will flow properly.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Town Staff Reports: None

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

Mayor Moore read her Town Administrator's report in detail as well as listed the Commissioner's assignments for 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson invited everyone to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Coach Harvey Reid Jr. on December 12, 2024 at 11am.

Adjournment: **Mayor Moore** asked for a motion to adjourn the December 10, 2024 Regular Monthly Council Meeting. **Commissioner Bridgers** made a motion to adjourn the December 10, 2024 Regular Monthly Council Meeting. **Commissioner Wheeler** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.