



**TOWN OF ELM CITY
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 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)

Also in Attendance:

Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)
Town Clerk Melissa Younger (hereinafter, Clerk Younger)

Absent:

Commissioner Tim Bridgers (hereinafter, Commissioner Bridgers)
Town Attorney Slade Rand (hereinafter, Slade Rand)
Public Works Supervisor Wilbur Etheridge (hereinafter, Wilbur Etheridge)

Call To Order: Mayor Moore called the Regular Council Meeting to order on July 9, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Invocation: Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson

Pledge Of Allegiance: Mayor Moore

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the July 9, 2024 council meeting. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the agenda. 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 June 4, 2024 Special Called Meeting, June 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, June 17, 2024 Special Called Meeting, and June 25, 2024 Public Hearing & Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 4, 2024 Special Called Meeting, June 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, June 17, 2024 Special Called Meeting, and June 25, 2024 Public Hearing & Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Wimberley seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Public Hearings/Comments: Mayor Moore opened the floor for public comments.

David Greene presented a petition that had already received 33 signatures, asking the board to reconsider the tax rate on property taxes.

Carla Stutts displayed a cup of water from her home showing dirt particles that came out of her shower the night before. She does not feel that citizens should be paying upwards of \$100 a month for that kind of water quality. She also understood that a leak in the Tall Oak Ct. area may have contributed to why the water was in that condition. She also stated that she would like to see the tax rate reconsidered.

Laura Morris came to speak about a leak at Tall Oak Ct. that had went on for roughly two weeks before it was fixed. She was upset with the lack of communication to get the problem resolved.

Gabe Merando also spoke about the leak on Tall Oak Ct. Mr. Merando believes that the DPW should have had that leak fixed quicker than it was.

Presentations/Discussions:

Mike Tolson came to give an update on ongoing projects and talked about reevaluating the wells around town. He also spoke about the Lead Service Line Inventory. He presented a Capital Project Ordinance (\$942,000) and a resolution that were drawn up by MGA, using templates that the state provided. He asked the Board to accept the resolution and grant Mayor Moore permission to execute the documents. **Mayor Moore** questioned the portion of the resolution that stated "Loan" and she emphasized that the Town cannot afford to take on any loans. Mr. Tolson reassured her that it was 100% principal forgiveness and any fees would be reimbursed to the town.

Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to accept and sign the resolution presented by Mike Tolson of Mack Gay & Associates. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Action Items:

Public Works Trucks – With one of the public works trucks being down, Mayor Moore asked how the Board would like her to proceed with the Town purchasing a "new" used truck to be able to drive around town. Commissioner Wheeler said he would like the information sent ahead of time. Commissioner Wimberley asked if we had a mechanic to look over anything that we may find. Mayor Moore presented a car fax from a pick-up truck found at The Local Lot.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Town Staff Reports:

Mayor Moore addressed the Oakview concern. She stated that getting the leak fixed could be done, now that the new budget was in place. Mayor Moore presented two quotes for the broken window on the front right of Town Hall. Floras Glass and Mirror's quote was for \$977.83 and Wilson Glass & Mirror was for

\$1467.83. Commissioner Wimberley made a motion to go with quote from Floras Glasses & Mirror (\$977.83) to fix the broken window outside of Town Hall. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Moore addressed low hanging limbs at 105 David Lane. She presented a quote from Donnie's Home Services to remove the limbs at the cost of \$300. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to accept the quote at \$300 from Donnie's Home Services to remove the low hanging limbs located at 105 David Lane. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Moore asked the board their thoughts about having the four units at the Train Depot serviced with the least expensive quote that is presented. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to have the four units at the train Depot serviced using the least expensive quote that is presented. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Shawn Lucas made a recommendation for Ms. Carla Stutts to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to allow Ms. Carla Stutts to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to allow Ms. Carla Stutts to fill the vacant seat on the Planning Board. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Shawn Lucas preformed the swearing in of Ms. Carla Stutts.

In efforts to get the Historic Committee back up and moving, Shawn Lucas made the recommendation for Ms. Toni Merando and Ms. Robin Savoie to become members of the Historic Committee. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to allow Ms. Toni Merando and Ms. Robin Savoie to serve on the Historic Committee. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Shawn Lucas stated that there will be a Planning Board and Board of Adjustment meeting on July 29, 2024.

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Wheeler presented a quote from Pitt's Tree Service for \$200 to remove a tree at the corner of Branch St & Dixon St. which has caused visibility issues. Commissioner Atkinson made a motion to have the tree removed at the corner of Branch St. & Dixon St. using Pitt's Tree Service for the amount of \$200. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Wheeler presented a quote from Wayne Green to do the stonework at Cedar Grove Cemetery for \$5,500. Commissioner Wimberley made a motion to accept the quote from Wayne Green to do the stonework at Cedar Grove Cemetery and visit the archway work at a later time. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Wheeler stated the Board needed to formally accept Commissioner Mercer's resignation in open session. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to accept Commissioners Mercer's resignation from the Board. Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Adjournment: Mayor Moore asked for motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Commissioner Wimberley seconded motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**