



**TOWN OF ELM CITY  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
June 11, 2024, at 6:30 PM  
Elm City Train Depot 101 Nash St.**

**In attendance:**

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

**Also in Attendance:**

Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)  
Customer Service Administrator Melissa Younger (hereinafter, Melissa Younger)

**Absent**

Mayor Tawanda Moore (hereinafter, Mayor Moore)  
Commissioner Zachary Mercer (hereinafter, Commissioner Mercer)  
Town Attorney Slade Rand (hereinafter, Slade Rand)  
Public Works Supervisor Wilbur Etheridge (hereinafter, Wilbur Etheridge)

**Call To Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson called the regular council meeting to order on June 11, 2024 at 6:30pm.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Wimberley

**Pledge Of Allegiance:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the June 11, 2024 council meeting. Commissioner Bridgers made the motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Hearings/Comments:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson opened the floor for public comments.

**Deborah Paquin** was pleased to hear that the street signs she has been asking about for over a year have been ordered.

**Carla Stutts** received a call from the Town Office that she had a nonsufficient check returned. She doesn't understand what happened and was not pleased with how it was handled.

**Johnie Batchelor** received a letter from the town about high grass and was very unhappy. Zoning Officer explained the process on sending out violation letters. Mayor Pro Tem reassured Mr. Batchelor that the issue would be followed up with.

**Eunice Lindsay** expressed her concern about a bush that can impair the view of traffic on the corner of Dixon St. & Branch St. It is dangerous for drivers and pedestrians.

**Toni Merando** stated that the proposed mural using ARP Funds cannot be done on property that is not owned by the Town. She believes that remaining ARP Funds should be allocated to the water fund to fix issues.

**Robin Savoie** of 105 N Pender St. spoke about a flood that affects her house as well as others on her block. She found a sinkhole due to her front yard filled with water. She expressed her displeasure with the weeds growing at 112 N Railroad St. She stated that the empty buildings in town, according to the articles, should not be allowed for storage purposes. She also stated that large trucks should not be able to park at a residence, although the articles say it's allowed.

**Shane Robinson**, a former resident of Elm City came to talk about his interest in opening a business in Elm City. He would be interested in opening a sandwich shop/Pub. Zoning Officer Lucas stated that it would have to be brought in front of the Planning Board to be discussed further.

**Francena Croquette** inquired whether or not the Board Members have started or completed the training offered through the NC State Treasurers Office. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Wimberley stated that they have.

**Presentations/Discussions: NONE**

**Action Items:**

**Budget Review** – Tabled

**Tax Increase** – Tabled

**Upgraded Computers/Monitors/Printers using ARP Funds** – Commissioner Bridgers, Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Wimberley all agreed that an updated amount of ARP funds would be needed in order to make a decision.

**ARP Funds \$3,000 towards mural** – Being that ARP Funds cannot be used for mural, it was recommended around the table to get sponsors and apply for grants to get mural done.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Town Staff Reports:**

Town Administrator's report was read in detail by Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson.

**Artwork of fallen Firefighter** – Michael Russell would like to have a small artwork piece done on his building to honor a fallen Firefighter. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to allow Russell Michael to have a small artwork piece done on his building. Commissioner Wimberley seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas** stated that there will be a Planning Board Meeting on June 24, 2024 where five items will be presented. Being that so many items will be handled during the Planning Board Meeting, Mr. Lucas asked if the board would like to hold a separate meeting for the Public Hearings or begin the Monthly Council Meeting at an earlier time. It was a general consensus to hold a separate meeting. Mr. Lucas also stated that there is a vacancy on the Planning Board and invited citizen's that would be interested in filling the position to contact the Town Office.

**Melissa Younger** present a proposal to the board from Text my Gov for their review and explained what the company provided with their services.

**Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:** None

**Adjournment:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson asked for motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Commissioner Bridgers made the motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting. Commissioner Wheeler seconded motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson** asked for a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Wimberley seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**