



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

**July 12, 2022, 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 Tim Bridgers (Commissioner Bridgers)
Commissioner David Greene (hereinafter, Commissioner Greene)
Commissioner Gil Wheeler (hereinafter, Commissioner Wheeler)
Commissioner Zachary Mercer (hereinafter, Commissioner Mercer)

Also in Attendance:

Town Administrator John Edwards (hereinafter, Admin Edwards)
Finance Officer Shameshia Fennell (hereinafter, Finance Officer Fennell)
Interim Town Clerk Atina Newsome (hereinafter, Clerk Newsome)
Public Works Director Jeff Hill (hereinafter, PWD Hill)
Customer Service Representative Tiondra Fields (hereinafter, CSR Fields)

Call To Order: Mayor Moore called the regular council meeting to order on July 12, 2022, 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: Moment of silence.

Pledge Of Allegiance: Mayor Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the agenda for July 12, 2022 Council meeting, Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the July 12, 2022 agenda and Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve June 14, 2022 Regular Council meeting minutes, Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the June 14, 2022 minutes and Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

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

The board heard say from the following residents, with concerns about the utility rates, water quality, Bulk Goods and Leaf & Limbs pickups.

1. Tiffany Mercer 709 Cobb Rd. (252) 452-2200

2. Robert Roth 207 W. Nast St. (252) 650-1084
3. Daisy Boyd 612 Wilson St. (252) 234-6204
4. Gabe Merando 301 W. Main St.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Moore read the Consent Agenda's definition. She asked for a motion to approve Budget Amendment #7, Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for Budget Amendment #7, Commissioner Wheeler removed the Budget Amendment #7 (hereinafter, BA#7) from the consent agenda to discussion, so it was sent to New Business on the agenda.

Presentations/Discussions:

- a. Mr. Michael D. Tolson, PE, PLS, Mack Gay Associates, P. A. reported that on last year May 1st there were two applications submitted for water and sewer projects, the funding water project is to replace several valves and hydrants and aging infrastructure for the water system, and the sewer project is to replace the multi-lift stations and pumps. The project will be 1.75 million dollars, these funds were granted through the ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act). Also applied for \$900,000.00 funds to replace pumps, guiderails, and control panels and new motors, this grant was not approved, but to move forward it was suggested to do the SRF Loan 20yr/0% interest. Michael stated that the 1.75 million is a go, and the 2 million is in waiting status and in order to get these approved, we have to score well on the applications. The 2 million is to filter the water at Oak View Mobile Park, get new pumps on wells, and replace all mains. It would take \$337,000.00 AIA study for a sewer, study to clean and video, and sign contracts on the clean sewer mains. Michael D. Tolson said in his closing that, "the town is moving in the right direction".

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business

New Business:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to add the BA #7 to new business as Item "E". Commissioner Greene made the motion to add the BA #7 to the new business as Item "E", and Commissioner Mercer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- a. Admin Edwards asked the council to entertain a motion for an Emergency Bypass Installation for Cedar Ridge Pumps, with a Proposal of \$12,603.00 estimate from Ed Braswell & Son and Mack Gay Associates. Commissioner Greene made the motion to approve up to the amount of \$13,000.00 limit for the Emergency Bypass Installation. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Admin Edwards asked the council to entertain a motion to approve Green for Life (GFL), formally Waste Industries Contract for 2years. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the (GFL) 2-year contract with the town, and Commissioner Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to accept the BA#7 4th Line, Commissioner Greene made the motion to accept the BA#7 4th Line, and Commissioner Mercer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Staff Reports:

- a. Clerk Newsome gave her Town/Clerk & HR Report
- b. PWD Hill gave his Monthly Operating Report
- c. Finance Officer Fennell gave her Budget and Expenditure Report.
- d. Admin Edwards gave his Monthly Admin Report.

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

- a. Mayor Moore gave her concerns and elaborated on the Commissioners Assignments.

In Addition to the meeting:

Deputy Whitfield was in attendance and he spoke with the council and residents, informing everyone of the new Deputy who will be on duty in Elm City, Deputy Shumate. Deputy Whitfield will also start giving a Sherriff Office Monthly Report in the future meetings.

Closed Session: None

Adjournment:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wheeler and seconded by Commissioner Greene. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.