



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

**March 15, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson)
Commissioner Tim Bridgers (hereinafter, Commissioner Bridgers)
Commissioner David Greene (hereinafter, Commissioner Greene)
Commissioner Gil Wheeler (hereinafter, Commissioner Wheeler)

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)

Absent:

Public Works Director, Jeff Hill (hereinafter, Public Works Hill)

Call To Order:

Mayor Moore called the regular council meeting to order on March 15, 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:

Mayor Moore gave the invocation.

Pledge Of Allegiance:

Mayor Moore led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

Admin Edwards amended the agenda to include a change of the meeting location to new minutes. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve February 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2022, Regular Council Meeting Closed Session Minutes, March 1, 2022, Special Called

Meeting Minutes, and March 1, 2022, Special Called Meeting Closed Sessions Minutes. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Wheeler 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.

Councilman Derrick Creech District 7 Wilson, NC, Mr. Alton Virgil Elm City Alumni, and Mr. Alec Virgil, Mt. Zion OFWB Church and Family, Wilson, NC all gave inspirational words of gratitude about Clerk Newsome in reference to her Swearing in Ceremony.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Moore read the Consent Agenda's definition. She asked for a motion to approve Budget Amendment #3. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment #3, Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Presentations/Discussions:

Mayor Moore performed the Swearing-In ceremony for Clerk Newsome as Interim Town Clerk.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

a. New Planning Board Members are Mr. Reggie Dickerson, Mr. Tommy Wells (ETJ), Mrs. Kesha Howell, Mr. Gabe Maranda, Ms. Vanessa Reason, Mr. Jason Cain (ETJ), Mr. Gene Wells Five residents and two ETJ's. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the new Planning Board Members. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the new Planning Board Members. Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson seconded the motion. Motion Passed Unanimously.

b. Admin Edwards asked for a motion to approve the vacant Commissioner's position be filled by Zackery Mercer. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the vacant Commissioner's position be filled by Zackery Mercer. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

c. Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the change of the location for the council meetings back to the City Hall Chambers for a 3-month trial. Commissioner Bridgers made a motion to approve the change of the location for the council meetings back to the City Hall Chambers for a 3-month trial. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Staff Reports:

a. Admin Edwards expounded on the Monthly Operations Report for Public Works Department, with a report inserted in the Commissioner's packets to review prior to the council meeting.

b. Finance Officer Fennell gave the Revenue & Expenditure Statement with a report inserted in the Commissioner's packets to review prior to the council meeting. Auditor Greg T Redman will be visiting the town on April 12, 2022 in reference to the Revenue and Expenditures.

c. Public Works Monthly Operations Report.

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

a. Commissioner Greene gave a report on Elm City partnering with Wilson Arts Council to do Muriel's in downtown Elm City, there are grants of \$200,000.00 in the name of Harvey Reid, also looking forward to doing wine & paint sessions and kids programs in the library. Also, local business Barbershop owner on Main St. has offered to donate their building for art projects.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson will meet with US Representative G. K. Butterfield to take a walk through of the graveyard for an improvement plan.

Closed Session:

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Greene and seconded by Commissioner Wheeler.
Motion was passed unanimously.