



**TOWN OF ELM CITY  
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
September 12, 2023, at 6:30 PM  
Town Hall Office 117 S. Railroad St.**

**In attendance:**

Mayor Tawanda Moore (hereinafter, Mayor Moore)  
Mayor Pro Tem Tammie Atkinson (hereinafter, Commissioner Atkinson)  
Commissioner Gil Wheeler (hereinafter, Commissioner Wheeler)  
Commissioner David Greene (hereinafter, Commissioner Greene)  
Commissioner Zachary Mercer (hereinafter, Commissioner Mercer)  
Commissioner Tim Bridgers (hereinafter, Commissioner Bridgers)

**Also in Attendance:**

Office Assistant Ashley Bass (hereinafter, Ashley Bass)  
Customer Service Administrator Melissa Younger (hereinafter, Melissa Younger)

**Absent**

Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)  
Public Works Supervisor Wilbur Etheridge (hereinafter Wilbur Etheridge)

**Call To Order:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson called the regular council meeting to order on September 12, 2023 at 6:36pm.

**Invocation:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson asked for a motion to approve the agenda for September 12, 2023 council meeting. Commissioner Greene made the motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Mercer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson asked for a motion to approve August 15, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Commissioner Bridgers made the motion to approve these minutes and Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

**Presentations/Discussions:**

There were no presentations/discussions.

**Action Items:**

- A. Mayor Moore asked for approval of Updated Train Depot Policy. Commissioner Greene made motion to approve new Train Depot policy with an amendment to decide at a later date for pricing of non-profits during weekday rentals. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:****New Business:****Town Staff Reports:**

Mayor Moore went over the Towns Administrative report in detail, updating the board on the 2021-2022 audit process, Mr. Mike Tolson (engineer), and stating that direct deposit is now available for employees. Mayor Moore also spoke on using ARP funds to put back into the town by way of a credit on utility bill, or holding community events.

Melissa Younger read her report and asked the board to vote on road closures for the Elms Fest on October 21, 2023 from 8am-5pm. Commissioner Bridgers made the motion for the necessary street closures, Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:**

Commissioner Mercer expressed concern for the lack of police activity. Stating that there have been instances of long waiting periods for a response from the Sheriffs Dept. Commission Greene would like to look into other policing options.

Commissioner Bridgers is still working on getting Greenlight in town.

Commissioner Wheeler spoke on the water leak on S Railroad St. and made a motion to use Travis Clarke to fix it. Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Moore spoke about the NCRWA Leadership Summit that she would be attending in Cherokee, NC.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Pro Tem asked for motion to adjourn regular council meeting. Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn regular council meeting, Commissioner Bridgers seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.