



**TOWN OF ELM CITY
SPECIAL CALLED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Town Hall Office 117 S. Railroad St.**

In attendance:

Mayor Tawanda Moore (hereinafter, Mayor Moore)
Mayor Pro Tem Tammie Atkinson (hereinafter, Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson)
Commissioner Gil Wheeler (hereinafter, Commissioner Wheeler)
Commissioner Tim Bridgers (hereinafter, Commissioner Bridgers)
Commissioner Vonica Carr (hereinafter, Commissioner Carr)

Also in Attendance:

Town Clerk Melissa Younger (hereinafter, Clerk Younger)
Finance Officer Tiondra Fields (hereinafter, Finance Officer Fields)

Absent

Town Attorney Slade Rand (hereinafter, Slade Rand)
Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)
Public Works Supervisor Wilbur Etheridge (hereinafter Wilbur Etheridge)
Commissioner Bridget Wimberley (hereinafter, Commissioner Wimberley)

Call To Order: Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson called the Special Called Meeting to order on May 8, 2025 at 6:00pm.

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 the May 8, 2025 Special Called Meeting. Mayor Moore asked to add paying a past invoice to Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$13,043.76, to the Action Items portion. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 8, 2025 with the addition of paying a past invoice to Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$13,043.76, to the Action Items portion. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations/Discussions:

Proposed Budget – Finance Officer Tiondra Fields presented a 53-cent tax rate budget proposal for the Board to review.

The Board went through each department and line item.

Finance Officer Tiondra Fields stated that in order to make sewer fund revenues match with expenditures, expenditure needs to be reduced by \$9,490.00, to make water fund revenues match with expenditures, expenditure needs to be reduced by \$29,650. Water rates may need to be increased by \$3.92 (\$24.42 monthly) and sewer rates may need to be increased by \$1.25 (\$30.75 monthly).

Mayor Moore asked the Commissioners around the table what their pleasure was in regard to increasing the water and sewer rate. **Commissioner Carr** voted to go up on water and sewer rates. **Commissioner Atkinson** voted to go up on water and sewer rates. **Commissioner Wheeler** voted against going up on the water and sewer rates. **Commissioner Bridgers** voted to go up on the water and sewer rates. **It was decided to increase the water and sewer rate 3-1**

Mayor Moore asked the Commissioners around the table what their pleasure was in regard to the 53-cent tax rate. **Commissioner Carr** voted to go with the 53-cent tax rate. **Commissioner Atkinson** voted to go with the 53-cent tax rate. **Commissioner Wheeler** voted against the 53-cent tax rate and stated he would like to see it at a 50-cent tax rate. **Commissioner Bridgers** jokingly said he would like to see it at 0-cent but voted in favor of the 53-cent tax rate. **It was decided to go with the 53-cent tax rate 3-1.**

Action Items:

Southern Corrosion- **Mayor Moore** asked for a motion to pay an outstanding invoice to Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$13,043.76. **Commissioner Wheeler** made a motion to pay Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$13,043.76. **Commissioner Atkinson** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Town Staff Reports: NONE

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports: NONE

Adjournment: **Mayor Moore** asked for a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2025 Special Called Meeting. **Commissioner Bridgers** made a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2025 Special Called Meeting. **Commissioner Atkinson** seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:39PM.