



**TOWN OF ELM CITY
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM
Town Hall Office 117 S. Railroad St.**

In attendance:

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

Also in Attendance:

Public Works Administrator Theresa Whitley (hereinafter, PWA Whitley)
Zoning Officer Shawn Lucas (hereinafter, Zoning Officer Lucas)
Office Assistant Ashley Bass (hereinafter, Ashley Bass)

Absent

Mayor Tawanda Moore (hereinafter, Mayor Moore)

Call To Order: Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson called the regular council meeting to order on March 14, 2023 at 6:30pm.

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 March 14, 2023 council meeting. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Greene seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson asked for a motion to approve February 14, 2023 regular council meeting minutes. Commissioner Mercer made the motion to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes and Commissioner Bridgers seconded the motion. Motioned passed unanimously.

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

- A. Eunice Lindsey expressed her concern about the flooded area in front of her mailbox. Crush and run was put down there before to help the situation, but it only lasted about 6 weeks. It was suggested to put more crush and run and divert the water to the corner and shave

down the grass. She also expressed her concern about the big hole at the corner of 205 Dixon St. at the Frederick Douglas house.

Presentations/Discussions:

- A. Discussed how \$58k was spent so far from ARP funds plus \$46k for fire hydrants. Spoke in more detail about ARP funds. Commissioner Wheeler is to send out budget info and suggested that we be prepared for anything that may come up. It was discussed about putting together a running total of ARP funds.
- B. Discussed getting a golf cart donated from bigger cities.
- C. Discussed our website and decided against renewing the contract with Pivotal Consulting.
- D. Facebook is up and running.

Action Items:

- a. Need to get quotes on finishing Daniel Drive, American Legion Drive, Wilson St by Spivey. Need quotes for multiple streets.
- b. Voted to accept the resolution of releasing ourselves as middle person collecting taxes for Toisnot Rural Fire Dept. with the exception of the change in wording. Commissioner Wheeler made a motion to accept. Commissioner Mercer seconded the motion. Vote was passed unanimously.
- c. Elm City Library's application was approved using ARP funds. Frederick Douglas Alumni Association application was tabled, Rotary Club's application was tabled, application for the town's golf cart was tabled, the sidewalk in front of Commissioner Mercer's house was tabled, the office remodel application was tabled.
- d. It was brought before the Board for Kim Valentine to paint a mural on the side of the library building. They are wanting it done by the 150th Anniversary. Commissioner Bridgers made the motion. Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Majority ruled, one vote was against.
- e. Budget Amendment #3: Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve, Commissioner Mercer seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

Old Business:

- a. Charles Kirby decision: Anything done between his neighbor and himself would be a civil suit. We would need a survey to show the property line and who it belonged to paid for by Mr. Kirby. If he takes matters into his own hands and busts concrete, it may would be a civil issue.

New Business: NONE

Town Staff Reports:

Public Works Report: Mrs. Whitley gave her report speaking about the person that was charged with trespassing on our property, also about the library project, and the Spivey park renovation.

Zoning Code Enforcement: Zoning Officer Lucas mentioned he wants to have a public hearing about having tiny homes in town. There has been interest from the public. Commissioner Wheeler is

concerned about using our limited sewer hookup for tiny homes. Zoning Officer Lucas mentioned the old car lot- text amendment. He wants to cover in a planning board meeting. Someone is wanting to use the corner lot on S Parker St/Main St for antique sales-text amendment as special use. Vernon Evans was present at the meeting and wanted to know what kind of funding we have to help him rebuild. Commissioner Greene suggested the Habitat for Humanity. Zoning Officer Lucas said he would provide Mr. Evans with that phone number before leaving. Zoning Officer Lucas spoke about the houses that were needing to be burned in town. Some are wanting to know if we pay any towards the expense. Commissioner Wheeler wants to see a list of addresses and we may have to pick a couple possibly. It was discussed about the dilapidated shed on Railroad St. It was proposed that we draw up something on paper and have property owner sign it for us to tear it down. This is only if our public works guys feel confident about tearing it down.

Mayor & Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner Mercer spoke about the fire hydrants wanting to know which ones have been done and what warranty is on them. He suggested that the fire dept. drop back on training. The less water we use, the better.

Commissioner Wheeler expressed that we need to practice restraint on spending.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkinson spoke about the 150th Anniversary.

Adjournment: Commissioner Wheeler motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Bridgers seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.