

WHEELER



TOWN OF ELM CITY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2025 at 6pm

Town Hall Building

117 S. Railroad Street

In attendance:

Tawanda Moore, *Mayor*; Tammie Atkinson, **Mayor Pro-Tem**;

Gil Wheeler, *Commissioner*; Vonica Carr, *Commissioner*; Bridget Wimberley, *Commissioner*

Tim Bridgers, *Commissioner*

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Bridget Wimberley, **Finance Officer**

Shawn Lucas, **Zoning Officer**

Absent:

Slade Rand, *Town Attorney*

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Tawanda Moore with an invocation given by Commissioner Vonica Carr.

Pledge of Allegiance: All in attendance stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved with a **\*Motion made** by Commissioner Gil Wheeler and properly Seconded by Commissioner Vonica Carr (*unanimous*).

Approval of Minutes: (July 15, 2025).

There was a **\*Motion made** by Commissioner Gil Wheeler and properly Seconded by Commissioner Vonica Carr to approve the July 15, 2025 meeting minutes (*unanimous*).

Train Depot Policy Changes

Discussions were had regarding Depot renters using grills and/or pig cookers in front or behind the train Depot. Commissioner Wimberley expressed her concern for the high risk of allowing, while Commissioner Wheeler shared that there has been pig cookers used in the rear of Depot at a 15 foot distance in times past but nothing was in the policy reflecting the allowance of either grills or pig cookers.

There was a **Motion made** by Commissioner Gil Wheeler and Seconded by Commissioner Bridget Wimberly (*unanimous*) to make changes to existing Train Depot Policy to include: 1). No grills or pig cookers, and 2). No food warming allowed in the storage area (mop closet) at train depot.

### Cedar Ridge Lift Station/Mike Tolson Change Order

Discussions were had about the recent request for a change order from Mike Tolson of Mack Gay and Associates to increase the price of original contract. Both Commissioner Bridget Wimberley and Mayor Moore asked why the increase to cover bypass pumps that were already listed as part of the original contract price of \$116,000 that dated back to 2023 & 2024.

Mayor Moore also asked if any of the projects listed from the town's \$2million dollar appropriations fund, on project #'s **SRP-W-ARP-0357** would be completed by the deadline of Dec, 31, 2025, which included: Cedar Ridge Lift Station Repairs; Smoke-Testing Related Repairs; and WWTP Lagoon Dredging.

There was a **Motion made (unanimous)** by Commissioner Gil Wheeler and properly Seconded by Commissioner Tim Bridgers to accept the change order requests of Mike Tolson of Mack Gay and Associates, for the Cedar Ridge Project, netting an increase of original contract of (\$116,000) by \$36,500 to make new contract price now totaling (\$152,025)

### Closed Session pursuant to NC. G.S 143.318.11a (personnel matters)

There was a **Motion made (unanimous)** at 6:30pm by Commissioner Gil Wheeler and properly Seconded by Commissioner Bridget Wimberley to enter closed session for personnel matters.

### Regular Session

**Motion was made (unanimous)** to exit close session by Commissioner Gil Wheeler and properly Seconded by Commissioner Bridget Wimberley.

### Adjourn Meeting

**Motion was made (unanimous)** at 6:45pm by Commissioner Vonica Carr and properly Seconded by Commissioner Tim Bridgers to adjourn the meeting: