

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN
Rescheduled Meeting - Virtual
September 14, 2020

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its rescheduled meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd (joined at the Municipal Building), Council Members Herman Lewis, Howell Clark Jr., Paula Greene, Ricky Leinwand, Rich Glenn, Town Manager Eddie Madden and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads joining the zoom meeting included Fire Chief Nick West, Police Chief Tony Parrish, Planner I Woody Horton, Public Services Director Hugh Bledsoe, Town Clerk Juanita Hester, Cameron West, Code Enforcement, Director of Communications & Marketing Terri Dennison and Finance Director Sharon Penny. Representatives from the Press joining via zoom included Emily Williams and Joy Warren.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, then called upon Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to give the invocation. Mayor Campbell then made a roll call. A motion was made by Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, to approve the Agenda as presented (Unanimous).

Item #2.1: Approval of Previous Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, made a motion to approve Special Called Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2020 Virtual (Unanimous).

Item #3.1: Monthly Project Updates

Town Manager Eddie Madden noted that the Cemetery Project will be going out for bids in the Fall. Greene's Lake and Conservation Park construction is taking place this week. Streetscape Project walk through warranty expires September 17, 2020. It was reported there are 9 light fixtures to be replaced for that project. CBDG-NR application submitted on schedule and waiting to hear from The Adams Company in the next 60-90 days. Boy Scout Jaxon Bostic will be completing his Eagle Scout Project at Leinwand Park. He will construct a picnic shelter by the batting cage.

Item #4.1: Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations

Mayor Sylvia Campbell called upon Town Manager Eddie Madden to present. Town Manager Eddie Madden noted that the timber is located on the 32.96 acre tract that the Town owns in the Industrial Park. The timber needs to be considered surplus so it can be cut to make it look like an Industrial site. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Howell Clark Jr., moved to declare the commercial timber as surplus property and authorize Town Manager Eddie Madden to negotiate the private party sale (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #5.1: Tax Releases

Council Member Ricky Leinwand, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, moved to approve the Tax Releases (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #5.2: Approve Lowest Bid for Elizabethtown Water Extension Project in the Elizabethtown Industrial Park (Construction)

Town Manager Eddie Madden noted that Project Engineer Larry Anderson obtained bids from four utility contractors. The lowest bid received was from Hickman Utilities in the amount of \$27,180.00 for construction of a 6-inch water line. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Howell Clark Jr., moved to approve the Bid award to Hickman Utilities (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #5.3: Monthly Financial Report

Council Member Herman Lewis., seconded by Council Member Howell Clark Jr. moved to approve the Monthly Financial Report (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.1: “Briefly”

Town Manager briefed on the following:

Planning Board met at 6:00 pm.

Sales Tax report for the latest quarter shows an increase in sales tax revenue.

The County will wrap the Census up in a few weeks. About 47% to 48% of residents have completed the census information. This is important, need to get the word out.

Mr. Woody Horton noted that churches were contacted at the end of March. Mr. Greg Elkins, Bladen County Planning Director & Coordinator for Census Count, will be going to hot spots in Elizabethtown to encourage the residents to complete the census information.

Item 7.1: Open Forum: Three (3) Minutes Per Citizen...Should State Name/Address

Written comments may be submitted to Town Clerk Juanita Hester by email:

jhester@elizabethtownnc.org or placed in the Town’s Drive Thru Drop Box due to this being a virtual meeting. No written comments were received.

Item #8.1: CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to enter into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) - Attorney Client Privilege and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5) – Real Estate.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION TO OPEN SESSION:

Council Member Howell Clark, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, moved to return to Open Session (Unanimous).

There was a motion from Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, to approve Work Authorization #7 for Professional Services by W.K. Dickson & Company to assist the Town with the process of acquiring the Kevin Bordeaux and Byard Bryant properties located on Ben Greene Industrial Drive (Unanimous). These two properties are

critical to the development of the Airport Industrial Park. The properties will be purchased with funding from N.C. Division of Aviation. Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Paula Greene, moved to have the Town purchase the remaining 101 acres of industrial park property from Mrs. Mary Greene (BWGREENE PROPERTIES, LLC) (Unanimous). The Town will exercise its option for purchase of the industrial park property for \$6,000 an acre. Town Manager Eddie Madden was authorized to proceed with acquisition of the 101 acres from Mrs. Mary Greene.

With no further business to conduct, Council Member Howell Clark Jr, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, moved to adjourn (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor