

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN
Rescheduled Meeting
July 12, 2021

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its rescheduled meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, Council Members Howell Clark Jr., Ricky Leinwand, Rich Glenn, Herman Lewis, Town Attorney Goldston Womble and Town Manager Dane Rideout. Department Heads in attendance included Fire Chief Nick West, Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane, Police Chief Tony Parrish, Finance Director Sharon Penny, Planner I Cameron West, Public Services Director Hugh Bledsoe and Director of Communications & Marketing Terri Dennison. Absent was Council Member Paula Greene. Representatives from the Press included Joy Warren and Brendaly Davis.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, then asked everyone to turn off their cell phones. Mayor Campbell recognized the parents of NFL player Larrell Murchinson and thanked them for the Fun Day that Larrell sponsored July 10th, 2021 at Elizabethtown Middle School. The event is planned to be held every year, and Mayor Sylvia Campbell noted that the Town will help in any way. Council Member Ricky Leinwand noted that NFL player Larrell Murchinson partnered with Leinwands at Christmas and clothed 40 children.

The Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Cadets. Mayor Sylvia Campbell called upon Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to give the invocation.

Item #3.1: Approval of Agenda/ Previous Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, to adopt the Agenda (Unanimous). Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #4.1: Town Manager Update

Interim Town Manager Pat Devane noted that the Cemetery Project is halfway complete with 350 feet of wall in the ground 175 feet cutoff and 110 feet left. They are working on tiebacks and weights. Interim Town Manager Pat Devane noted that he can have the Engineers call if there are any questions. The project should be finished by November or December 2021. Trash cans and picnic tables have been ordered for Greene's Lake Conservation Park and the payment requests have been submitted. We have 2 quotes for the Town Hall roof, July 19th a roofer will come to inspect the building. SEPI is doing administration work and planning for the Street Paving Project.

Item #5.1: Resolution (#R-2021-13) – To Amend the Town of Elizabethtown Employee Personnel Policies

Police Chief Tony Parrish noted that there is a nationwide problem with hiring Police Officers; therefore, he is presenting a Recruitment and Retention Program to offer incentives. New applicants with BLET Certification will be offered a sign-on bonus and a 2-year contract. Also offers current officers a \$50.00 bonus for continuing education classes. There is money in the budget for training. Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, moved to approve Resolution (#R-2021-13) – To Amend the Town of Elizabethtown Employee Personnel Policies (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #5.2: Grant Project Ordinance (#2021-05) – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Finance Director Sharon Penny noted that the UNC School of Government recommends keeping the funds separate for the American Rescue Plan Act and there is \$80,000.00 more. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Howell Clark Jr., moved to approve Grant Project Ordinance (#2021-05) – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.1: Approval of Special Use Permit Order for Jesse Inman

Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to approve Approval of Special Use Permit Order for Jesse Inman (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.2: Appointments: Airport/Economic Development Commission; Planning Board; and Bladen Housing Authority

Mayor Campbell noted that Dr. William Findt resigned from the Airport Board, and Dr. Justin DeGarmo has expressed an interest to serve. Council Member Ricky Leinwand, seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to appoint Dr. Justin DeGarmo to the Airport Board (Unanimous). Council Member Howell Clark Jr., seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to appoint Mr. Lee Hauser to the Planning Board (Unanimous). Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to reappoint Aqunetta Robinson to the Bladen Housing Authority Board (Unanimous).

Item #6.3: Proposal from SEPI for Engineering Services for Town of Elizabethtown Pavement Condition Survey and Capital Improvement Plan

Interim Town Manager Pat Devane noted that SEPI has been in Town looking at streets, planning and inspecting. SEPI's Engineering Services fee is \$9700.00. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to approve Proposal from SEPI for Engineering Services for Town of Elizabethtown Pavement Condition Survey and Capital Improvement Plan (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #7.1: “Briefly”

Town Manager briefed on the following:

Fire Department is doing a great job on the C.A. Nails Building.

Dixie Youth Baseball ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on July 16th.

Public Services did a great job on Leinwand Park.

Thank you to Director of Communications & Marketing Terri Dennison for working with Dixie Youth.

Item #8.1: Open Forum

There were no concerns or issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd asked for an update on the Dunham Street house. Planner 1 Cameron West noted that Mr. Robert McKoy purchased the property and is in the process of demolition.

With no further business to conduct, Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to adjourn (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor