

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

Noon Meeting

July 14, 2025

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its noon meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, in the Council Chamber at 12:00 pm. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, Council Members Ricky Leinwand, Paula Greene, Rich Glenn, Herman Lewis, Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads in attendance included Police Chief Mark McMichael, Fire Chief Hollis Freeman, Public Works & Engineering Services Director Stephen Duffy, Finance Director Sharon Penny, and Town Planner Rusty Worley. Absent: Town Clerk Juanita Hester and Council Member Bobby Kinlaw. No members from the Press attended the meeting.

Item #1.1: Opening and Call to Order

Mayor Sylvia Campbell opened the meeting and called to order. Mayor Sylvia Campbell then called upon Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to give the invocation.

Item #2.1: Special Recognition – Larrell Murchinson

This agenda item will be presented at the evening meeting.

Item #3.1: Approve Consent Agenda Items

Council Member Paula Greene asked to replace **write off** with **release** for Agenda Item # 7.4 on the June 2, 2025 agenda. This agenda item will be presented at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Item #4.1: Interim Town Manager Update

- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Community Center is on point.
- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that an electric site was put at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Vulcanair Project is a slow progress. The foundation should be poured this week.
- Take a look at Department Updates: good information.
- WWTP Operator Hugh Bledsoe is celebrating his birthday July 29th.

Item #5.1: Resolution #R-2025-28 – To Sell Personal Property – EYF Electrical Materials (Wire)

Town Planner Rusty Worley noted that it is additional wiring left over from the Airport Project. Action on this agenda item will be conducted at the evening meeting.

Item #5.2: Resolution #R-2025-29 – To Authorize Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane to Sign Documents for the Vulcanair Project

This agenda item will be presented at the evening meeting.

Item #5.3: Resolution – SUP 202504 – Written Decision/Order for Special Use Permit Approval on June 2, 2025 for Educare Dreamworks, Inc.

Action on this agenda item will be taken at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item #6.1: Appointments: Bladen Housing Authority and Planning Board

Mayor Campbell noted that Mr. Greg Martin will be filling the vacancy for the ABC Commission. This agenda item will be considered at the evening meeting.

Item #6.2: Approval to Formally Give Written Notice of Non-Renewal of the Lobbyist Contract with The Southern Group

This agenda item will be conducted at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item 6.3: Approval to Allow the Purchase of Three (3) Police Vehicles and Computers that are included in the approved FY 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance

Action will be taken at the evening meeting.

Item #7 .1: “Briefly”

Interim Town Manager will present the “Briefly” at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item #8:1: Open Forum

- Council Member Herman Lewis asked about the grant for the pattern change for Newtown. Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Safe Streets For All (SS4A) grant is closed out. Peanut Plant Road and Martin Luther King Drive is part of the Safe Streets For All grant. The project is \$5 or \$6 million with a 20% match. Mr. Ken Clark with NCDOT noted that it would be a \$500,000.00 match. It is expensive to do.
- Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd asked about a Code of Ordinance for junk vehicles, overgrown grass and code enforcement. There are some violations in the Newtown and Martin Luther King area.
- Mayor Campbell noted that the bridge is finished, and it is beautiful.
- Council Member Paula Greene asked about the outage around town with the internet. Public Works and Engineering Services Director Stephen Duffy noted that Spectrum is installing fiber optic.

Item #9.1: Closed Session

Closed Session will be conducted at the 7 p.m. meeting.

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

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor

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Evening Meeting

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The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its evening meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025, in the Council Chamber at 7:00 pm. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, Council Members Ricky Leinwand, Paula Greene, Rich Glenn, Herman Lewis, Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads in attendance included Police Chief Mark McMichael, Fire Chief Hollis Freeman, Public Works & Engineering Services Director Stephen Duffy, Finance Director Sharon Penny, Town Clerk Juanita Hester and Town Planner Rusty Worley. Absent: Council Member Bobby Kinlaw. No members from the Press attended the meeting.

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Item #2.1: Special Recognition – Larrell Murchinson

Mayor Sylvia Campbell noted that the Town of Elizabethtown is happy to have our hometown celebrity Larrell Murchinson and his family with us tonight. “We are proud of you and for remembering where you came from. We thank you for giving back to the community with your annual Community Day event.” Mayor Campbell then presented Larrell with a plaque. Council Member Ricky Leinwand thanked Larrell for everything he does for the community and presented him with a gift.

Item #3.1: Approve Consent Agenda Items

Upon a motion by Council Member Paula Greene, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items. A. Proposed Agenda, B. June 2, 2025 Noon Meeting Minutes, C. June 2, 2025 7 p.m. Meeting Minutes, D. June 2, 2025 Closed Session Minutes – 7 p.m. Mtg, E. June 16, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes, F. June 16, 2025 Special Called Closed Session Minutes, G. June 23, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes, H. June 30, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes, I. June 30, 2025 Special Called Closed Session Minutes, J. Monthly Financial Report, K. Grant Project Ordinance – FY 24 Transportation Reserve Program - #41-00, L. Tax Releases.

Item #4.1: Interim Town Manager Update

- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Community Center interior walls are up, the exterior finished, roof on and sheet rock will be up by the end of the month.
- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Wastewater Treatment project is going to work; it will be a good project for the Town.
- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Vulcanair Building got water at the site last week.
- Take a look at Department Updates.
- WWTP Operator Hugh Bledsoe is celebrating his birthday July 29th.

Item #5.1: Resolution #R-2025-28 – To Sell Personal Property – EYF Electrical Materials (Wire)

Town Planner Rusty Worley noted that it is 2000 ft of wire that was not needed from the Vulcanair project. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, move to approve Resolution #R-2025-28 – To Sell Personal Property (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #5.2: Resolution #R-2025-29 – To Authorize Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane to Sign Documents for the Vulcanair Project

Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, make a motion to approve Resolution #R-2025-29 – To Authorize Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane to Sign Documents for the Vulcanair Project (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

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Council Member Paula Greene, seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, moved to approve Resolution – SUP 202504 – Written Decision/Order for Special Use Permit Approval on June 2, 2025 for Educare Dreamworks, Inc. (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.1: Appointments: Bladen Housing Authority and Planning Board

Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, made a motion to appoint Mr. Greg Martin to the ABC Board, Ms. Yvonne Dunham to the Bladenboro Housing Authority, reappoint Mr. Lee Hauser to the Planning Board and Ms. Lisa Hester to the Recreation Board (Unanimous).

Item #6.2: Approval to Formally Give Written Notice of Non-Renewal of the Lobbyist Contract with The Southern Group

Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, made a motion to approve the Approval to Formally Give Written Notice of Non-Renewal of the Lobbyist Contract with The Southern Group (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6.3: Approval to Allow the Purchase of Three (3) Police Vehicles and Computers that are included in the approved FY 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance

Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to approve Approval to Allow the Purchase of (3) Three Police Vehicles and Computers that are included in the approved FY 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #7.1: “Briefly”

- Interim Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the Community Center’s last quarter newsletter is delayed.
- Employee Appreciation is scheduled for December 12, 2025.
- Planning Board Member Elizabeth Cole replaced Chairman Bobby Kinlaw.
- Finance Director Sharon Penny attended a Budget conference in Asheville, NC.

Item #8.1: Open Forum

- Citizen Brenda Clark asked about digging in East Hills. Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Stephen Duffy noted that Spectrum and Star Communication are putting fiber lines down.
- Council Member Ricky Leinwand thanked Director of Public Works and Engineering Services Stephen Duffy for the quickness of the water leak repair that was in front of his business before July 4th.

Item #9.1: Closed Session

Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to enter into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney -Client, NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) – Real Estate (Unanimous).

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION TO OPEN SESSION:

Council Member Ricky Leinwand, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, moved to exit Closed Session with return to Open Session (Unanimous).

Mayor Sylvia Campbell reported there was no action to be taken.

With no further business to be conducted, Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, moved to adjourn the meeting (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor