TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

Noon Meeting

October 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

The Elizabethtown Town Council met on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 12 o’clock Noon in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, Council Members Rich Glenn, Paula Greene, Ricky Leinwand and Herman Lewis. Also present were Town Manager Dane Rideout and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads in attendance included Assistant Town Manager Pat DeVane, Planning Director Rusty Worley, Finance Director Sharon Penny, Public Works/Engineering Services Director Steve Duffy, Director of Communications and Marketing Terri Dennison, Police Chief Mark McMichael and Town Clerk Juanita Hester. There were no representatives from the Press. The Town’s Water Resources Department Employees Donnie Edwards, Sherrie Lanier, Nate Lacewell and Ricky Smith were invited to have lunch with Town Council at the Noon meeting in appreciation of their hard work on the recent sewer line collapse incident at the WWTP.

Item #1.1 Opening and Call to Order

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

Item #2.1 Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The presentation of Colors will be made by the Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Cadets at the evening meeting.

Item #3.1 Approve Consent Agenda Items

There were questions and discussion concerning some of the Discovery items noted in the Tax Releases. Finance Director Sharon Penny will call Renee Davis Cribb at the County Tax Office to get a clarification. This agenda item will be considered at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item #4.1 Resolution #R-2024-22 – To Adopt 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan Providing for the “Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades” Project

Mayor called upon Public Works/Engineering Director Steve Duffy to brief. Consideration will be given at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item #5.1 Town Manager Update

Mayor Campbell called upon Town Manager Dane Rideout. He noted that at the evening meeting, Director of Communications and Marketing Terri Dennison would be updating on the NC Cycle event (10/11/24) and the “Smithfield Cup” Barbeque Competition between NC and SC being held at the Cape Fear Vineyard (10/13/24).

Reference the WWTP sewer pipe incident, Mr. Rideout noted that Public Works/Engineering Services Director Steve Duffy had done a very professional job.

Item #6.1 Budget Amendment - #2025-01

Mayor Campbell called upon Finance Director Sharon Penny to brief Council. The Finance Director noted that among other line item adjustments, the budget amendment contained an increase for the Legal Services line item. Consideration will be given at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item #6.2 Special Called Town Council Meeting – October 15, 2024 at Noon

Town Manager Dane Rideout noted there would need to be a Special Called Meeting arranged for award consideration of the RFP for the Design/Build of the Manufacturing Facility for Vulcanair. The meeting will be held at Noon.

Item #7.1 “Briefly” *(Reminders and announcements are made at this time)*

The Town Manager will provide the “Briefly” items at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Council Member Paula Greene had some comments about the process for the Greenwood Street burned house. As a second item of concern, Council Member Greene wanted to know the process used in the past by Public Works for ditch maintenance. She wanted to be clear as to the past process used since Reverend Carl Smith had appeared before Council at the August 5, 2024 Council Meeting relaying concern about the overgrown ditch from Joel to Quail Street. The Manager responded there is a budget shortfall of $400,000 and less Town employees. Mayor Campbell asked Assistant Town Manager Pat DeVane to comment, and Mr. DeVane noted that in the past, Public Works cut one overgrown ditch a year in cold weather.

Item #8.1 Open Forum

Any concerns/comments from the public will be heard at the 7 p.m. meeting.

Item #9.1 Closed Session – ***To Be Conducted at the Noon Meeting***

A motion was made by Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, to enter into Closed Session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege (Unanimous).

**RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION TO OPEN SESSION:**

A motion was made by Council Member Paula Greene and seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn to return from Closed Session to Open Session (Unanimous).

Mayor Sylvia Campbell noted there was no action taken.

With no further business to conduct, Council Member Paula Greene, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, made a motion to adjourn the meeting (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor