

## TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

### Evening Meeting

January 6, 2025

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, in the Council Chamber at 7:00 pm. Those present were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Council Members Ricky Leinwand, Paula Greene, Rich Glenn, Herman Lewis, Town Manager Dane Rideout and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads in attendance included Assistant Town Manager Pat DeVane, Town Planner Rusty Worley, Finance Director Sharon Penny, Director of Communications and Marketing Terri Dennison, Fire Chief Hollis Freeman, Police Chief Mark McMichael, Public Works Engineering Director Stephen Duffy and Town Clerk Juanita Hester. Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd. No members from the Press attended the meeting. Ms. Brenda Clark was in attendance.

#### Item #1.1: Opening and Call to Order

Mayor Sylvia Campbell opened the meeting and called to order. She welcomed everyone.

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

Presentation of Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance were given by Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy Cadets. Mayor Sylvia Campbell then gave the invocation.

#### Item #3.1: Approve Consent Agenda Items

Upon a motion by Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items as presented. A. Proposed Agenda, B. December 2, 2024 Noon Meeting Minutes, C. December 2, 2024 7 p.m. Meeting Minutes, D. December 2, 2024 Closed Session – Noon, E. Monthly Financial Report, F. Budget Amendment #2025-02, G. Tax Releases.

#### Item #4.1: Public Hearing: 2020 Elizabethtown CDBG-NR Program Close-out

Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing and called upon Mrs. Tammy Jones Daniels, with The Adams Company to present. Mrs. Daniels noted that the Town was originally funded \$750,000.00. The original project included \$415,000 to rehabilitate 3 homes, \$260,000 to renovate a park, and \$75,000 for grant administration. Amendment #1 was requested and approved by the Department of Commerce to increase the total project budget to \$950,000, add 1 new home, and change the park renovation to pedestrian improvements. The final project included \$511,446.90 rehabilitation to reconstruct 2 homes and rehabilitate 1, \$333,623.65

pedestrian improvements to install sidewalk and street lighting along W. Dunham Street from Martin Luther King Drive to Highway 701, \$93,695.18 Administration, total grant funds expended \$938,765.73, deobligated \$11,234.27 and LMI of completed project 82.20%. Ms. Brenda Clark signed up to speak. With her question about the \$4 million grant request at the 12/2/24 Town Council meeting, Town Manager Dane Rideout responded. Mayor Campbell then closed the public hearing.

Item #5.1: Audit Presentation for FY Ending 6/30/2024.

This agenda item was presented at the Noon meeting.

Item #5.2: Town Manager Update

- Town Planner Rusty Worley noted that the Community Center building color is approved and ordered.
- Assistant Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that there was a Safe Street tour.
- There were 2 public meetings: December 12, 2024 at Town Hall and December 14, 2024 at Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy to identify transportation safety concerns and seek input from members of New Town.
- There will be a report in March.
- Town Manager Dane Rideout noted that he appreciates the support of the New Town Community. This is a great investment for the New Town Community.

Item #5.3: Christmas Tree Grove Contribution Presentation

Director of Communications and Marketing Terri Dennison noted that 9 Christmas trees were decorated by local businesses and organizations as part of the Christmas Tree Grove at the Farmers Market as a fundraiser for a local charity. The “Old Fashion Christmas Tree” decorated by Mrs. Betty Tatum won the popularity vote. This year \$200.00 was raised for Families First.

Item #6.1: Acceptance/Approval of the Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending 6/30/24

Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, made a motion to approve the Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024 (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.2: Water and Sewer Bid for Corporate Airpark

Town Planner Rusty Worley noted that there will be 5 different phases, Hickman Utilities cost estimate is \$219,711.22. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, made a motion to approve the cost estimate from Hickman Utilities. (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.3: Appointment: Relief Fund Board of Trustees Appointed by Local Government

Council Member Ricky Leinwand, seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Wayne Edge to serve a one-year term and Mr. Larry Richards a two-year term (Unanimous).

Item #6.4: Appointment: Elizabethtown Recreation Commission

Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, made a motion to appoint Mr. Hasting McGill to serve on the Elizabethtown Recreation Commission with a term of office to expire January 6, 2029 (Unanimous).

Item #7.1: “Briefly”

- Town Manager Dane Rideout briefed on the following:
- The Town had the best Audit, Fund Balance is the highest it’s ever been. Thanks to the Finance Director and staff for what they do.
- Take a look at the Department Head Updates.
- January 14, 2025 Airport meeting at 7:30 a.m. at the Airport Terminal.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Parade is January 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
- The Chamber Award Gala is February 1, 2025 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at Cape Fear Winery.
- Town’s Annual Budget Retreat is February 25, 2025 at the Airport Terminal Building.
- Admin. Asst./Deputy Clerk/CTC Beverly Robinson celebrated her birthday January 5, 2025.
- A major Airline will have flight training at the Airport.

Item #8.1: Open Forum

Mr. Leroy Churchill with VFW is asking the Town for a donation for Desert Storm Vets. He is trying to have a membership drive to recruit Vets. There are over 3,000 Veterans.

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

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor