

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

Evening Meeting

February 3, 2025

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its regular meeting on Monday, February 3, 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, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, Bobby Kinlaw, 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. 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. 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 called upon Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to give the invocation.

Item: 3.1: Appointment and Oath of Office – New Town Council Member

Bladen County Clerk of Superior Court Cristin Hursey swore Mr. Bobby Kinlaw in as the new Town Council Member. Mayor Campbell noted that he has been affiliated with the Town for 35 years.

Item #4.1: Approve Consent Agenda Items

Upon a motion by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items as presented. A. Proposed Agenda, B. January 6, 2025 Noon Meeting Minutes, C. January 6, 2025 7 p.m. Meeting Minutes, D. January 6, 2025 Closed Session Minutes – Noon, E. Monthly Financial Report, F. Unpaid Tax Report for 2014- 2024 – Liens on Real Property.

Item #5.1: Special Presentation to Communications & Marketing Director Terri Dennison

Mayor Campbell noted that Terri has been with the Town for 5 years and is going to Bladen Community College as the Director of Small Business Center. She was presented with a plaque.

Item #5.2: Town Manager Update

Town Manager Dane Rideout noted that he has worked with Terri for 4 years on a day-to-day basis. Town Manager noted that Terri has done a great job bringing business in Town. On behalf of the staff, she will be missed.

Public Works Engineering Director Stephen Duffy gave an update on the water issue on Martin Luther King Dr. Mr. Duffy noted the issue has been going on for a while. The leak was a value in the middle of the road that had corroded. Smith Brothers will do the paving.

Town Planner Rusty Worley noted that the Community Center is on schedule. Dirt is moving and DeVane Builders are grading. March 1, 2025 the building will start.

Item #6.1: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) No. 18-D-3095 (NR-Contingency) – Grant Agreement and Funding Approval - \$4,400,000.00

Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, made a motion to approve Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) No. 18-D-3095 (NR-Contingency) – Grant Agreement and Funding Approval - \$4,400,000.00 (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.2: Authorization to Terminate EDA Award # 04-79-07892 for Convenience

Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Paula Greene, made a motion to approve Authorization to Terminate EDA Award #04-79-07892 for Convenience (Unanimous).

Item #6.3: Audit Contract – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A.

Finance Director Sharon Penny noted that the Audit for June 30, 2025 will increase around \$16,500.00. The audit will be from the Wilmington, NC office. Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Council Member Bobby Kinlaw, made a motion to approve Audit Contract – Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co., P.A. (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.4: Design-Build Contract with Metcon, Inc. – Vulcan Air Manufacturing Facility

Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, made a motion to approve Design-Build Contract with Metcon, Inc. – Vulcan Air Manufacturing Facility (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.5: Roster of Certified Firefighters and Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Mayor Pro Rufus Lloyd, seconded by Council Member Rich Glenn, moved to approve Roster of Certified Firefighters and Relief Fund Board of Trustees (Unanimous) Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #7.1: “Briefly”

Town Manager Dane Rideout briefed on the following:

- Town offices will be closed February 17, 2025 in observance of Presidents’ Day.
- Town’s Annual Budget Retreat February 25, 2025 at the Airport Terminal Building at 10:00 a.m.
- MCAB meeting February 27, 2025 at the Farmers Market at 6:00 p.m.

Item #8.1: Open Forum

There were no comments or concerns.

With no further business to conduct, Council Member Bobby Kinlaw, seconded by Council Member Paula Greene, moved to adjourn (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor