

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

Evening Meeting

March 3, 2025

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for its regular meeting on Monday, March 3, 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, 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, Town Clerk Juanita Hester, Fire Chief Hollis Freeman, Police Chief Mark McMichael and Public Works & Engineering Services Director Stephen Duffy. 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: Approve Consent Agenda Items

Upon a motion by Council Member Herman Lewis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Items as presented. A. Proposed Agenda, B. February 3, 2025 Noon Meeting Minutes, C. February 3, 2025 7 p.m. Meeting Minutes, D. February 3, 2025 Closed Session Minutes – Noon, E. Monthly Financial Report, F. Tax Releases, G. Grant Project Ordinance – Vulcanair/Sovereign #42-00.

Item #4.1: Town Manager Updates

- Assistant Town Manager Pat DeVane noted that the County paid \$68,000.00 (Local Match) for Safe Streets for All Grant. A Plan of action to approve the safety of all streets. There was a bus tour for citizens to show safety concerns. The first open house was at Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy. A draft report was received last week. It has 180 pages of graphics and maps. The final draft will be presented in March with 105 pages to review.

- Town Manager Dane Rideout noted that DOT will go after any funds for the project. The Town does not know if there will be any funds with the Federal cuts.
- Fire Chief Hollis Freeman noted that on February 24th they responded to 6 brush fires. Twenty-eight acres were burned, an unattended fire burned 15 acres, 2 storage buildings and a vehicle. Per the Forest Ranger there are 30 working fires and 400 acres burned. He asked that there be no outside burning until it rains.

Item #5.1: Appointment of Town Council Member to serve on the Lumber River Council of Governments Board of Directors

Council Member Ricky Leinwand made a motion to appoint Council Member Bobby Kinlaw to serve, seconded by Council Member Paula Greene (Unanimous).

Item #5.2: Appointment: Elizabethtown Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment

Council Member Bobby Kinlaw noted that Mr. Jordan Stanley is interested in serving on the Board. He is an East Bladen High School graduate and NC State graduate. Council Member Bobby Kinlaw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, made a motion to appoint Mr. Stanley to the Board (Unanimous).

Item #5.3: Contract – M & C's Lawncare, LLC

Director of Public Works & Engineering Services Stephen Duffy noted that M & C Lawncare has been performing lawn care services since last year. The Town is adding the parks and Airport to their service areas. It is a 3-year contract with a 2% COLA. Council Member Rich Glenn, seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis, made a motion to approve M & C Contract (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6.1: "Briefly"

Town Manager Dane Rideout briefed on the following:

- Take a look at the Department Updates.
- Chamber of Commerce Member's Breakfast meeting March 18, 2025 at 8:00 am at the Farmer's Market.
- Mrs. Juanita Hester will be celebrating her birthday on March 6.
- Director of Public Works & Engineering Services Stephen Duffy will celebrate on March 25.
- Fire Chief Hollis Freeman will celebrate on March 27.

Item #7.1: Open Forum

There were no comments or concerns.

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

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor