

**ELIZABETHTOWN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Special Called Meeting**  
**April 26, 2010**

The Elizabethtown Town Council met in a Special Called meeting on Monday, April 26, 2010 at noon in the Council Chamber of the Elizabethtown Municipal Building. Those present included: Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Council members Herman Lewis, Charles DeVane, Herman Lewis, Russell Priest, Ricky Leinwand and Dicky Glenn. Town Manager Eddie Madden, Deputy Town Clerk Sarah Baysden. Department Heads Present: Public Services Director Pat DeVane, Finance Director Jan Lennon, Assistant Fire Chief Jamie Smith, Police Chief Bobby Kinlaw and Human Resources Director Jennifer Dowless. Also present: Bladen Online Reporter Rhonda Griffin and Bladen Journal Reporter Erin Smith.

Mayor Campbell opened the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd gave the invocation.

Mayor Campbell stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss approval of budget amendment FY 2009-2010. Also Mayor Campbell welcomed US Army Civil Affairs Personnel from Ft. Bragg in which they attended the Special Called meeting. Mayor Campbell requested that each introduce themselves to Council, that being Captain Luis Marin, Staff Sergeant Enrique Hernandez and Staff Sergeant Guy Cipolla. Each briefly reported on their respective duties assisting with pre-deployment training. Town Manager Eddie Madden stated that these gentlemen met in a morning meeting with the Department Heads and everyone participated in a situation, such as the budget, and the uphill battles that are faced on a year to year basis. Mr. Madden talked about measures that the Town takes to bring a balanced budget to the table and these gentlemen were involved in the discussion. Mayor Campbell thanked the Civil Affairs Personnel for visiting with the Town of Elizabethtown and the opportunity was extended should they wish to visit Elizabethtown again.

Mayor Campbell recognized Public Services Director Pat DeVane for an update on the contractor bids for the Downtown Renovation Project. Mr. DeVane stated that bids were received March 11th in hopes of acquiring a construction company to perform work on the downtown renovations. The construction company had to meet certain Department of Transportation (DOT) goals and guidelines. The lowest bid received was from Allen's Grading Construction Company but they were not able to meet DOT goals. Therefore, the second lowest bidder, Econ International, was considered by the NCDOT's "Good Faith Effort" Committee and found to have met DOT goals and are qualified to begin construction on the downtown renovation project.

Mayor Campbell requested that Council leave Regular Session to go into Closed Session. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand to enter into closed session in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) - Real Estate (Neal Property and Fitness Center) (Unanimous). Council Members proceeded to the Mayor's Conference

Room for closed session.

Mayor Campbell requested that Council make a motion to return to Regular Session. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to enter into Regular Session (Unanimous).

Upon returning to regular session, it was consensus of Town Council to purchase real property from Mary Laranda Neal and Dedra Ann Neal (.575 Acres adjoining Public Works location), located at 402 Marin Luther King Drive. The purchase price was \$15,000. Town Council then proceeded with approval of the budget amendments.

Mayor Campbell stated that Budget Amendment #2010-06 is presented for Council's review and consideration. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve Budget Amendment #2010-06 as presented and attached (Unanimous).

Mayor Campbell asked for further business, comments or questions. Town Manager Eddie Madden introduced Jennifer Dowless in which she will be the Human Resources Director for the Town of Elizabethtown. Mayor Campbell and Council welcomed Ms. Dowless to her new position and to the Town of Elizabethtown. Mayor Campbell welcomed the press from Bladen Online and The Bladen Journal.

Before adjournment, Mayor Campbell was presented a plaque of appreciation by the US Army Civil Affairs Military personnel.

With no further discussion, Mayor Sylvia Campbell declared that the meeting was adjourned. A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis (Unanimous)

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Sylvia Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah L. Baysden, Deputy Town Clerk