

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN

ReScheduled Meeting

April 28, 2014

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for a re-scheduled meeting on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Elizabethtown Municipal Building. Those in attendance were Mayor Sylvia Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, Council Members, Herman Lewis, Dicky Glenn, Ricky Leinwand, Paula Greene, Dr. Darrell Page and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads present included Police Chief Bobby Kinlaw, Public Services Director Pat DeVane, Interim Finance Director Jay Leatherman, Fire Chief Byron Graham, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Martin and Town Manager Eddie Madden.

Item #1: Opening and Call to Order

Mayor Campbell recognized Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to lead the invocation for the evening meeting. Mayor Campbell recognized the Color Guard Cadets of the Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy to present the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Campbell presented the April 28, 2014 agenda for approval. A motion was made by Council Member Herman Lewis, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to approve the agenda (Unanimous).

Item #2: Approval of Previous Minutes

Mayor Campbell presented to Council, the minutes of March 18, 2014 Closed Session, April 7, 2014 Noon Work Session and April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve the minutes as presented (Unanimous).

Item #3: Public Hearing-Quasi-Judicial: Special Use Request from Hilton/DeVane Enterprises for construction of multi-family buildings at 602 East Broad Street

Mayor Campbell opened the Public Hearing and reminded everyone that this matter is a quasi-judicial agenda item and according to NC General Statutes, Town Council is required to act in a more formal role in certain matters, such as proceedings involving Special Use Permit applications. Everyone

speaking on the Special Use Permit request must be sworn-in and the proceedings in the process are similar to those in a courtroom. Mayor Campbell recognized Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Bryan Martin and those that signed up to speak to be sworn in by Deputy Clerk Sarah Baysden.

Council Member Paula Greene requested that she be recused from this agenda item as she is an affected property owner. Council Member Greene stated that she has discussed this with Town Attorney Goldston Womble. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to recuse Council Member Greene from this Quasi-Judicial Hearing (Unanimous).

Deputy Clerk Sarah Baysden: Do swear that this testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God.

Bryan Martin: Yes.

Dean Hilton: Yes.

Melanie Wohlford: Yes.

Heather Tart: Yes.

Annette Meares: Yes.

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Thompson: Yes.

Bryan Martin: Good afternoon, before you is a Special Use Request #SU031714-3115 is in reference to a new construction-Duplexes presented by Hilton/DeVane Enterprises, Inc. The same Special Use Request was heard by the Planning Board on April 7th and they forward a favorable recommendation. Enclosed is an application. You will find a map of the property in question and the surrounding area on Rollins Street/East Broad neighborhood. Under Agenda Item #3-B you will see the site plan for proposal for duplexes and the layout by the developer. Under Agenda Item #3-C are guidelines for issuance of a Special Use Permit inside the Elizabethtown jurisdiction and those guidelines are as follows:

- 1) That the use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to the plan as submitted and approved;
- 2) that the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
- 3) that the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property, or that the use is a public necessity; and
- 4) that the location and character of the use if developed according to the plan as submitted and approved will be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located and in general conformity with the plan of development of Elizabethtown.

As required by the NC General Statutes, the public hearing was sent out to the adjoining property owners within 100 ft. additionally it was posted in the "Bladen Journal" for two consecutive weeks and the property has been posted with a zoning notification sign. The item has met technical requirements of the Elizabethtown Zoning Code.

Mayor Campbell: Okay Bryan, no questions to Bryan, we are gonna proceed ahead. We would ask that since there a quite a few speaking, if you will try to hold around 3 minutes, I'm not gonna cut you off if you are a few minutes over that, but we are gonna move on with that understanding. At this time I am going to call on Mr. Dean Hilton to come up and present his first.

Dean Hilton: Thank you for listening to my request. As Sylvia stated, this did pass the Planning Board, Mr. Rufus Lloyd was so kind for the Planning Board to hear this Special Use Request, I really appreciate that. I just want to clarify your concerns and answer questions and give some material facts, Um...I think, are relative to the point as well as asking (inaudible). First of all this is not a low income property, it is \$650, most units run from \$650 to \$675...there were some questions as far as what the buildings are going to look like and the buildings will be identical to King Street. The buildings were built a year in a half to two years back, there was a request at the Planning Board, in which we were talking about maybe some (inaudible) and we are more than happy to put up some type of fencing along the property line to secure them, to make them feel more at ease. I actually have uh...a licensed contract real estate appraiser, as well as a broker, I did not want to pay for a formal appraisal so I asked him to do a letter, as a broker from Warsaw. He is arms length from the transaction and basically I was going to give you guys a copy of that. Basically what it says, just to shorten it for time, is that you go to the 602 E. Broad Street site which is currently zoned C1 and allows use by right, mini storage, car wash, owner repair shops, flea markets, bingo hall, child care centers, etc. My client, Hilton/DeVane Enterprises currently requested the special use permit for a multi-family use consistent with four duplex units similar to the ones currently joining the subject. My professional opinion as a NC Licensed Real Estate Broker, multi-family use will not diminish or harm the value of the adjoining residential property. However, the current C1 zoning use

allows commercial uses by right, if (inaudible) adjoining residential property causes noise, commercial lighting due to late night (inaudible). There were questions and concerns as far as police reports last time, the police reports, the information on the police reports over the past 10 years. There were 10 visits to the property and one domestic disturbance back in 2010, everything else was water meter tampering, prowler, suspicious folks on the property which is currently owned by the Town now, as well as a dilapidated house on Rollins Street. Those are basically the only concerns that I understand from the adjoining property owners as far as complaints. As you know the Main Street One Commerce Plan highly recommended multi-family units for downtown use. It recommends and says that it brings \$5,000 to \$8,000 per unit to downtown as far as spending in downtown stores, restaurants, gas stations, real estate offices, insurance, so forth. Uh...in one comment, that came up and I wanted to check on this, I got a traffic count on Broad Street, it is available on the NC DOT Transportation Request. It is currently zone as a Level A which means that there is plenty of availability of traffic use, traffic pattern, ingress & egress, there are only 2,100 cars by the property each day and there are 3,100 on further at the by pass. So that is 2,100 by our property and 3,100 at the end of the by pass and 11,000 on 701. Now there were also some concerns with traffic pulling out on Broad Street, let me remind you, if I was here, I would like to encourage you that if I was here with a 100 lot subdivision, that there would be 200 cars that would come out onto the highway, and that would be a large tax base for the town, we are talking about significant tax base here with these multi family units of a half million dollars. I try to get everything I know, that concerns the residents; obviously I understand their concerns, we are going to do a nice complex, it is not going to be anything out of characteristics that I have done in the past and then I would also encourage you to review the 4 questions as far as (inaudible). Do any of you have questions for me....Oh and another thing is....the buildings will be, someone asked what color they would be, they will be grey and trimmed in white, not orange with brown trim, they will not be yellow, that concern came up, I just wanted to clarify that it will be done in taste. And we will landscape, very nice landscaping, we have talked with DOT and they are more than happy to get us the road cut on 87 so that the Town will not have to be inconvenienced with a roadway off Rollins Street and exit off onto Broad Street. I spoke with Drew Cox and Matt Edwards. Any questions that you guys would like to ask.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Any questions? Thank you Dean, appreciate it. Okay next on our list is Melanie Wohlford.

Melanie Wohlford: Good evening, I appreciate the opportunity to address you. My name is Melanie Vault Wohlford. I am a hometown gal from Elizabethtown raised across the river. I have lived at 608 E. Broad Street for the past 16 years, moving there...umm we inherited the house that we are living in. This property has been in my family as long as I can remember. We immediately started making improvements because it had always been a rental house, so there were several improvements needed to make it our home and we love living on E. Broad Street, didn't worry about locking your cars, didn't worry about locking our house for a quick trip to the grocery store. However, our circumstances changed when the present apartment multi-family units were built. We had strangers encroaching

across our property on their way, short-cut to the convenience store, my car was broken into with the GPS stolen as well as other items were destroyed. I don't think...I did file a police report, a police officer did come to my home, none of this had bothered us prior to these apartments coming into our quite little neighborhood. We even had one of the tenants in the existing apartments, pitch a tent on our property, under the trees so the sun would not heat up the tent and I'm assuming that this is because they had too many people staying with them because these were not children staying in the tent, these were adults on our property. I worry about the safety factors concerning 16 families living within less than a block, I'm worried about the traffic, I've already endured the noise and traffic with the existing apartments that are there. I don't think think the police report that was given to you may have included that Evan's Computer Solutions was broken into several years ago and one of the tenants at the existing apartment was found hiding in the bushes. It's not the apartments per say, I do feel that it has de-valued our property and I think if more apartments are added adjacent to our property it will be de-valued more. But its some of the tenants that are habiting the area. So when you are making a decision, I ask that you please consider those of us that live in that neighborhood, those of us that have to lock our doors even though we are at home. I ask that you please consider those of us that are enduring the noise and the traffic now and double that. I feel that our quite little neighborhood has changed substantially and I respectfully request that you consider those of us that lost property and had many sleepless nights that we didn't call the police, because to tell you the truth, I feel that they are too busy handling situations that are more important than going to an apartment that is having a party at 2:00 in the morning. We have tried to be good neighbors, but I respectfully request that you consider our views and what we have endured in the past and double that is what we would be enduring, if this goes through. Thank you.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Thank you Melanie. Okay...this next name that is on here, I'm not sure it is 608 E. Broad Street, would that be your husband.

Mr. Wohlford: She speaks for me Mayor.

Melanie Wohlford: Unless he comes up with something else.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: So he is going to let you pull that through. Okay.....Heather Tart.

Heather Tart: Good Evening Town Council Members. Umm...my husband and I have lived at 506 E. Broad Street for the past 14 years. We have loved it, I have felt very safe and we are happy. We currently have three properties on E. Broad Street, so with that being said, I am speaking about, this

special use request on multi family units. They are currently asking to go from a single family dwelling unit, that is on the lot to possibly 12 units.....

Council Member Dicky Glenn: 8 units.

Heather Tart: Okay 8 units and then 8 behind it, on the properties behind it. So, I have more concern about the traffic and I have more concern for the overflow of parking and where they park. I am home during the day, I see what goes on at the apartments on a daily basis, I see the U-turns, I see the kids, the kids is what makes me nervous. They ride their bikes on the road, they come up on our land they have nowhere to go, I don't say anything, I feel sorry for them...it is very unsafe. They are going to add more on Broad Street and also, where these apartments are, we have a one way traffic, Rollins Street is a dead end, Rollins Street does not exit on the back street, all the traffic goes onto Broad Street, I can sit at my house in the morning, trying to get out forever waiting on the traffic. Adding 8 more families, most families have two cars, I know it is required to have 1 1/2 parking spaces per unit, that's not enough, that is simply not enough, we can all do the math. Kids waiting on the school bus, we don't have a sidewalk, we do have a problem with the tenants cutting through our yards. I am concerned about the resale value, not about the tax value, you don't sale your house based on the tax value but the resale, who wants to buy a nice home next to apartments on Broad Street. Then, the flow through of the area, the harmony of the single family dwelling that we have on Broad Street and then all of a sudden...more apartments, right there in the same block, it just doesn't meet the flow with the downtown feel that we have worked so hard with the downtown renovating there on Broad Street. Um.....the future of these apartments are not always going to be the new apartments on Broad Street. I have seen a significant change in the clientele that are in the current apartments, I cannot express it enough, the change, of who are renting those apartments. A huge difference. I am going to ask each and every one of you, would you want apartments built beside of you, where you live in Elizabethtown. Thank you.

Brian Tart: She spoke for me.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: I love this. Annette Meares!

Annette Meares: I am Annette Vault Meares and I am a resident in the area that I was (unable to understand). We have had a nice wonderful community until the people in (unable to understand). People run through our yard at 2 and 3 in the morning and they run right under my bedroom window. Umm...they are, we try to be so nice and be good neighbors and we try to understand that not all

people are this way. However, it is a problem, a big problem with them running back and forth. Umm...when I inherited the house, she was my great aunt and her husband was a horticulturist, he had a degree in everything, that was important a long time ago. And his specialty was plants and he has various plants that you've ever seen. I do try to take care of them and look after them the best I can, for instance, one variety of plant, there is one other in the state of NC, which is at the Chapel Hill, I forgot the name, but anyway it is on display for everyone to see and it is 12 inches tall and there is something about that plant. These plants cannot be touched or handled, and here we have these people that are running through our yard, and so far these plants have not been mutilated or anything. We try to be good neighbors, and it somehow backfires on us, they are right under my bedroom window at 2 and 3 in the morning and running all around. So I would like for you people to consider what we have asked of you. So if you can see the way fit to help us, we are going to be there a long time, those other people are not going to be there very long, hopefully we will be there a long time.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Thank you ma'am. James Meares!

James Meares: She spoke for me.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Mr & Mrs Thompson.

Oscar Thompson: Hello, my name is Oscar Thompson I live at 505 E. Broad Street, I live across the street from this apartment building that is going up. My biggest concern is the traffic. We moved there 13 years ago and I have seen an increase in the traffic right now, it's much more heavier. With the apartment going up, I know exactly how much more it's going to be. Thank you.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Yes sir, thank you. Ms. Thompson, did you want to speak.

Ms. Ophelia Thompson: No.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: I love....you couples let the other ones speak, that's great. That.....

Dean Hilton: Mayor can I ask some questions.

Town Attorney Goldston Womble: If the Board addresses questions.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: I think everybody has spoken, does anybody have a question that they would like to direct to Dean or to any of the one's that have spoken? I know we will have a chance to vote on this in a minute.

Council Member Dicky Glenn: Part of this might be able to take place later.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: It will....

Council Member Glenn: I am going to ask a question and you tell me if it should come later. Do ya'll want a sidewalk down there?

Audience: Do we want one? Not particularly.

Council Member Glenn: Okay, I keep hearing sidewalk mentioned....I'm just trying to figure out if ya'll want a sidewalk down there?

Melanie Wohlford: That is going to add.....if you were too decide to agree for this request to go through, I think a sidewalk would be imperative....do I want a sidewalk? No.

Council Member Glenn: Okay I couldn't tell....and I....that's the reason I'm asking.

Audience: They keep walking through my yard..rather than crossing the street to use the sidewalk on the other side.

Council Member Glenn: Well I was just thinking....I couldn't tell if you wanted a sidewalk and my feeling is...if you want a sidewalk, that is going to cause more people to come through the neighborhood. That is the reason why I wanted to know if you wanted the sidewalk or not.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Only if the project is passed.

Council Member Glenn: Okay, that's fine.

Council Member Ricky Leinwand: I think it is really important to hear Dean again and maybe if I'm addressing this....can I ask if there is anything you would like to add?

Dean Hilton: Yes sir. The only thing I would like to add is I want to clarify that the property is zoned CI, we're not taking a single family house and trying to develop over and above what is currently zoned, CI allows for plenty of different type of businesses that might bring more traffic, if it was a drug store, an office building or insurance agency, clothing store, you've got people pulling in and out. DOT is the one's that you go to, to tell you what the traffic count should be on a road...what is considered, that is what I've done, I've got that information because I heard Heather's concern about traffic on Rollins Street, I know its a dead end road and I want to solve her concern of other car's pulling out on Rollins Street. Broad Street is there, there are 2100 cars a day there and we've got the ability to put it to more use, I mean, it goes back to a 100 lot subdivision, I mean you have 100 lots sittin back and one exit, one entrance, you will have more traffic. In response to another concern is the police reports and so forth, I heard that at the last meeting, her concerns, I know there was a ring of breaking and entering going on there for awhile, but Bobby did catch the person and those people were not in our apartment units, so I want to clarify that...I don't want to be put on target as being the bad guy in the room, you know, it's...it's...if they have concerns and they had people at their windows at 2:00 in the morning, if I had someone at my window at 2:00 am in the morning, I sure would call the police, I would not allow them to hang around at my window or walk through the yard. It's hard for me to believe that there are people walking, partying and hanging out at other people's house at 2:00 am in the morning and not call the law. Now, in defense of that, what she said at the Planning Board meeting, I proposed to put a fence...put a fence up, to protect them, protect our current duplexes and to protect the use of the property of the newly proposed apartments. Again, folks, I remind you that this lot is on a CI, we are going to use the lot for something so if I'm back here in 6 months, we are going to have a traffic issue, if we are having a traffic issue now, we are gonna have a traffic issue later...I mean there is no traffic issue, we've got plenty of room for cars to ingress and egress on that piece of property. I don't think from the Town's standpoint that really I have to not ingress my property from Rollins Street, I'm the one that said....look I understand your concern, I hear what you're saying, (unable to understand) Drew Cox said

Dean if that is what you want to do, we'll do it....so we're trying to be a good neighbor, we're trying to do the right thing for the Town, I've looked at these four questions and these are what I've been told the board looks at and answering your questions, I've tried to answer every question for the Town, for the Council and come prepared and I want to make sure that these folks behind me, and my neighbors, understand that I've got their interest in thoughts. I understand that no matter what I do, I'm going to be the developer, I'm not gonna be the good guy because anything that's changed in any Town, is a problem, with someone....everything can't be perfect, If we were building Walmart on 701 right now, everybody would be upset about it and everything would be fine. But it amazes me that we've come since 2005 to current and we've never had but 9 calls total at the project and now all of a sudden we have people walking around, we've got people cuttin across properties, we've got breaking and entering going on...I can't be responsible for that, if there are people hanging out at your window at 2am in the morning, you need to call the cops, that is what they are for, that's what we pay taxes for.

Council Member Rufus Lloyd: So I hear you say that, if the apartments don't go...it is your plans to do something else?

Dean Hilton: Yes sir, it's a C1 zoning.

Council Member Leinwand: Then.... not that they would agree to this but, but or compromise..but do you need four multi units on that piece of property...would two not cash flow it, if you got...if you did two for example...not that they would agree with....but you would have four units instead of eight.

Dean Hilton: Well this goes back to the value of the lot...you understand that?

Council Member Leinwand: Yea.

Dean Hilton: That is all it is...so you know, you have the 8 units in the Town, a progressive Town, I gave the Planning Board, it actually gives developers incentives to go and develop multi family close to downtown within walking distance. Folks, I can't be held responsible for the facts that people live in a C1 zoning, no more than I can be held responsible for the fact that people live on Broad Street....you know, it is what it is. If I was living in C1 I understand, that is just part of it.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Thank you Dean. Anybody else since I have given him the opportunity. Okay Heather.

Heather Tart: I am not holding him accountable for the apartments, but who is going to be held accountable for the other lots on Broad Street, for people that want to do this also...who is it going to be. I have three properties on Broad Street, so if you let him put apartments on Broad Street, what about the other people, what about when they are ready to develop some things, some things around. It's a thought, once you let it start, where do you stop it.....I'm talking about on Broad Street, not talking about the whole Elizabethtown, there are tons of spots in Elizabethtown, there are a lot of other locations that this can go and I know one thing, I can't move my house, I cannot move my house. These apartments can go somewhere else in Elizabethtown and what are we going to do when other people have lots on Broad Street and they say, Hey! that is a great idea, I'm not holding them accountable for it, who is going to be accountable for the other, the Town. Thank you.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Thank you. Okay Melanie.

Melanie Wohlford: I'm not sure what the protocol is, am I allowed to address Mr. Hilton?

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: Sure, I think so, we have opened the door for that.

Melanie Wohlford: I love you Dean, I love you I know you are an involved young man but do you not recall.....

Council Member Glenn: Can you please turn to where I can hear you, I heard the last part.

Melanie Wohlford: I can't remember what I said, what did I say.

Council Member Leinwand: You said you loved Dean.

Melanie Wohlford: You heard the fact that I love Dean, but Dean I called you when we started having people trespassing on our property and when you didn't return my call, I felt comfortable enough to call Jenna.....

Dean Hilton: When did.....

Melanie Wohlford: Oh years ago and having a long conversation with Jenna I told her what was going on after having talked with her at Bladen Lakes. And she assured me that you would call "Oh Dean will be contacting you" and you didn't.

Attorney Womble: You need to address the issue.

Mayor Sylvia Campbell: I'm gonna, I'm gonna call up right now, you are good. I thank all of you for speaking and it was nice that we could hear from all of you, but we're going to move on and close this public hearing and we will be voting on it shortly.

Item #4: Make appointments to Recreation Commission, ABC Board, and Airport/Economic Development Commission

Mayor Campbell presented the following terms of office which are expiring.

Recreation (Four year term)
Commission (Four year term)

ABC Board (Three year term)

Airport/Economic Development

Mr. Ernest Bacote

Mr. Glendale Robinson

Chad DeVane

Mr. Clint Hester

Mr. Mark Gillespie

Mayor Campbell stated that upon contact with each board member, they have agreed to serve another term. A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to approve the appointments as presented (Unanimous).

Item #5: Special Use Permit Request by Hilton/ DeVane Enterprises, Inc. Special Use Permit SU031714-3115, New Construction-Duplexes

Mayor Campbell requested that Council consider making a motion to approve or disapprove this Special Use Permit Request. Town Attorney Goldston Womble requested that he convey to Council and the citizens an overview of preliminaries involved in a Special Use Permit Request and making sure that procedures are followed. Attorney Womble reminded Council that this is a Special Use Permit request and that all criteria are met as listed in Article 5, Section 5.3.2 of the Elizabethtown Zoning Ordinance and specifically the requirements listed in Article 5, Section 5.3.2.C. Attorney Womble conveyed to Council that there has to be findings of fact that are required for a permit either in a denial or an allowance. Attorney Womble referenced Case Law in the Court Case Clark v. City of Asheboro in which the courts upheld that Municipalities have to enter findings of fact when making a Quasi Judicial decision.

A motion was made by Council Member Darrell Page, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to disapprove the Special Use permit due to safety considerations.

Council Member Dicky Glenn conveyed his concerns regarding this Special Use Permit Request in which he felt Council was making a decision without findings of fact. Council Member Glenn stated that the proposed construction of the multi-family duplexes would be a good tax base for the Town as well as promote growth. Council Member Glenn spoke in-depth regarding his concerns and requested that Council make a decision based on findings of fact.

Mayor Campbell requested a show of hands against the Special Use Permit Request, Council Members Page, Lewis, Lloyd and Leinwand signified as such.

Council Member Dicky Glenn cast a dissenting vote

The Special Use Permit Request was not approved according to a 4-1 vote. Copy of Order of Denial is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6: Authorization to submit an Application to Four County Electric for USDA REDLG Financing for New Fire Truck

Mayor Campbell presented this agenda item in order to obtain authorization for the submission of the loan application regarding funding from Four County Electric in the amount of \$300,000 for a loan at 0% interest for 10 years through USDA's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve the authorization of the loan application via Resolution #R-14-07 (Unanimous). Copy of resolution is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #7: Presentation of FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget and Budget Message

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to present FY 2014-2015 Budget. Mr. Madden gave an overview of the proposed budget and stated that this would be presented in a Public Hearing on June 2, 2014 at the regular Town Council meeting.

Item #8: Tax Releases

Mayor Campbell presented the tax releases which are in the amount of \$261.08. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve the tax releases as presented below (Unanimous).

2013 Britt's Services Inc. 0529962

Reason Not in City Limits

Released Value \$5,010.00

Personal Property

Tax Released \$30.81

Late List \$3.08

2013 Britt's Services Inc. 0529962

Reason Not in City Limits

Released Value \$698.00

Personal Property

Tax Released \$4.29

Late List \$0.42

2013 Britt's Services Inc. 0529962

Reason Not in City Limits

Released Value \$1,285.00

Personal Property

Tax Released \$7.90

Late List \$0.79

2013 Britt's Service Inc. 0529962

Reason Not in City Limits

Released Value \$29,604.00

Personal Property

Tax Released \$182.06

Late List \$18.20

2013 Britt's Service Inc. 0529962

Reason Not in City Limits

Released Value \$2,000

Personal Property

Tax Released	\$12.30
Late List	\$1.23
Grand Total	\$261.08

Item #9: Report on Investment Accounts

Mayor Campbell recognized Interim Finance Director Jay Leatherman to present a report on the Investment Accounts. Mr. Leatherman presented an outline of investments that are handled through the NC Capital Management Trust which depicts current balances and investment earnings for the Town's General Fund and the Water Fund. Mr. Leatherman also presented information giving a detailed description for the Cash Portfolio Fund and participants in the Term Portfolio.

Item #10: Briefly's

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to give an update on upcoming events.

- MCAB Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 7pm. The location will be the BCC Building in East Arcadia.
- Kid's Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd.
- Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th, Town Offices will be closed.
- Town Hall Day is Wednesday, June 4th at the LGFCU Conference Center in Raleigh.

Item #11: Open Forum

Mayor Campbell opened the meeting up to anyone wishing to speak during open forum.

Oscar Thompson of 505 E. Broad Street conveyed his concern for the neighboring property in which tall weeds and grass are beginning to be a problem due to rodents coming from that property. Mayor Campbell stated that a letter can be sent to the property owner from the Town's Code Enforcement Officer.

Ophelia Thompson of 505 E. Broad Street conveyed her concern for individuals near their property that are shooting in the nearby woods. Council requested that the police be called should this incident occur again.

Mayor Campbell asked if there were additional concerns or comments from anyone else, but none were noted.

Item #12: Closed Session

Mayor Campbell requested that Council enter into closed session. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Darrell Page to enter into closed session under NC General Statute 143.318.11(a)(6) Personnel (Unanimous).

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah L. Baysden, Deputy Town Clerk