

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN
Scheduled Meeting
October 6, 2014

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for their regular meeting on Monday, October 6, 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, Paula Greene, Herman Lewis, Dicky Glenn, Ricky Leinwand, Dr. Darrell Page and Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Department Heads present included Police Chief Bobby Kinlaw, Public Services Director Pat DeVane, Finance Director Jay Leatherman, Fire Chief Byron Graham, Interim Planning & Zoning Officer Joey Taylor, and Town Manager Eddie Madden. Absent: Code Enforcement Officer Livingston Lewis.

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 requested that the approval of the agenda and supplemental be considered. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve the agenda and supplemental as presented (Unanimous).

Item #2: Approval of Previous Minutes

Mayor Campbell presented minutes of Re-Scheduled Work Session Minutes September 2, 2014 and Re-Scheduled Meeting Minutes September 2, 2014 and Special Called Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014. A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, and seconded by Council Member Dicky Glenn to approve the minutes as presented (Unanimous).

Item 3#: Recognize Mr. Bill Augustine, new owner of Vineyard Golf at White Lake

Mayor Campbell recognized Mr. Bill Augustine for the great work that he has performed at the newly renovated Vineyard Golf Course, formerly Carolina Sands. Mayor Campbell and Council Members presented a gift basket from Houston's Peanuts and conveyed their gratitude for a job well done.

Mr. Augustine spoke very briefly about the work that was put into the golf course and thanked his family and hired hands to make the golf course what it is today. Mayor Campbell requested a 5 minute recess so Council could speak to Mr. Augustine.

Item #4: Public Hearing-Quasi-Judicial: Special Use Permit Request, Case #SU-0902149342. New Commercial Construction

Mayor Campbell recognized Interim Planning & Zoning Officer Joey Taylor to present the public hearing for a special use permit and requested that Deputy Clerk Sarah Baysden administer the swearing-in. Mayor Campbell reminded everyone that a Quasi-Judicial hearing process is similar to those in a courtroom.

Deputy Clerk Sarah Baysden: Please place your left hand on the Bible and and

raise your right hand. The testimony you are about to give, do you swear to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God.

Planning & Zoning Officer Joey Taylor: Yes.

Ron Taylor: Yes I do.

Mayor Campbell: Joey present to Council the request that has been made on behalf of Mr. Ron Taylor.

Joey Taylor: Mayor, Council, Mr. Ron Taylor of Taylor Products wishes to construct a new commercial building which will be 200' x 150' in size at 1667 Hwy 701 S. This Special Use Request was requested on September 2, 2014, a Special Called Meeting was scheduled for September 22nd in which the Planning Board heard the presentation and unanimously approved the request to be forwarded to Town Council for their consideration.

Mayor Campbell: Mr. Ron Taylor was the only one that signed-in to speak during the public hearing. Ron come on up and give your presentation.

Ron Taylor: Thank you Mayor and Council, I submitted a request in which I want to build a commercial building large enough to house Cindy's cafe...who is in the little trailer now, she has a good business selling plate lunches, we want to move her into this new building....she will have cooking classes and continue with her meals that she prepares. Also, we will have a cannery type business that will have a wall of half glass so folks can see how the operation runs, we will have a novelty area and sell, homemade jams and jellies, salsa's. Anyone that would like to have their own label on their products, we are the only one in North Carolina.....you bring in your strawberries, blueberries, even a recipe and how you want it made, we will prepare and place your name on it. Currently, we sell Lu Mil products at the Farmers Market in Raleigh and neighboring States, but we want to expand the business by having a building on Highway 701, it will be a very attractive facility, we are the gateway of the community coming from the South and I certainly want to put my best foot forward. If we don't do it, we have made a great effort in cleaning up the junk can out there, so we have been hauling stuff off for about two months now, trying to clean up....the way things accumulate and I always tell everybody that if I have financial troubles I can go down there and sell scrap steel, it's all gone and we need something else to supplement that income so that is what we are going to do, just have a retail outlet on the front. So again I appreciate you just letting me be here tonight, I hope you will help spread the word about D'vine Foods, a lot of people in the county don't know what we are doing....if you travel, a big part of our business is not just Farmers Markets and roadside stands and grocery stores, but a big part of our business is the gift stores. If you travel across country anywhere, you are subject to see products grown and made right here in Bladen County at D'vine Foods. I am proud of it and there are a lot of customers, 1,200 customers now, places you are familiar with such as Dollywood, Dollywood Gift Shop, they buy a lot of products from us and we put their logo and label on the jar, also Alligator Adventure, Willie Nelson's place in Nashville, TN....these are the types of people we meet at the trade shows, gift shows, we sell for them, a lot of people are using our product more and more for gift items, fund-raising items...that type of thing so I'm inviting you to help support your community and promote it...so anytime you are traveling keep us in mind...Christmas whatever. I appreciate it and do you have any questions.

Mayor Campbell: Any questions? Just a statement....we are very excited about you having this new facility out on 701 and we are here to help in anyway that we can.

Ron Taylor: Thank you and I appreciate it, the staff has been extra helpful to us and we do have some time limitations and would really like to get things started and try to be in this thing by next spring when strawberry's start popping because we do a lot of strawberries, so we are hoping that we will do some type of processing in there by strawberry time next year.

Mayor Campbell: We will do everything we can to help you.

Ron Taylor: Thank you.

Mayor Campbell: Thank you sir. No one else has signed up to speak, so at this time I am going to close the public hearing and we will be voting on this in just a few minutes.

Item # 5: Resolution #R-14-15: Adopt Local Water Supply Plan

Mayor Campbell stated that this Resolution pertains to the Local Water Supply Plan (LWSP) and the State indicates that this has been completed and the minimum requirements have been met. Mayor Campbell requested that Council consider the resolution as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve Resolution #R-14-15 (Unanimous). Copy of Resolution attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #6: Resolution #R-14-16: Concerning Halloween in Elizabethtown

Mayor Campbell stated that every year this resolution is presented to Council for their consideration in which it indicates age and curfews for and during truck or treating on October 31st.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve Resolution #R-14-15 (Unanimous). Copy of Resolution attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #7: Resolution #R-14-17: Recognition and renaming of Tory Hole Park to the Carl S. McCulloch Park at Tory Hole

Mayor Campbell presented a framed resolution to Mr. Russell Priest on behalf of Mr. Carl McCulloch designating the Tory Hole Park as the Carl S. McCulloch Park at Tory Hole. Mr. McCulloch was unable to attend the presentation due to health reason's.

A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve Resolution #R-14-17 (Unanimous). Copy of Resolution attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #8: Approve Contract with PARTF for Leinwand Park

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to present this agenda item regarding the Parks and Recreation grant for Leinwand Park. Mr. Madden stated that the Town received grant funds of \$215,000 for improvements to Leinwand Park. However, a contract has been submitted for the Mayor's signature to finalize the agreement with PARTF. A motion was made by Council Member Paula Greene, and seconded by Council Member Darrell Page to approve

authorization for the Mayor to sign the contract agreement with PARTF (Unanimous). Contract copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #9: Special Use Permit Request, Case #SU-0902149342, New Commercial Construction

Mayor Campbell stated that a public hearing was previously held; however, it is necessary to consider this agenda item for approval, regarding the special use application. A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve as presented as well incorporate requirements listed in Article 5, Section 5.3.2.C in granting this permit (Unanimous).

Item #10: Approve Task Order #9 with W.K. Dickson for Engineering Services for the Replacement of Well #1

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to present this agenda item regarding Task Order #9 regarding Well #1. Mr. Madden stated that Well #1 on E. Swanzy Street is being replaced and there is a fund opportunity through NC Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (NC DWSRF) in which the application is due in order for the Town to continue to stay on a schedule WK Dickson is handling this project and therefore, scope of work for the replacement of Well #1 in Task Order #9 is requested in the amount of \$41,020.

A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to approve Task Order #9 in the amount of \$41,020 (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #11: Approve Task Order #10 with W.K. Dickson for Assistance with PARTF Application

Mayor Campbell stated that this task order pertains to Tory Hole Park in which a PARTF grant application was awarded to the Town to refurbish the picnic area, and renovate the amphitheater. Mr. Madden stated that scope of services are in the amount of \$ 12,000 for Task Order #10 as it pertains to Tory Hole Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Darrell Page, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve Task Order #10 as it pertains to Tory Hole Park (Unanimous). Copy attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #12: Update to Golden Leaf Foundation-Community Assistance Grant process

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to give an update on the Golden Leaf Foundation. Mr. Madden stated that the Town is participating along with 22 other counties in the next round of funding from the Golden Leaf Foundation, which has funding capabilities of \$12,000,000. Mr. Madden advised that each county may submit up to three projects that may not exceed \$1.5,000,000. Mr. Madden stated that these projects would be submitted on October 17th to the County Manager and applications are due to the County Board in November and from there they will be submitted to the Golden Leaf Foundation December 1st. No action was required on this agenda item.

Item #13: Update on State Health Plan

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to present this agenda item. Mr. Madden stated that the Town would be participating in open enrollment into the State Health Plan hopefully by November with the effective date of coverage being January 1, 2015. No action was required on this agenda item.

Item #14: Declare List of Seized Firearms as Surplus Property and Authorize the Sale through Private Party

Mayor Campbell stated that a list of seized firearms will be sold through the sale of a private party and as surplus property. Council Members are requested to consider authorizing the sale. A motion was made by Council Member Herman Lewis, and seconded by Council Member Dicky Glenn to approve authorization to sell through a private party and as surplus property (Unanimous). Copy of resolution attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #15: Tax Releases

Mayor Campbell stated that the following tax releases were submitted by Tax Collector Beverly Robinson, they are as follows:

2014 Robert Northrup	0537647
Reason	Adjusted Value
Released Value	\$40,254.00
Personal Property	
Tax Released	\$247.56
Late List	\$30.75
2014 Mary L. Monroe	0532719
Reason	Veterans Exemption
Released Value	\$45,000.00
Real Property	
Tax Released	\$276.75
2014 Bladen County Board of Education	5008820
Reason	Government Property
Released Value	\$19,385,010.00
Real Property	
Tax Released	\$119,217.81
2014 Bladen Baptist Association	5011188
Reason	Exempt-Religious
Released Value	\$179,610.00
Real Property	
Tax Released	\$1,104.60
2014 Coach's Furniture LLC	0530420
Reason	Not in City Limits
Released Value	\$20.00

Personal Property		
Tax Released	0.12	
2014 Coach's Furniture		05340420
Reason	Not in City Limits	
Released Value	\$4,747.00	
Personal Property		
Tax Released	\$29.19	
2014 Bladens Bloomin Agri-Indus		0529865
Reason	Not in City Limits	
Released Value	\$321,109.00	
Personal Property		
Tax Released	\$1974.82	
Late List	\$197.48	
2014 Brenda McDowell		0536424
Reason	Doubled Billed with 0537309	
Released Value	\$50,470.00	
Personal Property		
Tax Released	\$310.39	
Late List	\$31.04	
2013 Mid East Regional Housing		0534475
Reason	Not In City Limits	
Released Value	\$500.00	
Personal Property		
Tax Released	\$3.08	
Late List	\$0.31	
2014 Nyes Carpet Care		2000266
Reason	Closed Business 2013	
Released Value	\$1,230.00	
Personal Property		
Tax Released	\$7.56	
2014 Nyes Carpet Care		2000266
Reason	Closed Business 2013	
Released Value	\$1,875.00	
Personal Property		
Tax Released	\$11.53	
2014 William McDowell		5004331
Reason	Only 3.44 Acres in City Limits	
Released Value	\$74,650.00	
Real Property		
Tax Released	\$459.10	

2014 Tall Oaks Apts LLC	0526742
Reason Complex-Use Income Approach	
Released Value	\$635,485.00
Real Property	
Tax Released	\$3908.23
 Grand Total Tax Releases	 \$127,810.32

A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to approve tax releases as presented (Unanimous).

Item #16: Monthly Financial Report

Mayor Campbell recognized Finance Director Jay Leatherman to present the Monthly Financial Project. Mr. Leatherman gave a brief overview of the General Fund and Water Fund.

Item #17: "Briefly"

Mayor Campbell requested that Town Manager present upcoming events and expound on items of interest.

- Mr. Madden stated that the 2014 NCLM Conference in Greensboro would take place October 12th-14th, Council Members Rufus Lloyd and Herman Lewis would be participating as well as Mayor Campbell and himself.
- A letter from Governor Pat McCrory was received regarding PARTF grant funds that would be awarded to the Town in the amount of \$215,000 for the Leinwand Park Project.
- The Elizabethtown Fire Department will have a ribbon cutting on Sunday, October 25th from 2 to 5 pm to show off the newly renovated building.
- There are 6 Bladen County projects listed on the State Transportation Improvement Program.
- Interim Planning and Zoning Officer Joey Taylor has new working hours in which he will be working from 7am until Noon, Monday through Friday, and will issue permits between the hours of 8:30 am until Noon.
- The new Fire Chief, Roy "Nick" West will begin work with the Elizabethtown Fire Department, Monday, November 3rd.
- A public meeting will take place at the Cape Fear Farmers Market on Thursday, October 16th in which public comments regarding a PARTF grant application for improvements to Tory Hole Park.
- The LRCOG will have their annual dinner and awards banquet on Thursday, October 16th at the Southeastern NC Agricultural Events Center in Lumberton.
- 2014 United Way Day of Caring events is scheduled for Friday, November 7th.
- Blue Jean & Bling Gala is scheduled for October 18th at the Cape Fear Farmers Market hosted by the Bladen County Hospital/Cape Fear Valley Hospital.
- As a supplemental, East Bladen Homecoming Parade is Friday, October 17th at 4pm.

Item #18: Open Forum

Mayor Campbell opened the meeting to anyone wishing to speak regarding any questions or concerns they may have, but none were noted.

Mayor Campbell asked if there was further business, but none was noted.

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah L. Baysden, Deputy Town Clerk