

TOWN OF ELIZABETHTOWN
Re-Scheduled Meeting
September 2, 2014

The Elizabethtown Town Council met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 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, Code Enforcement Officer Livingston Lewis 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 requested that the approval of the agenda and supplemental be considered. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd, and seconded by Council Member Dicky Glenn to approve the agenda and supplemental as presented (Unanimous).

Item #2: Approval of Previous Minutes

Mayor Campbell presented minutes of Regular Work Session Minutes August 4, 2014 and Regular Meeting Minutes August 4, 2014 and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2014. A motion was made by Council Member Herman Lewis, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to approve the minutes as presented (Unanimous).

Presentation: Mayor Campbell recognized Mrs. Sunday Allen, Mrs. Dawn Maynard, Mr. Bobby Lewis and Mr. Seth Lewis for their work on the "Battle of Elizabethtown" Event. Mayor Campbell presented each individual with a gift of appreciation and thanked them for a job well done.

Item #3: Resolution #R-14-14: Surplus Property Disposition for Items at Public Services Department

Mayor Campbell stated that various items from the Public Services Department are listed on Resolution #R-14-14 as surplus. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd and seconded by Council Member Darrell Page to approve the resolution as presented (Unanimous). A copy of the resolution attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #4: Resolution #R-14-15: Authorizing Funding Application to NCDENR for Water Supply Well Replacement Project

Mayor Campbell stated that the Town continues to seek funding for water supply on Rollins Street property; therefore, WK Dickson plans to submit an application on behalf of the Town of Elizabethtown. If grant funds and/or state loan funds are received, the current well (Well #1) would be abandoned and new well would be placed on the Rollins Street property owned by the Town. A

motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Ricky Leinwand to approve resolution as presented (Unanimous). A copy of the resolution attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #9 Mr. Pat Melvin-Bladen Hardware Awning *The Mayor requested that this agenda item be moved in the agenda*

Mayor Campbell recognized Mr. Pat Melvin to address Council regarding the awning at 138 S. Poplar Street. Mr. Melvin presented his concerns and frustrations regarding the awning at the building he owns along with Mr. Gene Anderson, currently known as Bladen Hardware. Mr. Melvin gave a very in-depth presentation regarding the history of the buildings throughout Elizabethtown specifically the Bladen Hardware Building. Mr. Melvin pressed upon the Council that the awning was established long before the Code of Ordinance and felt he should not have to remove the awning. After a very long presentation, Mr. Melvin thanked Council for allowing him to present his concerns.

Item #5: Removal of Encroachment at 138 S. Poplar Street from Town-Owned Property

Mayor Campbell reiterated the fact that Mr. Pat Melvin was in violation of the Code of Ordinance regarding the awning at 138 S. Poplar Street (Bladen Hardware) and referred the matter to Town Attorney Goldston Womble. Attorney Womble stated that he would review this matter in-depth and give a report at the October 6th meeting.

Item #6: Update on the State Health Plan

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to give an update on the State Health Plan regarding plan options and retiree information. Mr. Madden stated that in reviewing each of the three plans (1) 80/20 (2) 70/30, and (3) Consumer Directed Health Plan, the best option would be the Consumer-Directed Health Plan. Mr. Madden stated that with this plan the State contributes \$500 into the employees health savings account (HSA) and the Town would also offer \$500 from the Wellness Benefit plan to each employee. Mr. Madden stated that employee's would have the option of "buying up" or pay the difference for either the 70/30 or 80/20 plan. Mr. Madden conveyed to Council that he anticipated enrollment in October the plan's effective date would be January 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Darrell Page, and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Lloyd to approve the Consumer Directed Health Plan with Retiree Insurance benefit option (Unanimous). Copy of the Monthly Premium Rate Sheet attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #7: Tax Release

Mayor Campbell presented tax release from Tax Clerk Beverly Robinson, as follows:

2014 Jerry L. Tatum 5013677
Reason 3.00 Acres in city limits
Released Value \$75,732.00

Real Property
Tax Released

\$465.75

Finance Director Jay Leatherman stated that tax releases over 10 years would be considered "write-offs" which are in the amount of \$848.96. A motion was made by Council Member Ricky Leinwand, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to approve the tax release and tax releases over 10 years old would be considered "write-offs" (Unanimous). Copy of the "Uncollected taxes over 10 years old" attached and incorporated herein by reference.

Item #8: Monthly Financial Report

Mayor Campbell stated that Finance Director Jay Leatherman gave an overview of the General Fund and Water Fund in the noon meeting. Mr. Leatherman asked for comments and/or questions, but none were noted.

Item # 9: Request to Appear-Pat Melvin

This agenda item was moved up in the itinerary.

Item #10: "Briefly"

Mayor Campbell recognized Town Manager Eddie Madden to present upcoming events and meetings that needed to be addressed.

-The Dublin Peanut Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 20th. Council has been asked to ride in the parade.

-August 29th was the close-out date for acceptance of applications for the Fire Chief position.

-The Manager and Public Services Director Pat DeVane met with prison officials at McCain, and the Town should receive response within two weeks as to a decision on inmate labor.

-Mr. Madden stated that he met with Golden Leaf representatives on August 28th regarding community assistance.

-Mr. Madden stated that he met with Mr. Jimmy Smith of Four County on August 29th for a pre-closing review of the loan documents for the purchase of fire pumper.

-The Elizabethtown Fire Department received notice that they would be awarded a \$8865.00 in grant funds to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for the new fire engine.

-Council will meet for a Special Called Meeting on Monday, September 22nd at 12 noon regarding the approval of the Wellhead Protection Plan as well as Mr. Jim Perry's presentation on the Asset Management Plan.

-Mr. Madden stated that a Steering Committee would need to be appointed at the October 6th Council Meeting for the Bike Plan Grant.

Item #11: Open Forum

Mayor Campbell opened the meeting to anyone wishing to speak regarding questions or concerns in the Town.

Betty McLaughlin approached Council and stated that her water bill went from \$44.00 to \$89.00 and she conveyed her concern as she stated that she could not afford to pay high water bills when she was the only one using the water.

Mr. (inaudible) Martin approached Council and conveyed his concern for such a high water/sewer bill. He stated that he was the only one living in the house and still had a high water bill. He also stated that he was not working and it made it very difficult to pay such high cost on his water/sewer bill each month.

Mayor Campbell stated that with the new water meter reading system, it would detect leaks and running water to prevent high water bills. Mayor Campbell asked if there were any other concerns, but none were noted.

A motion was made by Council Member Dicky Glenn, and seconded by Council Member Herman Lewis to adjourn (Unanimous).

With there being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

Sylvia Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah L. Baysden, Deputy Town Clerk