

## March 11, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Elkin, March 11, 2024, 6:00pm at Town Hall.

Present: Mayor Sam Bishop, Commissioners, Cicely McCulloch, Robert Ball, Alvin Hayes, Will Gwyn and Jeff Eidson.

Also present: Town Manager Brent Cornelison.

Mayor Bishop welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He asked Police Chief Joey Vanhoy to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Board of Commission meeting.
- Approve BA#2024-17 to appropriate fund balance for 25% match of costs to remove stored mulch from tornado debris to Wilkes County Landfill.
- Approve BA#2024-18 to appropriate WF fund balance for damages incurred at 150 E. Spring St. from broken water main.
- Approve BA#2024-19 to appropriate insurance check for damaged recreation mowers by the recent flood.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eidson to approve the consent agenda in its entirety, seconded by Commission Gwyn and passed unanimously.

### **Special Recognitions**

1. Mayor Bishop asked Commissioner McCulloch to read the Proclamation Recognizing March 2024 as Women's History Month.
2. Planner Sarah Harris was recognized and presented with a certificate by Brent Cornelison for being with the Town for 5 years.

### **Mayor and Board Comments for Staff**

Commissioners Ball, McCulloch, Gwyn, and Mayor Bishop thanked the staff for a great retreat and welcomed Chief Vanhoy. The mayor then announced that we received word from Senator Tillis's office that the \$3.5 million for the new fire station was approved last week.

**Public Comments** – none

### **Regular Agenda**

1. Police Chief Joey Vanhoy presented a request to reclassify the Detective Sergeant position to Detective Lieutenant. This will help with the chain of command and each Lieutenant will directly supervise 2 patrol squads instead of the current chain of command with each patrol squad reporting directly to the captain. A motion was made by Commissioner Eidson to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Ball, and passed unanimously.
2. Town Manager Cornelison gave a brief overview of the items included in the upcoming budget from the recent budget retreat. The Board considered the addition of the Fire Department F-350 and the new Program Director position for the Recreation and Parks

Department. After discussion, the Board of Commission directed staff to include the position in the budget planning process, but not the F-350.

### Commissions and Boards

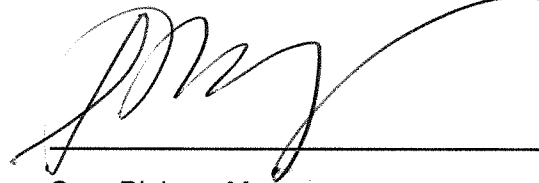
1. Planner Harris asked the Board to consider appointing Hayden Snow to fill the remainder of Brian Horton's 3-year term that will expire in 2025. Commissioner Eidson made a motion to approve Hayden Snow, seconded by Commissioner Ball and passed unanimously.
2. Economic Development, Planning and Main Street Director Schlender asked the board to approve the appointment of Graham Ray "Bear" and Chelsea Testerman to fill the vacancies on the Main Street Advisory Board left by TJ Bledsoe and Shannon Lazar. Commissioner McCulloch made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Gwyn and passed unanimously.
3. Town Manager Cornelison asked the Board to approve Joel Hooper to fill the vacancy on the Airport Commission left by the death of Jewel Brown. A motion was made by Commissioner Eidson, seconded by Commissioner Gwyn and passed unanimously.

### Manager Updates:


FBO Sandy Shore is working on approved items to be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Town Manager Cornelison explained that due to the increased expectation of maintenance, it may be necessary at times for Public Work staff to help with mowing when they are on site mowing the recently purchased property.

Town Manager Cornelison announced that we would need to go into Closed Session in accordance with G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss personnel issues. At 6:27pm Commissioner Gwyn made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Ball and passed unanimously.

The Board returned from closed session at 6:33pm. Being no further business, Commissioner Eidson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ball and was passed unanimously.



Sam Bishop, Mayor

Attest: 

Darla S Parker, Town Clerk