

ELGIN TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF ELGIN, SC.  
Mayor Melissa Emmons  
Councilman Brad Hanley  
Councilwoman Dana Sloan  
Councilman Ed Smith  
Councilman Paul Rizzo



ELGIN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Elgin Town Council was held Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 6:00pm with Mayor Melissa Emmons presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilman Edward Smith, Councilman Brad Hanley, Councilwoman Dana Sloan, Councilman Paul Rizzo, Chief Anders, Clerk Ansley Champe, Town Attorney, John Wells and Mayor Melissa Emmons.

INVOCATION

Mayor Melissa Emmons gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Brad Hanley led Town Council and all others attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley to accept the minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Paul Rizzo, without further discussion and a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

Elgin Municipal Judge, David Reuwer, provided Council with an update regarding the reopening of Court as early as April. He stated that they will continue to follow safety procedures that had previously been implemented due to COVID.

Kershaw County Chairman, Julian Burns, provided Council with updates on the upcoming (5) year review of Vision 2030 that included a community park in the Elgin area, Wi-Fi throughout the county and a bus route that would service the West Wateree Area, all of which are either in the process of being completed by the end of this year or are in their early stages. He also talked briefly about the COVID vaccinations for the county and the budget process for 2021/2022.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley to adopt the agenda with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilwoman Dana Sloan without further discussion and a unanimous vote.

COMPLAINTS

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dana Sloan with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Ed Smith without further discussion and a unanimous vote for the Town of Elgin to enter into a commercial lease with Blanketing Families, Inc. to allow them to develop a community garden at 1245 Sessions Road. The initial terms of the lease shall commence on April 1, 2021

and shall run until March 1, 2022 and there will be no charge of rent for use of the property. This property is owned by the Town of Elgin and was the previous location for the tennis courts, that have since been removed due to condition/lack of use.

A motion was made by Councilman Ed Smith with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Brad Hanley without further discussion and a unanimous vote to appoint Steve Huntley as Zoning Administrator, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of the prior Administrator. In addition, Randy Pruitt will continue to serve as the Building Official for the Town of Elgin.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Paul Rizzo without further discussion and a unanimous vote to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 240-Determination of Election Results that states that the town's Municipal Elections shall be conducted under the non-partisan plurality method set forth in 5-15-61 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Chief Anders informed Council that one of his officers is on leave due to emergency surgery but is doing well and is scheduled to return to light duty on Monday, March 8, 2021. He also reminded Council that he had emailed them the breakdown on call information for his department for the month of February 2021 and was available to answer any questions if anyone had any, which they did not.

#### COUNCIL BRIEFING

Councilman Ed Smith- had no report.

Councilman Brad Hanley- had no report.

Councilman Paul Rizzo- had no report.

Councilwomen Dana Sloan- had no report.

Mayor Emmons- informed Council of the recent passing of Pat Bero, Elgin's 2020 Citizen of the Year. She also expressed the town's condolences to the families of Lem Wooten, Sr., and Carl Brown; individuals who have contributed so much to our community over the years and would be missed dearly. Council was also reminded to review the proposed Personnel Manual that was emailed to them on February 9, 2021 and the information in their packet regarding the SC Business License Standardization Act that was passed in September 2020 and must be implemented by January 1, 2022 in all municipalities

Town Attorney John Wells- had no report.

#### Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Paul Rizzo to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel/Contractual Matter with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Brad Hanley and returned to normal session with no action taken.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:33 pm by Councilman Ed Smith with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Brad Hanley without further discussion and a unanimous vote.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes submitted by Ansley Champe