

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 JANUARY 4, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Elgin Town Council was held Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 6:00pm with Mayor Melissa Emmons presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present were Mayor Melissa Emmons, Councilman Ed Smith, Councilman Brad Hanley, Councilwoman Dana Sloan, Chief Alan Anders, Town Attorney, John Wells, Town Clerk, Ansley Champe. Councilman Paul Rizzo participated via ZOOM.

INVOCATION

Mayor Melissa Emmons gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Brad Hanley led those attending the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

ACCEPTANCE OF December 7, 2021, MEETING MINUTES

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

PUBLIC FORUM

COMPLAINTS

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

Kershaw County Chairman, Julian Burns, presented Council with the most recent version of the Revised Vision2030 and highlighted some of the projects that occurred in the Elgin area, such as 150 new jobs at the Midlands Rehabilitation Facility off of Whiting Way, the new Elgin Community Park, Full-time Firefighters and the new EMS Station located directly behind Blaney Fire Department. He also provided an update regarding the recent string of earthquakes that our area has been experiencing and stated that USC has temporary equipment in the area monitoring and gathering data during the events and the future installation of a permanent structure that the state will have installed at a secure location within the next 3 months. He also informed everyone that according to the 2020 Census, 68% of the population of Kershaw County resides in the West Wateree area, which includes the Town of Elgin.

Council discussed a project for the Elgin Library that will consist of removing several trees that are either dead or causing damage to the roof. They will also be removing all of the shrubs surrounding the facility and have the area landscaped with something that will be more appealing and not cause future damage to the roof due to height or not being maintained properly. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Paul Rizzo and a unanimous vote from Council that authorized the Mayor to move forward and have the trees removed, but to wait until the end of January if possible. A detailed bid for the landscaping had not been submitted by the time of the meeting and it will be emailed to Council as soon as it arrives.

A motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilwoman Dana Sloan, without further discussion with Councilman Ed Smith in favor and Councilman Paul Rizzo and Mayor Melissa Emmons opposed, to award the Bookkeeping Services for Payroll to Ratliff CPA Firm located at 652 Bultman Dr., Sumter, SC.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Emmons presented Council with (2) proposals for Auditor Service and after some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley to award the project to Cantey, Tiller, Pierce & Green, LLP., for auditor service, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Councilman Ed Smith, without further discussion and a unanimous vote.

Chief Anders- reported that his department had no issues in town on New Year's Eve. He informed Council of the addition of the following new staff members to the Elgin Police Department: (1) Officer-Dexter Handy and (2) Administrative Assistant-Patti Potter Coleman. We welcome both to the department and feel very blessed to have them serving Elgin.

#### COUNCIL BRIEFING

Councilman Ed Smith- had no report.

Councilwoman Dana Sloan- asked about the progress of replacing the light for the military salute that had been destroyed in a vehicle accident on April 18, 2021. The Clerk informed Council that the estimates to repair everything had been submitted to the insurance company and we were awaiting a response. At this time, Council approved to have the light repaired now instead of waiting until the claim was resolved.

Councilman Paul Rizzo- had no report.

Councilman Brad Hanley- mentioned concerns about several lampposts at the park not working. The Clerk informed Council that multiple work orders had been submitted to Fairfield Electric and that they had been out as recently as December 3, 2021 and had everything working properly. She will submit an additional work order for the current issues. Councilman Hanley also stated that now may be the time for the town to consider adding a part-time Maintenance Position and/or reactivating the Safety Committee that would meet on a regular basis to discuss any items that needed to be addressed/repared in town. He also recommended that Council consider creating a Maintenance Form that could be made available on the town website so that citizens could make Council aware of any items that may need attention. This topic of discussion will be added to the February Council Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Emmons- reminded Council of the upcoming workshop with a representative from the Municipal Association of South Carolina to discuss the development of a spending plan for the funds received through the American Rescue Plan that is scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Town Hall.

Attorney John Wells-had no report

#### Executive Session

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