

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 MAY 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Elgin Town Council was held Tuesday, May 3, 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, Councilman Paul Rizzo, Chief Alan Anders, Town Attorney, John Wells, Town Clerk, Ansley Champe.

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 Paul Rizzo to adopt the agenda with a 2nd motion by Councilman Brad Hanley, without further discussion and a unanimous vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 5, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley to accept the minutes with a 2nd motion by Councilman Ed Smith, without further discussion and a unanimous vote, except for Councilwoman Dana Sloan.

ACCEPTANCE OF APRIL 26, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Brad Hanley to accept the minutes with a 2nd motion by Councilman Ed Smith, without further discussion and a unanimous vote, except for Councilwoman Dana Sloan.

PUBLIC FORUM

COMPLAINTS

PUBLIC HEARING

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Brad Hanley informed Council of a concern from a resident regarding the height of the steps on the playground equipment leading to the slide. Council was informed that the equipment was age rated and with the new mulch being added, this would improve the height. Councilwoman Dana Sloan stated that she is waiting on a quote for the addition of swings at the playground and would share them when they become available.

Blanketing Families Inc. gave an update regarding the new sign that had been installed at the community garden and discussed the success of the recent ribbon cutting event. They shared that all (22) beds have now been adopted. They also discussed the need for shading at the location and Council approved a sails/parachute like shading to be installed.

Members of the Radiate Church Community Outreach Group presented a proposal to install his/her hygiene boxes and a message box that would be attached to our current Blessing Box. After some discussion, Councilman Brad Hanley motioned to approve with a 2nd from Councilwoman Dana Sloan and a unanimous vote from Council.

Council approved the date of Tuesday, May 24, 2022, for a Budget/Capital Projects Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Julian Burns, Kershaw County Chairman, provided Council with an update regarding the concerns and need to attempt to move portions of Kershaw County from the Central Midlands Council of Governments to the Santee Lynches Council of Governments. He expressed concerns in the lack of funding made available for road projects in the area and stated that this is one of the fastest growing areas in the Midlands. After the presentation, Councilman Brad Hanley motioned to adopt a Resolution Requesting a Unified Single Council of Government Structure under the Santee Lynches Council of Government with a 2nd from Councilman Paul Rizzo and a unanimous vote from Council.

Scott Wiles, Kershaw County Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshall, provided a presentation on Storm Safety Awareness, which included some discussion regarding the upcoming Hurricane Season which starts June 1, 2022. This was followed by a presentation from Will Glover, Kershaw County Fire Chief. Chief Glover informed Council that the county now employs (18) full-time firefighters with the fire department that are housed currently at Stations 13, 14 and 17. The county is also serviced by 120 volunteer firefighters. The total calls in 2021 was 2,862 and of those call, 1,041 were for the Elgin area.

Council approved the 1st Reading of the 2022-2023 Town of Elgin Budget totaling \$1,341,109.25 with a motion from Councilman Brad Hanley, 2nd by Councilman Paul Rizzo and a unanimous vote from Council.

Mayor Melissa Emmons provided Council with an update regarding the search for a new Town Clerk/Clerk of Court. The application deadline is Friday, May 13, 2022. She asked for volunteers to serve on the interview team and after some discussion, it was determined that it will consist of Councilwoman Dana Sloan, Judge David Reuwer, and Mayor Melissa Emmons.

Chief Alan Anders informed Council of a recent letter received from Governor Henry McMaster praising Sgt. Michelle Sinclair for the way she managed a sensitive case that occurred in 2021. Council congratulated Sgt. Sinclair on her excellent work.

COUNCIL BRIEFING

Councilman Ed Smith- no report.

Councilwoman Dana Sloan- reminded Council of the discussion regarding swings and that she hoped to have an order for new Christmas decorations ready by the end of May.

Councilman Paul Rizzo- no report.

Councilman Brad Hanley- no report.

Mayor Emmons- no report.

Town Attorney John Wells-no report.

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Brad Hanley, 2nd by Councilman Ed Smith, with a unanimous vote from Council.

Approved: _____ Minutes submitted by Ansley Champe