

**Dunn City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m., Dunn Municipal Building**

## Minutes

**PRESENT:** Mayor William P. Elmore Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. David L. Bradham, Council Members J. Wesley Sills, Frank McLean April Gauden, and Billy N. Tart. **ABSENT:** Chuck Turnage

*Also present: City Manager Steven Neuschafer, Finance Director Cary McNallan, Chief of Police Cary Jackson, Planning Director George Adler, Parks and Recreation Director Brian McNeill, Human Resources Director Connie Jernigan, Public Works Director Dwayne Williams, Assistant Public Utilities Billy Cottle, Administrative Support Specialist Amber Groves, City Attorney Tilghman Pope, and City Clerk Tammy Williams.*

### CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Elmore opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Reverend Tim Inman with the Christ Church of Dunn gave the invocation. Afterwards, Council Member Sills led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Elmore shared that Council Member Turnage was on a trip in France.

### AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND APPROVAL

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradham and second by Council Member Gauden to adopt the August 8, 2023 meeting agenda as presented with the following change: Removing the following Item: Resolution requesting Planning and Development Authority from Harnett County. **Motion unanimously approved.**

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Robert B. "Bobby" Carr Recognition

Mayor Elmore presented a Resolution in honor of Bobby Carr to his wife, Loray and his daughter, Emily Sprague. Bobby was unable to attend due to his health. *A copy of the Resolution (R2023-25) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #1.*

#### Reverend Clifford Layton Recognition

Mayor Elmore read a Proclamation in recognition of Baseball Great Clifford Layton of Dunn, who passed away on August 1, 2023. *A copy of the Proclamation (P2023-09) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #2.*

#### 2025 DYB World Series Announcement

Mayor Elmore recognized Parks and Recreation Director Brian McNeill, Dunn Area Tourism Authority Director Cristy Bullock and Dunn Area Booster Club member and his sister, Carolyn Elmore for their efforts in securing Dunn as the location for the DYB AA 2025 World Series, hosting eleven states.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Public Comment Period was opened by Mayor Elmore at 6:51 p.m. Wesley Johnson spoke in reference to the Stoney Run Walkable Watershed Project with Community Meeting to be held on September 7. Having no additional comments, the Public Comment period was closed.

### CONSENT ITEMS

- Minutes of the July 11, 2023 City Council Meeting.
- Special Events Permit – Temporary Blocking of Streets – St Jude's Benefit Car Show
- Neighborhood Event Permit – Temporary Blocking of Street – Blue Family Reunion
- Budget Amendments FY2023. *A copy of Budget Amendment (BA2023-23) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #3.*
- Set Special Meeting for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Council Chambers for Public Hearing and Decision on USDA Funding Approval

Motion by Council Member Tart and second by Mayor Pro Tem Bradham to approve all consent items. **Motion unanimously approved.**

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

#### Ordinance Amendment OA-04-23: Child Care, Drop-in/Short-term (Tabled from July Meeting)

Motion by Council Member McLean and second by Council Member Sills to table the Public Hearing until the September 12 Council Meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

#### Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits, Voluntary Annexation ANX-01-23 Erwin Rd, owned by J2M2 Holding LLC

City Manager Neuschafer presented request to extend the corporate limits of the City of Dunn by the voluntary contiguous annexation of 1.72 acres contained within PIN# 1506-79-5869.000 on Erwin Road, Dunn NC. The contiguous annexation is being considered under NCGS 160A-31. Resolution directing the Clerk to investigate the voluntary Annexation Petition ANX-01-23 was adopted at the June 13th meeting. The Clerk certified the sufficiency of the petition and the Resolution fixing the date of the Public Hearing was adopted at the July 11th meeting. The Public Hearing was published on July 25th in The Daily Record and posted on the principal bulletin board, as required. Mayor Elmore opened the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m. With no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.



Motion by Council Member Gaulden and second by Council Member Sills to adopt the ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the City of Dunn as presented and to assign to ward six. **Motion unanimously approved.** A copy of the Ordinance (O2023-18) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #4.

#### **Acceptance American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Black River WWTP Improvements**

City Manager Neuschafer presented Offer and Acceptance from the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure for ARP funds designated for Black River WWTP Improvements. Project SRP-W-ARP-0033. The City was awarded funding through the American Rescue Plan for Black River WWTP Improvements in the amount of \$8,856,100.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Bradham and second by Council Member Tart to adopt the resolution making the applicable assurances contained therein and accepting the American Rescue Plan offer of \$8,856,100 for Black River WWTP Improvements. **Motion unanimously approved.** A copy of the Resolution (R2023-26) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #5.

#### **Acceptance ARP for Eastside Pump Station/Force Main South/Machine Welding Outfall**

City Manager Neuschafer presented Offer and Acceptance from the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure for ARP funds designated for the Eastside Pump Station/Force Main South/Machine Welding Outfall Projects. Project SRP-W-ARP-0287. The City was awarded funding through the American Rescue Plan for Eastside Pump Station/Force Main South/Machine Welding Outfall in the amount of \$6,243,900.

Motion by Council Member Sills and second by Council Member McLean to adopt the resolution making the applicable assurances contained therein and accepting the American Rescue Plan offer of \$6,243,900 for Eastside Pump Station/Force Main South/Machine Welding Outfall projects. **Motion unanimously approved.** A copy of the Resolution (R2023-27) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #6.

#### **Acceptance ARP for Black River WWTP Effluent Conveyance**

City Manager Neuschafer presented Offer and Acceptance from the NC Department of Environmental Quality Division of Water Infrastructure for ARP funds designated for the Black River WWTP Effluent Conveyance System. Project SRP-W-ARP-0288. The City was awarded funding through the American Rescue Plan for Black River WWTP Effluent Conveyance System in the amount of \$15,350,000.

Motion by Council Member Gaulden and second by Council Member Sills to adopt the resolution making the applicable assurances contained therein and accepting the American Rescue Plan offer of \$15,350,000 for Black River WWTP Effluent Conveyance System. **Motion unanimously approved.** A copy of the Resolution (R2023-28) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #7.

#### **Administrative Reports**

City Manager Neuschafer updated on Water and Sewer projects:

Black River WWTP Improvements Construction at 20 percent along the path of construction.

Machine Welding Outfall is currently in design phase and working on right of ways and easements.

Effluent Conveyance System completing design phase.

Requirement with funding to be under contract by end of 2026 but with SOC projects need to be completed by 2026 so that is what we are aiming for. He also shared information on Redevelopment Zones and reminded everyone about the changing out of trash receptacles by Republic Waste.

Finance Director McNallan provided the following financial report for the period ending July 31, 2023:

- The City has \$9,276,771 cash, compared to \$10,353,496 last year.
- Property Taxes are \$5,637,981, compared to estimated \$5,383,600 for FY2023.
- Sales Tax receipts were \$256,629 for April, with total collected year to-date at \$2,614,240 or 82% of budget.
- McNallan also reviewed the Capital Project Summary Report.

Reports were also received as follows: Planning and Inspections Report, Public Works Report, Public Utilities Report, Parks and Recreation Report and Police Report.

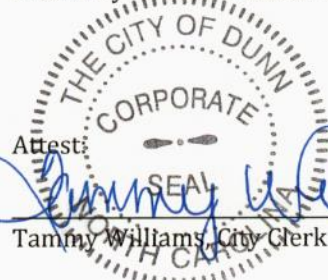
#### **Announcements/Information**

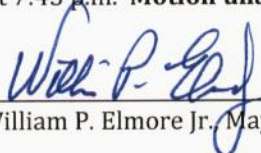
Mayor Elmore announced upcoming events and activities.

Motion by Council Member McLean and second by Council Member Gaulden to enter Closed Session according to [N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)], to establish or instruct on the negotiation for the acquisition of real property. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Mayor Elmore recessed the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened and with no further business to discuss, motion by Council Member Tart and second by Council Member Gaulden to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Attest:  
  
 Tammy Williams, City Clerk

  
 William P. Elmore Jr., Mayor