

Dunn City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
6:30 p.m., Dunn Municipal Building

Minutes

PRESENT: Mayor William P. Elmore Jr., Mayor Pro Tem April Gaulden, Council Members J. Wesley Sills, Raquel McNeil, Billy N. Tart, Alan Hargis, and Dr. David L. Bradham.

Also present: City Manager Justin Hembree, Assistant City Manager Billy R. Godwin, Interim Police Chief Nick Simmons, Captain Matt Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Brian McNeill, Water Plant Manager Ian Stroud, Code Enforcement Officer Stephen Hodges, Code Enforcement Officer Alan Canady, Administrative Support Specialist Christy Sweeney, City Attorney Tilghman Pope and City Clerk Melissa Matti.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William P. Elmore, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at the Dunn Municipal Building. He welcomed everyone in attendance and asked attendees to silence their cell phones to avoid interruptions during the meeting.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Bradham, second by Mayor Pro Tem Gaulden to approve the agenda. All in favor; Motion unanimously approved.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Dennis Emmanuel led the invocation. Dr. Emmanuel has been in ministry for 42 years and has served as a pastor in the Dunn area for nearly the same amount of time. Mayor Elmore recognized Dr. Emmanuel's contributions to the community, noting his service as Police Department Chaplain and his coordination of prayers for City Council Meetings.

Following the invocation, Council Member David Bradham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public Comments. Hearing none, Mayor Elmore closed the Public Comment Period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Elmore presented the Consent Agenda items, which included three (3) items:

- Approval of November 18, 2025 Regular Minutes
- Adoption of the 2026 Council Meetings Schedule, and
- Approval of changes to the Personnel Policy regarding sick leave.

Motion by Council Member McNeil, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaulden, to approve Consent Agenda items 1-3. All in favor; Motion carried unanimously. *Copies of the Resolution Adopting the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule (R2025-54) and the Revised Personnel Policy are incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #1.*

Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Petition

PINs 1517-37-0736.000, 1517-37-9653.000, and 1517-47-0665.000

ANX-07-25 - Vann Lane - Step #2

City Manager Hembree presented this item, explaining that the Council was being asked to consider fixing the date for a Public Hearing for the Vann Lane Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Petition (ANX-07-25). He noted that at the previous meeting on November 18, the Council had adopted a Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Voluntary Annexation Petition. A certificate of sufficiency was included in the Council's agenda packet.

Mr. Hembree explained this was step two of a three-step process and recommended that Council adopt the Resolution Fixing the Public Hearing Date for January 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Council Member Sills, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gaulden, to adopt the Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing as January 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM for the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Petition ANX-07-25 -Vann Lane - Barefoot Land & Rental Investments, LLC. All in favor; Motion carried unanimously. *A copy of the Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing as January 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Petition ANX-07-25 - Vann Lane - Barefoot Land & Rental Investments, LLC (R2025-55) is incorporated into these minutes as Attachment #2.*

Annexation Legislation

Local Bill Request

Assistant City Manager Godwin presented this item, explaining that the Council was being asked to consider