

Dunn City Council
Special Called Meeting
Monday, July 28, 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, City Attorney Tilghman Pope, and City Clerk Melissa Matti.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William Elmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Mayor Elmore, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member David Bradham.

CONSIDER A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

City Attorney, Tilghman Pope advised the Council that he had negotiated with Booked Up Properties LLC for the purchase of property located at 400 East Townsend Street, Harnett County Parcel ID: 1516-97-0328.000.

The agreed purchase price is \$185,000 with a \$1,000 due diligence fee and \$5,000 earnest money deposit.

The City has two (2) weeks to complete due diligence, with a closing date on or after September 29, 2025.

Discussion included considerations regarding the property's tax holding period, ongoing inspections, and setting up a capital project fund to manage expenses related to the purchase and property improvements.

Motion by Council Member Hargis, seconded by Council Member Bradham to approve the contract and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager, Justin Hembree, noted the plans for the due diligence process, starting immediately and outlined the structure to fund the purchase.

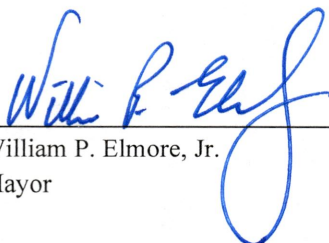
Concerns were raised about the property's recent renovations and inspections not being conducted and the City's process to prevent such issues in the future.

The Council agreed to withhold a formal public announcement until after closing to avoid premature public reaction.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Hargis, seconded by Council Member Wes Sills to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



William P. Elmore, Jr.
Mayor

Attest:



Melissa R. Matti
City Clerk

