

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ELIZABETHON, TENNESSEE
REGULAR SESSION**

JUNE 8, 2023

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIALS WERE PRESENT: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander, Daniel Estes, Preston Cobb, Roger Day

Jeff Treadway was late and came in

1. CALL TO ORDER BY THE MAYOR

A. Invocation - Jason Payne, East River Park Christian Church

Pledge Allegiance To The Flag

2. ROLL CALL BY THE CITY CLERK

Note of Record: Councilman Jeffrey C. Treadway was absent for roll call and voting on agenda items 3A - 9B. Councilman Treadway was present for voting beginning with agenda item 9C.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Minutes of the Previous Regular Session Meeting - May11, 2023

MOTION BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier
THAT approves the minutes of the May 11, 2023 regular session meeting.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 0

4. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS BY THE MAYOR

5. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

- A. If you wish to make a comment to the City Council, please approach the lectern and state your name and address. Please keep comments limited to 3 minutes.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

A. 3rd BlockStock- Benefit Concert/Maker's Market

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves the 3rdBlockStock - Benefit Concert/Maker's Market music event on the 600 block of East Elk Avenue on Saturday, August 5, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm with street closure beginning at 12:00 Noon for concert preparation and vendor set up.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 0

B. City of Elizabethton Parks and Recreation Independence Day Celebration

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves the Independence Day Celebration community event at the Covered Bridge Parkby the Elizabethton Parks & Rec department on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 4:00 pm until 10:30 pm as requested with designated road closures.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

C. City Manager's Monthly Departmental Reports & Miscellaneous Reports.

City Manager Estes presented the following departmental reports for the month of May: Building Department - Code Enforcement; Building Department; Electric Department; Finance Department; Fire Department; Litigation Tax; Parks and Recreation Department; Planning Department; Police Department; Purchasing Department; Street Department; Water Resources Department - Construction; Water Resources Department - Facilities Department; and the Watauga Regional River Water (WRRWA) Authority.

7. APPOINTMENT OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

A. Board, Committee & Commission Appointments: Historic Zoning Commission - 1 Regular Term; Wastewater Regulations Appeals Board - 1 Council Representative Term

Mayor Alexander recommended the appointment of Bryan Evans to a five-year regular term on the Elizabethton Historic Zoning Commission and also the reappointment of Mayor Pro-Tem William E. (Bill) Carter as the council representative on the Wastewater Regulations Board for a one-year term.

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves the appointment of Bryan Evans to a regular term on the Elizabethton Historic Zoning Commission and reappointment of Mayor Pro-Tem William E. (Bill) Carter on the Wastewater Regulation Board for a council representative term.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 0

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND OTHER OFFICERS

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance to Consider on Second Reading and Public Hearing City of Elizabethton 2022/2023 Budget Ordinance Amendment #10 for the General Fund regarding Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative Grant.

A public hearing was held. There was no one present wishing to speak.

MOTION BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves

An Ordinance To Amend The Budget Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, And Ending June 30, 2023, And Further Referenced As Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Appropriations Ordinance Amendment #10, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 0

B. Ordinance to Consider on Second Reading and Public Hearing City of Elizabethton 2022/2023 Budget Ordinance Amendment #11 for the General Fund regarding Year-End Fuel Sales and Cost of Goods Sold (COGS).

A public hearing was held. There was no one present wishing to speak.

MOTION BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly; SECOND BY Kim Birchfield THAT approves

An Ordinance To Amend The Budget Appropriations For The Fiscal

Year Beginning July 1, 2022, And Ending June 30, 2023, And Further Referenced As Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Appropriations Ordinance Amendment #11, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 0

C. Ordinance to Consider on Second Reading and Public Hearing City of Elizabethton 2022/2023 Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 for the Water Capital Projects Fund regarding Jacobs Engineering for the Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project.

A public hearing was held. There was no one present wishing to speak.

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves

An Ordinance To Amend The Budget Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, And Ending June 30, 2023, And Further Referenced As Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Appropriations Ordinance Amendment #1 For The Water Capital Projects Fund, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

- D. Ordinance to Consider on Second Reading and Public Hearing City of Elizabethton 2022/2023 Budget Ordinance Amendment #1 for the American Rescue Plan Act Fund regarding transfers to the Water Capital Projects Fund for the Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project.**

a public hearing was held. There was no one present wishing to speak.

MOTION BY Jeffrey C. Treadway; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves

An Ordinance To Amend The Budget Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, And Ending June 30, 2023, And Further Referenced As Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Appropriations Ordinance Amendment #1 For The American Rescue Plan Act Fund, Be Passed On Second Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: Kim Birchfield

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 1

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance to Consider 2023-2024 Budget and Property Tax Rate for the Tax Year 2023 - First Reading**

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Jeffrey C. Treadway THAT approves

An Ordinance of the City of Elizabethton, Tennessee Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, Be Passed On First Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: Kim Birchfield

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 1

- B. Ordinance to amend Title 18 of the Municipal Code, to increase Water and Sewer Minimum Monthly Bill (Base Charge) for all Meter Sizes on First Reading.**

MOTION BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves

An Ordinance To Amend The Municipal Code, Elizabethton, Tennessee, 2015, As Amended, By Revising Title 18, Chapter 1, Section 18-241(6)(B) To Increase The Minimum Monthly Charges For Water And Wastewater Useage For The 2023/2024 And 2024/2025 Fiscal Years, Be Passed On First Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: Kim Birchfield

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 6 - 1

C. Ordinance to Consider City of Elizabethton Board of Education 2023-2024 Budget Adoption on First Reading

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves An Ordinance Establishing The Elizabethton School System Expenditure Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024 By The Elizabethton, Tennessee City Council For The Fiscal Year 2023/2024, Be Passed On First Reading.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

D. Resolution to approve 2023-2024 Elizabethton Municipal Airport Budget

MOTION BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves

A Resolution Approving The Proposed Budget For The Elizabethton Municipal Airport For The 2023/2024 Fiscal Year, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

E. Resolution to Accept a grant from Tennessee Violent Crime Intervention Fund

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves

A Resolution Approving A Two (2) Year Grant Contract With The State

Of Tennessee, Office Of Criminal Justice Programs, Pursuant To The
Tennessee Violent Crime Intervention Fund, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike)
Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

F. Resolution to Approve an Update to the City's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Kim Birchfield THAT approves

A Resolution To Update The City Of Elizabethton's Drug And Alcohol Testing Policy
As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton

City Council By The City Of Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board,
Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike)
Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

G. Resolution to Consider Approval of the Classification and Compensation Plans for the Street and Sanitation Departments.

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT
approves

A Resolution To Approve The Classification And Compensation Plans

For The Street And Sanitation Departments As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The City Of Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

H. Resolution to Approve Revision to the City's Overtime Pay Policy

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves

A Resolution To Approve A Revision To The City Of Elizabethton's Overtime Pay Policy As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The City Of Elizabethton Personnel

Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

I. Resolution to Approve Revision of the City's Call-Out Policy

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves

A Resolution Approving Changes To The City Of Elizabethton's Call-Out And Standby Policies As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The City Of Elizabethton Personnel

Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

J. Resolution to Approve new Remote Work Policy

MOTION BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier; SECOND BY Jeffrey C. Treadway THAT approves

A Resolution Approving A New Remote Work Policy For The City Of Elizabethton As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The City Of Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

K. Resolution to Consider Revision of the City's Paid Holidays Policy

MOTION BY Richard M. Barker; SECOND BY Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier THAT approves A Resolution Adopting A Revision To The City Of Elizabethton's Paid Holidays Policy As Approved And Recommended To The Elizabethton City Council By The City Of Elizabethton Personnel Advisory Board, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

L. Resolution to approve Procurement Policy Revisions

MOTION BY Jeffrey C. Treadway; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves A Resolution To Amend The City Of Elizabethton, Tennessee, Procurement Policies And Procedures To Increase The Bid Threshold From Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) To Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike)

Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

M. Resolution to Ratify the Mayor's Signature on an Agreement with the Center for Municipal Solutions

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Richard M. Barker THAT approves A Resolution Ratifying The Mayor's Signature To An Agreement With Richard A. Comi D/B/A The Center For Municipal Solutions For Expert Services Related To A Cell Tower Variance Application, Be Passed.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

11. PURCHASES, EXPENSES AND BIDS

A. Purchases, Expenses and Bids for the Month of May 2023.

Bids: Sourcewell - Motorola Solutions/Watchguard Video Recording Systems - Three (3) Interview Rooms (Police Department) - \$22,735.53
(US Department of Justice Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative Grant Reimbursement)

MOTION BY Kim Birchfield; SECOND BY Michael G. (Mike) Simerly THAT approves Bid for Motorola Solutions/Watchguard Video Recording Systems - Police Dept. - \$22,735.53.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Richard M. Barker, Kim Birchfield, Wesley D. (Wes) Frazier, Michael G. (Mike) Simerly, Jeffrey C. Treadway, William E. (Bill) Carter, Curt Alexander

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

THE MOTION PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 - 0

12. ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK