



TOWN OF ELIZABETH

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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September 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Elizabeth was called to order on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 7:00 PM by Mayor Tammy Payne.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tammy Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Linda Secrist, and Trustees Loren Einspahr, Barb McGinn, Joe Belongia, and Michael Schroder were present. Trustee Marianne Mayer-Opl was absent. There was a quorum to do business.

Also present were Town Administrator Patrick Davidson, Town Clerk Michelle Oeser, Community Development Director Zach Higgins, Police Chief Jeff Engel, Assistant Public Works Director James McErnie, Financial Officer Hannah Bruce, Assistant Town Clerk Allison Ritter, and Town Attorney Corey Hoffmann.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Payne led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christine Ware – Elbert County Resident.

AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes from the Administration.

No agenda changes by the Board.

Agenda set.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2024

Motion by Trustee Belongia, seconded by Trustee Einspahr, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

The vote of those Trustees present was 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

2. Proclamation Proclaiming October Planning Month



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Mayor Payne read the Proclamation to the public and into the record.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Resolution 24R35, a Resolution making certain Findings of Fact regarding the proposed annexation of parcels of land to the Town of Elizabeth, Colorado, known as the 889 South Elizabeth Street Annexation

Mr. Hoffmann provided a Staff report.

Mayor Payne opened the meeting to public comment, noting that the Public Hearing was closed at the August 27th meeting.

Christine Ware – Elbert County Resident.

Todd Collins – Attorney for the applicant.

Angela Ternus – Town of Elizabeth Resident.

Larry Gable – Elbert County Resident.

Tracy Hutchins – Town of Elizabeth Resident.

Lisanne Hewl – Elbert County Resident.

Roger Goodhue – Town of Elizabeth Resident.

Amy Schmidt – Town of Elizabeth Resident.

Darren Spralding – Applicant – Elbert County Resident.

Paul Schwarzkopf – Town of Elizabeth Resident.

Motion by Trustee Einspahr, seconded by Trustee Belongia, to continue negotiations to the October 22nd Regular Board of Trustees Meeting.

By a roll call vote, the vote of those Trustees present was 2 in favor and 4 opposed. Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Secrist, and Trustees McGinn and Belongia were opposed. The motion failed.

Motion by Trustee Schroder, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Secrist, to approve Resolution 24R35, a Resolution making certain Findings of Fact regarding the proposed annexation of parcels of land to the Town of Elizabeth, Colorado, known as the 889 South Elizabeth Street Annexation.

By a roll call vote, the vote of those Trustees present was 1 in favor and 5 opposed. Mayor Payne, Mayor Pro Tem Secrist, and Trustees Einspahr, McGinn, and Belongia were opposed. The motion failed.

4. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 24-11, an Ordinance approving and accomplishing the annexation of a parcel of contiguous unincorporated territory known as the 889 South Elizabeth Street property in Elbert County

Motion by Trustee Belongia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Secrist, to approve Ordinance 24-11, an Ordinance approving and accomplishing the annexation of a parcel of contiguous unincorporated territory known as the 889 South Elizabeth Street property in Elbert County.



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By a roll call vote, the vote of those Trustees present was 0 in favor and 6 opposed. The motion failed.

5. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 24-12, an Ordinance zoning property newly annexed to the Town of Elizabeth to Commercial Mixed Use (CMU) District

No action was necessary.

6. Discussion and possible action on a contract with Visible Digital Solutions for eVAC (electronic Victim Advocacy Cards)

Chief Engel provided a Staff report.

Motion by Trustee Belongia, seconded by Trustee Schroder, to approve a contract with Visible Digital Solutions for eVAC (electronic Victim Advocacy Cards).

By a roll call vote, the vote of those Trustees present was 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Payne closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 8:20 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. Budget Amendment

Mr. Davidson provided a Staff report.

Mayor Payne opened the hearing to public comment.

Angela Ternus – Town of Elizabeth Resident.

Mayor Payne closed the Public Hearing at 8:29 PM and reopened the Regular Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 24R40, a Resolution amending the 2024 Budget

Motion by Trustee Belongia, seconded by Trustee Schroder, to approve Resolution 24R40, a Resolution amending the 2024 Budget.

By a roll call vote, the vote of those Trustees present was 6 in favor and 0 opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- Town Administrator Patrick Davidson:



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- Discussed Safety Zone on County Road 13
- Discussion on high water use in Legacy Village.

- Town Attorney Corey Hoffmann
 - Asked if he is doing what the Board wants him to do as their attorney.

- Chief of Police Jeff Engel:
 - Reported shooting at State Highway 86 and Legacy.
 - A menacing and hate crime has been forwarded to the District Attorney's Office.
 - Investigation of a sexual assault case remains open.
 - There have been several fraud cases in the last two weeks.
 - There have been three assault cases in the school involving students.
 - Received a report of shots fired. There has been no authentication, and the investigation is complete.
 - A Domestic Violence case has been referred to the District Attorney's Office.
 - Police pants have been received; however, they are the wrong color.
 - Corporal Rogers will be instructing new officers on laser radar usage.
 - The topper for the Community Service Officer's truck has arrived.
 - The Student Academy is going well.
 - Two officers are on limited duty.
 - Discussion on the Town Safety Zones.

- Development Director Zach Higgins:
 - The Planning Commission has finished up with their workshops on the Strong Town's program.
 - Reminder that the Historic Walk and Talk is on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Mayor Payne voiced that the Oral Histories on the Town website are excellent.
 - Update on the Streetscape project.

- Assistant Public Works Director James McErnie:
 - Mr. Davidson let the Board know that Mr. McErnie and his wife took the initiative and time to save and distribute excess school supplies to the Elizabeth and Elbert Elementary Schools.

- Town Clerk Michelle Oeser:
 - Discussed how the Senior Luncheons are progressing.



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- The Elizabeth Birthday/Movie Bash has been tentatively rescheduled to Oct. 26th.
- Mr. McErnie and his wife will be stepping in as Santa and Mrs. Claus this year.
- Explained the Mayor's Tree Lighting maps included in the packet.

- Assistant Town Clerk Allison Ritter:
 - Discussed the Elf tent set up for the Mayor's Tree Lighting.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Ward -Trustee Einspahr:
 - Thanked Staff for the flowers.

- Ward 1 – Trustee McGinn
 - All is quiet.

- Ward 3 – Trustee Belongia
 - Attended the Estate Planning Class and felt it was a good class.

- Mayor Payne
 - A schedule has been set up for the Senior Basket project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Einspahr, seconded by Trustee Belongia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. The vote of those Trustees present was unanimously in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Tammy Payne

Town Clerk Michelle Oeser