

**A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at 5:30 P.M. to adopt a proposed ordinance in regards to moving the Town of Boynton elections from May to November in order to coincide with the Statewide General Elections.**

**THOSE PRESENT**

**John M. Kirkland, Mayor  
T. G. Gill, Vice Mayor  
Ronny C. Worley  
W. H. Coleman  
Paul “Ray” Cherry (Absent)  
David M. Crowder  
Bill Thompson  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC, Clerk of Council**

**GUESTS**

**Mayor John M. Kirkland called the Public Hearing to order by stating its purpose, which was to adopt the proposed amendment to the town charter by a new ordinance of Section 3. regarding the dates of town elections being held, which had been properly advertised in the Mecklenburg Sun. This proposed amendment to the town charter regarding municipal elections by ordinance would change our town elections, held every two even numbered years in May, to the month of November, beginning in the year 2022, at which time a mayor and three (3) councilmen would be elected and assume office in January of 2023. Thereafter, these elections would continue to take place every two (2) even numbered years in order to have a continuation of staggered terms.**

**Mayor Kirkland read the “proposed amendment to our town charter and ordinance,” Code Section 3. of the Town of Boynton’s Code book. It reads as follows:**


**CODE SEC. 3. OF THE TOWN OF BOYNTON’S ORDINANCES**

**Section 3. The mayor and three councilmen shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town on the first Tuesday in November of even number years, beginning November 1, 2022, and three (3) council members and the mayor, biennially, thereafter. Councilmen and the mayor shall be qualified electors of the town. The newly elected mayor and council members shall assume office the first day of January, following each election and shall serve four (4) year staggered terms (except the mayor, who will serve for a term of two (2) years) until their successors are appointed or elected, and qualified as provided/prescribed by law. No term of a mayor or member of town council shall be shortened in implementing this change to the November election date. The mayors and members of town council who were elected at a May General election and whose terms are set to expire as of June 30 shall continue in office until their successors’ terms commence on the January following their election at the November general election.**

Upon reading the new amendment, Code Section. 3, the Mayor asked, if there were any questions regarding this new proposed amendment to the town's charter and Section 3. of the Code, as read. There being no discussion or questions, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Vice Mayor T. G. Gill to adopt this amendment to the town's charter, regarding Section 3. of the Code of Ordinances. Councilman David M. Crowder seconded the motion, and all members voted unanimously, with the exception of Councilman Paul "Ray" Cherry, who was absent.

Another last-minute matter on the agenda, which needed a response/decision from council, was an approval to disburse an amount of \$2,310.00 from the towns remaining CDBG funds to Jackson's Mobile Home Sales and Service for a town resident who was in the Hull Street CDBG Hull Street Rehab Grant project and whose house had burned down on Christmas Eve of 2019. Mrs. Bowen, Clerk of Council, had previously stated in other council meetings that these funds could "only" be used for people in rehab grant programs. Also, the funds were in a separate non-interest-bearing checking account, as Program Income, to be used for people in need. She provided a cost estimate for two (2) stoops and a termite treatment from Jackson's Mobile Home Sales & Service. Mr. Jackson stated these two items weren't included in the purchase price of the home, or the loan for the home. This matter had been brought up in other meetings and at the last council meeting, but no decision had been forth-coming due to more lack of information and the resident had requested that the council consider her request once again, since she was advised, the keys to the home, wouldn't be released until her account was paid in full to Mr. Jackson. At the last meeting on December 14, 2021, Mrs. Bowen, had been told to obtain and present more information regarding this, in order for the council to make a decision. The information was to be brought back before the council at the next meeting. However, due to time constraints of the resident, it was decided to present it as an "addendum" at tonight's meeting. Discussion ensued, with the council tabling the issue again. The council requested that Mrs. Bowen try to obtain an "itemized" listing for the entire cost of the new house from Jackson's Mobile Home Sales & Service, due to it being the consensus of the council, that these items should have been included in the loan, prior to Mrs. Ratcliffe (owner) signing a contract to purchase the home. Therefore, before releasing any funds from this CDBG Rehab Grant account, the council tabled the issue, and stated that this would be discussed again at the next meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

There being no further comments, questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

  
Shirley S. Bowen, MMC  
Clerk of Council & Treasurer  
December 28, 2021

  
J.M. Kirkland  
Mayor