

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
October 25, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the Historic District Design Guidelines.

Gorey Gooden, Town Manager stated that on October 12, 2021 the Town Council held the public hearing for the Historic District Design Guidelines updates (as required by the Unified Development Ordinance {UDO}). The next step was to adopt the revisions and formally append them to the Unified Development Ordinance.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the revisions to the Historic District Design Guidelines. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the Northeastern Regional Airport Timber Sale.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that on October 21st 2021, Joe Davison (of the Michael D. Neal & Associates group) accepted three (3) sealed bids for the Timber Sale of roughly 87 acres of timber at the airport property. He stated that three bids were received for \$31,650, \$53,000, and \$55,000. He noted that if accepted, there is a 7% fee for the Michael D. Neal & Associates group and associated closing cost for the deed. The consultant group advised Town staff that the bid(s) we received were somewhat lower than the initial estimates of \$75,000 due to the quick timeline required by the Town for removal (2/28/2022).

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that staff recommends accepting the highest offer (\$55,000) from Bateman Logging - minus the finder fees (\$3,850) and legal cost (\$500). This should equal \$50,650. If the Town Council accepts, the next step would be the approval of a budget amendment to accept the funds.

There was discussion amongst the Council members about the low price for the sale of timber and the date set to harvest by February 2022. Corey Gooden stated that the February 28, 2022 date was set by the Town due to another project that needs to start in March at the airport.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the acceptance of bid for \$55,000 for the sale of timber at the Northeastern Regional Airport. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further items on the special meeting agenda, the meeting was adjourned.