

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
January 24, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met for committee meetings on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Elton Bond and Councilman Samuel Dixon.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The Administrative Committee has two items on the agenda.

The first item was the Housing Authority Candidate Appointee.

Councilman High stated that Executive Director Deborah Davis of the New Edenton Housing Authority sent notice to the Mayor requesting the reappointment of Annie Nofsinger to The New Edenton Housing Authority Board to serve another five year term.

This item was recommended to the full Council agenda for February.

Councilman High stated that the second item was the Confederate Monument Resolution draft.

Councilman High stated that at the December regular meeting Councilmen Coleman requested that the Mayor and Council consider making a modification to the Town's Statement and that the Town Council affirm the recommendation of the Human Relations Commission that the Town be committed to move the monument conditional upon the guidelines established by the North Carolina Courts.

Councilman High stated that a resolution in support of moving the Edenton Confederate Monument was included in the packet for review.

The Town Council discussed and will vote on the proposed resolution at the February regular meeting.

The Utilities Committee was next on the agenda.

Councilman Coleman stated that the first item was the Electric Rider CG1-Customers with Solar Update.

Councilman Coleman stated that Electric Department Director Mike Nichols submitted a draft revision for the Town of Edenton's Customer Generator Rider CG1 document. The revision will remove the following sentences from Section IV., Paragraph two: The meter must be wired such that Meter #2 runs "backwards" such that the readings from one month to the next month produce a "negative usage" kilowatt-hour amount. This is required for our statistical reporting for municipal government electric utilities, and for consistent billing requirements.

It was noted that this language is no longer relevant to the policy or customers because of technology improvements that the department has made. The department has removed and replaced the old meters and improved our system with new technology, Solid State meters.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next full Council agenda for approval.

The Finance Committee had two items on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that this budget amendment was needed to accept the \$32,000 grant from the COVID relief funds provided by the American Rescue Plan through the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program. This will be the 3rd grant the airport has received from this program. The first grant was in the amount of \$30,000 in June 2020. The second grant was in the amount of \$13,000 in June 2021. These funds are available to help improve the public safety of visitors of the airport and the spread of the Corona Virus.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next full Council agenda for approval.

Councilman High stated that this second item was a budget amendment for Queen Anne Bulkhead Project.

Councilman High stated that the former Town Manager submitted all the final payment paperwork and supporting material to the Finance Director and new Town Manager for the closure of the Queen Anne Bulkhead Project. This project was completed mid-year of 2021 and was part of a Grant opportunity (\$107,845) with the NC Division of Coastal Management. This project was critical in helping with securing the shoreline along Queen-Anne Creek. This project total cost of \$158,645. The budget amendment was for \$1,300.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next full Council agenda for approval.

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