

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
April 12, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Elton Bond.

Mayor Stallings called the meeting to order.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Roscoe Poole gave the invocation.

The minutes from the special meeting of March 28, 2022 and regular meeting of March 8, 2022 were presented for approval.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was presentations.

The first presentation was from the NC League of Municipalities for the Police Department Risk Review Award. Matthew Selves with the NC League of Municipalities presented the award to the Police Chief, Henry King.

The second presentation was from the Albemarle Hopeline. Courtney Cottrell, Executive Director gave the annual update to the Town Council.

The last presentation was from John McCall on his business plan for a Trolley Pub Tour in Edenton.

Mr. McCall reviewed his business plan that gave details of operation such as rules and regulations, rates, times, routes, and other information. It was noted that there are other municipalities that currently allow similar businesses to operate within their jurisdictions, and several of those have created ordinances, defining and regulating commercial pedal vehicles. At this time the town has no such ordinances or regulations related to this type of business.

The Town Council recommended that staff draft ordinance for this type of business and report back to the Town Council.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

The first item was the conflict of interest policy update.

Councilman High stated that staff had consulted with the Town Attorney and that a policy has been written.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the conflict of interest policy. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman High stated that the second item was the Council Chambers A/V Equipment Upgrades.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the bid for the upgrades to Practical Computing. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the Finance Committee.

Councilman Dixon stated that the first item was the resolution for the sale of the dart system.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the sale of the dart system. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the second item was a budget amendment for the sale of the dart system.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the third item was the resolution for the Town of Edenton Harbor Town Ferry Project.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the last item was the budget amendment for the Town of Edenton Harbor Town Ferry Project.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the Utilities Committee.

Councilman Bond stated that the item for approval was the resolution for the appointment to the NC Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was the Tatem Family Resolution.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that a request was made by Rev. Melvin Tatem for the Tatem Family reunion that will be held in Edenton and this will be the 42nd year that the Tatem Family has hosted this event. The family members and guest will travel from 10 states and are expected to unite on May 27th 2022.

Councilman Coleman made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the CDBG Grant Administration RFPs.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that the Town of Edenton solicited proposals for grant administration services to assist the Town in the administration and management of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in compliance with all applicable requirements under the North Carolina State CDBG Program. The Town received two proposals, one from Insight Planning and Development and the other from Opportunities Linked. Both proposals were evaluated based on certain criteria. The proposal from Insight is for services not to exceed \$98,500 vs. the Opportunities Linked proposal not to exceed \$69,500. Town staff recommended that Insight Planning and Development be awarded the project.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the grant administration award to Insight Planning. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item was travel requests for attendance to the NCLM City Vision in Wilmington, NC.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the travel requests. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman High requested that the Town Manager give an update on the confederate monument.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager reported that there have been several meetings held with staff and the Administrative Committee to discuss options for the relocation of the monument and suitable locations. He stated that nothing has been finalized at this point but that discussions will continue.

Councilman High stated that the Committee hoped to have information to bring to the Town Council for review at the April Committee Meetings or the May Regular Meeting.

Councilman Coleman requested an update on the vacancies for various boards and commissions.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager reported that staff would be in contact with the applicants that are on hand to see if those still interested can attend the next meeting for interviews.

Next on the agenda was public comments.

Andrean Heath, resident of Johnston Street, spoke to the Town Council regarding the relocation of the confederate monument.

Susan Inglis requested that comments be read into the record that was emailed to the Town Manager.

Email from Susan Inglis:

Corey,

I am writing because I think the time is right to go ahead and make a new Town park of the parcel that the Human Relations Commission has recommended as the next home of the Confederate statue. I think the site is an appropriate location for the statue because of its proximity to the old part of Beaver Hill Cemetery, which actually contains the graves of numerous Confederate soldiers.

But I also think the site is perfect for a new Town Park because it is so beautiful and inviting. As you know, the Memo accompanying the Human Relations Commission's report of August 23, 2021 points out that the Town would need to subdivide the lot, which first requires a survey. I hope the Town can proceed immediately with these steps since the park will be an asset whether it ends up being the next home of the statue or not.

Vince Burgher who was attending via Zoom stated that the Town Council needs to revisit their policy regarding allowing comments from the public when attending on Zoom.

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