

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
Special Meeting  
September 26, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Aaron Coston, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Craig Miller.

Mayor Stallings called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the resolution for the Herringbone Restaurant grand opening concert-Burton Swain/Dawson Tyler.

Mayor Stallings stated that on November 19, 2022 the Herringbone Restaurant plans to hold a grand opening celebration. As a part of the grand opening, the Restaurant Owners (Down & Out East, LLC) have approached the Town of Edenton about hosting a free outdoor concert. The concert will be held within the parking boundaries of Colonial Park and will headline the Red Clay Strays. The concert will be held within the parking area closet to the restaurant on Dock Street. The owners have submitted the Colonial Park Reservation form, the Amplified Sound permit, and the Temporary Street Closure request for Dock St. It was noted that at this time all have been approved but the Temporary Street Closure permit only due to multiple department's approval.

The Resolution will allow beer and wine within the confines of the Town Street & Parking areas. The area requested will be clearly marked and barricaded to allow clear separation from the area where alcohol will not be allowed. The group will provide Security to be present to help enforce the Town's Rules.

Dawson Tyler reviewed the plan for the event.

Councilman Coleman expressed concern about the serving of alcohol and infringing among the park and neighbors.

Dawson Tyler stated that no alcohol will be allowed in any Colonial Park area. There would be a concession area set up close to the Herringbone Restaurant where the alcohol will be served. He stated that restroom facilities will be available inside the Venue and portable toilets will be in place. Estimated attendance is 200 people. Concert time is from 6 – 9 p.m.

Councilman High asked what will be in place to keep attendees in place where they can consume alcohol. Dawson Tyler stated that barricades will be put in place.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution for the special event at the Herringbone Restaurant on November 19, 2022. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was a resolution for bridge honorary designation for Benjamin Henry Smith.

Fred Spruill, representative of the Emergency Service Memorial Committee, reviewed with the Town Council a request that the Town of Edenton consider the honorary bridge designation on behalf of the late Volunteer Fire Fighter, Benjamin Henry Smith. Smith who was killed in action while returning from a fire call on November 27, 1947. This year represents the 75th year of the loss of Mr. Smith and is the window of time allotted for applicants to be considered. The committee is requesting that the Town of Edenton show its support for this fallen Fire Fighter by approving the Resolution. The committee has requested the NCDOT Bridge on West Queen Street, that crosses Filberts Creek, be named in honor of Benjamin Henry Smith.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the resolution for honorary bridge designation for Benjamin Henry Smith. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item was a special presentation from Police Chief Henry King from the Edenton Police Department.

Police Chief Henry King shared his experience of his attendance and graduation from the FBI National Academy and the networking and contacts that he made while he attended. He also updated the Town Council on the Shot Spotter system and the vehicle tag reader trial program.

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