



## **Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary**

### **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

*The purpose of this notice is to summarize items from the meetings and is not comprehensive. This summary does not replace the official minutes. Go to the Town of Edenton's YouTube Channel for a video of the full meeting, or our website for the official minutes.*

Present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Hackney High Jr, Samuel Dixon, Aaron Coston, Elton Bond, Craig Miller, Roger Coleman (via Zoom), and Town Manager Corey Gooden.

#### **Presentations**

- **FY22/23 Financial Audit - Greg Adams**
  - Representative Greg Adams, of the Thompson, Price, Scott & Adams accounting firm, presented the FY22/23 budget audit results. Mr. Adams joined us via Zoom. This year's financial audit did not produce any findings on behalf of the Town of Edenton, a fantastic accomplishment by our Finance Department!
- **Tree Committee Update**
  - Assistant Town Manager and Town Planner Dewayne Whealton presented an update from the Tree Committee, which oversees trees in the town's right-of-way. He informed the council that the committee has overseen the creation of a new tree pamphlet for the public, as well as a tree canopy sample study, which assesses the town's tree cover and is now available online.

#### **Administrative Committee**

##### **Memorandum of Understanding - Habitat for Humanity**

- Council **unanimously approved** an MOU that demonstrates the continued partnership between the Town of Edenton and the Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity to pursue the goal of providing decent, affordable housing to working families.

##### **Mayor's Harbor Advisory Committee**

- Council **unanimously approved** a proposal that creates a Harbor Advisory Committee, which will oversee and recommend development and growth in Edenton's harbor, while working alongside staff. The committee will be composed of six members: four residents, one town staff member, and the executive director of Destination Downtown Edenton.

## **Public Works Committee**

### **Memorial Bench Request – 200 Block South Broad**

- Council **unanimously approved** a request from Public Works for a \$2,000 bench at the 200 block of South Broad. This bench will be dedicated in honor of Scott Alan Dees, a Public Works employee who passed away last year.

### **Trash Receptacle Request - 100 Block East Queen**

- Council **unanimously approved** a request from Public Works to install a new trash receptacle at the 100 block of East Queen Street. This trash receptacle will protect the water meters on the sidewalk from vehicles, and will cost an estimated \$1,000.

## **New Business**

### **Budget Amendment – USDA Funding for Improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

- Council **unanimously approved** a budget amendment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant USDA loan/grant that council approved in June. This amendment does require a small contribution of \$47,650 from the Town of Edenton's Water/Sewer Fund Balance.

### **Resolution – Water Distribution System (Phase II) AIA-D-ARP-0003**

- Council **unanimously approved** a resolution to accept funds from the Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) for a \$175,000 Asset Inventory & Assessment project for the Town of Edenton's Water Distribution System. This project will be for 100% grant funding and is part of an ongoing project GIS and assess water lines and valves in Edenton.

### **Resolution – Lead Service Line (LSL) Find and Replace**

- Council **unanimously approved** a resolution allowing the town to pursue up to \$2 million in funding through the N.C. Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) for the inventory and replacement of any lead service lines located within the town's water distribution system.

### **Resolution – Major League Fishing Host City Event**

- Council **unanimously approved** a resolution to allow the Town of Edenton to co-sponsor Major League Fishing (MLF) Tournament to sponsor Stage Five at the Chowan River from June 4th through June 9th, 2024. The event will be the first Major League level of athletes that the area has hosted (in many years). The event will receive national broadcasting and national marketing for our area.

### **Closed Session Per NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(6)**

- Council went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.