



Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary

Monday, November 27, 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.

Public Hearings

Broad Street Road Diet - Striping Proposal

- Fifteen members of the public spoke on a proposal from staff to convert Broad Street (between Virginia Road and Church Street) from four lanes to two lanes, with one center turn lane and two bike lanes on either side.

Granville Street & W. Albemarle Street/MLK Avenue - Four-Way Stop

- Three members of the public spoke on a proposal from staff to add two more stop signs to the intersection of Granville Street and W. Albemarle Street/MLK Avenue, creating a four way stop.

Terry Avenue and Robin Lane - Four-Way Stop

- Three members of the public spoke on a proposal from staff to add two more stop signs to the intersection of Terry Avenue and Robin Lane in Oak Hill, creating a four way stop.

Amendment of the Joint Use Pole Agreement

- No members of the public spoke on a proposal from Roanoke Connect (Fybe) to amend the joint use pole agreement pricing from \$7.67 per pole per year to \$0. The amendment is in response to the town's needs for internet services at certain town-owned properties, camera locations and within parks/public spaces. This proposal would allow the town to utilize these services without the annual subscription expense for the services or any of the up-front costs for installation.

Presentation

Utility Billing Fee Overview

- Following several meetings of discussion by council in regards to the customer service policy and the town's late payment procedures, Town Manager Corey Gooden presented an overview of the current utility billing fee structure for council. As it stands, there is a 5

percent penalty added on the 3rd of the month after a bill becomes delinquent, a non-payment fee of \$25 added on the 10th of the month after a bill becomes delinquent, and a reconnection fee of \$75 on or after disconnect day.

- No action was taken at the meeting in regards to the structure or associated fees.

Administrative Committee

Human Relations Commission – Annual Update

- Council heard an update from the Human Relations Commission, one of the town's committees. New 2024 initiatives proposed by the HRC include addressing affordable housing, identifying cultural holidays, job application and resume building education, homebuying education, understanding the local job market, identifying shelter locations for the unhoused population, mentorship for schools and recreation, and more.

Electric Pole Service Agreement Amendment

- **Council forwarded this item to the regular meeting in December.** Roanoke Connect (Fybe) proposed a major installation project with the Town of Edenton earlier in the month. Following the approval of the non-disclosure agreement (NDA), council must agree to an amendment to the electric pole service agreement so the project can get underway.
- There are a total of six physical locations, over 50 town cameras, and various parks/public spaces included. The cost of an annual service agreement for internet service at each of these locations would approximately be more than \$70,000, which does not include installation costs. This modified agreement would benefit the Town over \$350,000 in five years and roughly 3.6 million over twenty years. The Town Manager (Corey Gooden) recommended that the Administrative Committee consider amending the fee structure of the joint use pole agreement (to \$0), which was the subject of the fourth public hearing earlier in the meeting.

Public Works Committee

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