

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
June 22, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Craig Miller

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the special meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was the Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2020/21 Budget. Mayor Stallings asked Ms. Knighton review the highlights of the proposed budget. Ms. Knighton stated the budget as proposed calls for the tax rate to remain the same, no tax increase. The budget as proposed recommends reduction in solid waste/recycling fees. The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget last week. The Budget Message and proposed Budget has been posted on the Town Web Page and thanks to the Chowan Herald for reporting a detailed article in last week's issue of the newspaper. Ms. Knighton stated the Council is not being asked to take action on the Budget this evening, just conduct the public hearing. The Council will consider to adoption of the Budget Amendment at a special meeting to be held June 30, 2020.

Mayor Stallings declared the Public Hearing open for comments from the Public. There were no comments from the public in the Council Chambers or from those members participating remotely via Zoom. There being no comments, Mayor Stallings closed the Public Hearing. There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

The next item on agenda was a Budget Amendment to the General Fund. Ms. Knighton reported Finance Officer Virginia Smith prepared amendment to cover unanticipated legal fees due to issues pertaining to COVID-19 - remote meeting policy, sidewalk dining ordinance and review of how to conduct quasi-judicial proceedings in light of COVID. In addition, Attorney Ben Gallo p's work with Lead for NC Fellow Saoirse Scott on the major rewriting of the Minimum Housing Ordinance requires increase to the legal fees line item. Also, increased insurance premiums for property, liability and worker's compensation were higher than anticipated. Revenues from sales tax revenue were higher than budgeted so this revenue line item is proposed to increase to balance the expense line items. The third budget amendment is the Airport Fund. The airport's insurance premiums were less than anticipated so this amendment transfers funds from this this line item to the two fuel purchases line items (aviation fuel and jet fuel).

Mayor Stallings asked if there were any questions, there being none, Councilman High made the motion to approve the budget amendments to the General Fund and Airport Fund as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

The third item on the agenda was Resolution authorizing the upset bid process for the sale of 136 E. Albemarle Street. Lead for NC Fellow Saoirse Scott reviewed the resolution. The Town received a bid for the purchase of the house the Town recently acquired in the North Oakum Street Neighborhood Redevelopment Zone. Ms. Scott reviewed the upset bid process. Councilman Coleman asked if the prospective purchasers have plans to live in the home or to restore and sell. Ms. Scott introduced the

couple who submitted bid, who were present remotely. Mr. & Mrs. Cassidy said they plan to restore the house and relocate and retire to Edenton in a few years.

A motion was made by Councilman Dixon and seconded by Councilman Bond to approve the resolution authorizing upset bid process form the sale of 136 E. Albemarle Street. The motion carried unanimously.

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