

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
October 13, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Roscoe Poole, Jr. gave the invocation.

The minutes from the regular meetings of February 11, 2020, April 14, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 14, 2020 and the Special Meeting of April 27, 2020 were presented for approval.

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

Next on the agenda was presentations.

Town Planner Elizabeth Bryant made a presentation to review the Neighborhood Redevelopment Zones.

Dale Holland with Holland Consulting Planners was present and commended the Town for all the hard work that has been put into the redevelopment zones.

Joe Heard, Planner of Duck, NC was present to make a presentation on behalf of the NC Chapter of American Planning Association. The presentation was for the Marvin Collins Planning Award for Best Implementation of Plan – North Oakum Street & North Moseley Street Neighborhood Redevelopment Plans. Mr. Heard congratulated the Mayor and Town Council for the dedication to planning and community development.

The next presentation was from the Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation for support of referendum on November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot for ¼% (0.25%) addition to all other state and local sales and use taxes.

Nelson Spear with Destination Downtown, Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Dr. Sasscer and Joy Harvill with the Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation were present.

Dr. Sasscer gave an overview of the high school project.

Nelson Spear discussed how keeping the high school in the downtown district will have a positive impact on the downtown.

Joy Harvill thanked the Council for all they do and stated that if everyone supports the tax everyone participates and supports and makes it happen.

The next presentation was a progress report on improvements to sanitary sewer system, wastewater treatment plants and expansion plans from The Wooten Company.

Gary Hartong with The Wooten Company gave the presentation to the Town Council. He updated the Council on the status of the Special Order of Consent regarding the wastewater treatment plant; reviewed the current capital improvement project to abate inflow and infiltration in the sanitary sewer collection system; reviewed funding recently secured by USDA to fund the renovations to the existing waste water treatment plant and expansion of sprayfields; reviewed the engineering plans to renovate and update the existing wastewater treatment plant and the efforts to identify sites suitable for expansion of sprayfields. Next major milestones are to obtain approval from the NC DEQ for the plans and specifications for renovating wastewater treatment plant and evaluate soils and ground water of sites suitable for expansion. Mayor Stallings thanked the Wooten Company for assisting the Town.

The last presentation was on the 2020 US Census Self Report Deadline – October 31, 2020. Mayor Stallings stated that only 55% of the county had submitted their census information and encouraged everyone to please go online or call and give their information.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that it was recommended that Council approve proposal for professional services to update the Edenton Historic District Design Guidelines as presented.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the proposal for professional services. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Public Works Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Miller stated it was recommended Council approve change order for street resurfacing project adding streets from the sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration project as presented.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the change order. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that it was recommended that Council authorize small business, non-profits and utility assistance COVID-19 grant programs as presented.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to authorize grant program as presented. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was a resolution of intent to authorize exchange of property and call for public hearing (CVS Project)

Councilman High made a statement that he would be representing a property owner in the CVS project and asked to be recused from this item of business.

Councilman Bond made a motion to recuse Councilman High. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution of intent. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the maintenance hangar lease agreement.

Ms. Knighton stated that an aircraft mechanic will be leasing the maintenance hangar. This is a two-year agreement.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was a resolution approving installment purchase contract for a new trolley.

BB&T/Truist submitted a proposal for a 7 year, 2.14% loan, the annual payment will be \$12,116.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the purchase contract. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was an appropriation to Edenton Historical Commission for support of the Kadesh Church Cultural Center Restoration Project.

Ms. Knighton stated that funds from the sales of the redevelopment properties will be authorized to be transferred to the consultant. \$18,000 will come from the contingency fund and go to David Cooper, the development professional.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the transfer from the contingency fund to David Cooper. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item for next business was a budget amendment for sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration project cypress drive pump station.

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

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Miller asked about lighting in the park that was brought up several months ago.

Ms. Knighton stated that the Utilities Director, Mike Nichols has ideas for lighting and will be meeting with her to discuss.

Councilman Miller asked about second grocery store recruitment.

Ms. Knighton stated that meetings are active and ongoing.

Councilman Coleman asked for an update on the boathouse/sailing center.

Councilman Dixon stated that meetings have been made with utility companies and are waiting on proposals. The Elizabeth Vann Moore Foundation will then present a plan for building.

Next on the agenda was public comment.

Joy Harvill thanked the Council for the new trolley purchase and for the donation to the Kadesh project.

Emma Godfrey, resident of Old Hertford Road, gave a presentation on the flooding that occurs on her property during heavy rains. She stated that this is causing damage to her home and asked for the town to take steps to make the drainage better.

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