

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
Committee Meetings  
October 26, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met in on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for committee meetings. 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.

Councilman Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The Administrative Committee had three items on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that the first item was the proposal for professional services for the revisions to UDO to comply with NCGS 160D, Session Law 2019-111.

Councilman High stated that the General Assembly adopted legislation that overhauls North Carolina Planning and Land Use Statutes and sets deadline of July 1, 2021 for local governments to adopt. He stated that the update is highly technical so the Town reached out Dale Holland with Holland Consulting Planners.

Councilman High stated that a proposal was submitted with a brief outline of the numerous categories within the Town's UDO that are impacted by this legislation. The proposal is not to exceed \$20,000.

Councilman Coleman asked if this was an item that would need to be solicited for bids.

Ms. Knighton stated that for professional services require a certain threshold and she did not think this met the threshold.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next full Council agenda for approval.

Councilman High stated that the second item was an update on the slowing of the spread of COVID-19

Councilman High stated that Mayor Stallings and Anne-Marie have met several times over the last 10 days with Chowan County Leadership to discuss possible action by the Town and County. Mayor Stallings and Chowan Board Chair Kersey participated in a Zoom call with Dr. Cohen. A meeting has been set up with the Health Director, Battle Betts and Chowan Vidant Hospital CEO Brian Harvill to hopefully get more granular data. NC Secretary of Department of Health & Human Services Dr. Mandy Cohen and Secretary of Public Safety Eric Hooks sent letters to mayors and county commission chairs in 31 counties where COVID case metric are trending high earlier this week. The state says data points to social gatherings as the source of the recent increase in cases. Church Services, Funerals, Weddings and other social gatherings are being traced back as source of cluster outbreaks. It was reported that there were 22 new positive cases over the weekend for Chowan County.

Councilman High stated that the last item was the Boards and Commissions vacancies and reappointments.

Councilman High stated that interviews for boards and commission were put on hold due to COVID and the restrictions on Mass Gatherings. Now that the Governor's Executive Order has given governing bodies more discretion regarding in person meetings and we have the Overflow Room set up and equipped to handle more members of the public. Staff wanted to check and see if ok to solicit applications and set up times to interview applicants.

It was recommended that staff solicit for applications from interested citizens to fill vacancies.

The Public Works Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Miller stated that the item for discussion was the No Parking Zone at the end of 200 block of East Albemarle Street.

Councilman Miller stated that a request was received from the owner of Halsey Village, the residential neighborhood at the end of 200 block of E. Albemarle Street to create a no parking zone at the end of the street. The Town has been working with the property owner (landlord) to eliminate some nuisances. One improvement the Town agreed to was to install a basketball goal for the kids.

Councilman Miller made a motion to recess the meeting until October 27 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.