

Edenton Town Council Minutes
November 10, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met on Tuesday, November 10, 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 Craig Miller. Absent was Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order and all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Roscoe Poole Jr. gave the invocation.

The minutes from the special meetings of June 30, 2020 and July 27, 2020 were presented for approval.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections as noted. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation for Small Town America Civic Volunteerism Award – Edenton Cares Initiative. Councilman Coleman spoke about the Edenton Cares Initiative.

Mayor Stallings presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the three volunteers present: Melvin Tatem, Rebecca Hern and Bill Ahern along with Councilman Coleman and Councilman Miller.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing for Case No. RZ 20-01: A rezoning application from the Town of Edenton administration requesting to rezone property located along the south side of Mexico Road, from Westview Drive to Pembroke Creek from RA, Residential Agricultural to R-20, Residential (PINs 6895-00-42-5409, 6895-00-42-8468, 6895-00-42-7632, 6895-00-42-8626, 6895-00-42-9473, 6895-15-52-1557, 6895-15-52-2567, 6895-15-52-3577, 6895-15-52-4586, 6895-15-52-5586, 6895-15-52-6585, 6895-15-52-7575, 6895-15-52-8574, 6895-15-52-9574, 6895-15-62-0573, 6895-00-52-6018, 6895-00-62-1091, 6895-00-52-6018, 6895-15-56-6563, 6895-15-62-7582, 6895-15-56-8592, 6895-15-72-0521, 6895-15-72-1531, 6895-15-72-2540, 6895-15-72-3562, 6895-15-72-4573, 6895-16-72-5585, 6895-16-72-6598, 6895-16-72-8612, 6895-16-72-9615, 6895-00-72-3204, 6895-00-51-8531)

Planner Elizabeth Bryant presented the staff report.

Mayor Stallings opened the public hearing.

Resident of 305 Mexico Road, spoke about the request for the rezoning of property so that lots can be subdivided.

Morgan Francis, resident and property owner on Mexico road requested that his parcel of the rezoning request be withdrawn from the application and remain as it currently is zoned.

Mayor Stallings reminded everyone that Council would take no action tonight that the meeting would be recessed to a later date for voting.

Mayor Stallings closed the public hearing.

Next on the agenda was committee meetings.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman High stated It is recommended Council accept proposal for professional services for Revisions to UDO to comply with NCGS 160D, Session Law 2019-111 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 that it was recommended Council authorize a “No Parking Zone” at the end of the 200 block of East Albemarle Street as presented.

Councilman Miller requested that the addition of a sign designating the area as a No Parking Zone and Basketball Play area for the children.

Councilman Miller made a motion to authorize the end of 200 block of East Albemarle Street as No Parking zone with the addition of signage. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was an amendment No. 2, Engineering Services Wastewater Spray Field Improvements-Phase 1.

Gary Hartong with The Wooten Company was present via Zoom to present the amendment to the Council.

Mr. Hartong reminded the Town Council that the Town is now moving into the permitting and bidding phase for the Phase I improvements to the Town’s Wastewater Treatment Plan. The Town needs to amend the engineering services agreement with the Wooten Company to add the construction phase services as required by USDA Rural Development. The amendment will provide engineering services through project completion/start up in August 2022. The amendment is consistent with the recently updated Preliminary Engineering Report which was reviewed and approved by USDA Rural Development. The amendment primarily provides funding for the resident project representative services not to exceed \$204,000. Services to assist with advertising, bidding and contract award not to exceed \$4,500, construction administration \$75,500 and plant start up assistance \$10,000 for a total amendment of \$294,000.

Plans and specifications for the upgrades to the WWTP have been submitted to the State and the Town is awaiting comments and hopefully issuance of approval to proceed with the bidding of the project. Once bids are in hand, then the Town can go to the NC Local Government Commission for approval of financing offered to the Town by USDA Rural Development.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve amendment No. 2. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was Capital Project Budget Ordinance Amendment, Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

The last item was budget amendments for the Police Department and Planning Department.

The Police Department budget amendment was to reflect the revenue received from the sale of fire arms. The Planning Department budget amendment was needed to pay for the professional services agreement needed to update the Unified Development Ordinance per the recent changes made by the NC General Assembly.

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

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Bond asked about the paving project for the Town.

Ms. Knighton stated that she hoped the project would start soon. Barnhill's plan is to mobilize crews in the new few weeks.

Councilman Poole asked about a report on a second grocery store.

Ms. Knighton stated that everyone is working hard to recruit a second grocery store for the Town.

Public Comment was next on the agenda. There being no comments and no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Miller to recess the meeting until November 23, 2021 to consider action on the Mexico Toad rezoning application. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

