

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
February 22, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, February 22, 2021 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 and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was Case No. CUP 21-01: A Conditional Use Permit Application from Statesville Barn Company, LLC for operation of a business constructing storage sheds as well as wholesale and retail distribution of said storage sheds at 1365 North Broad Street. (PIN 781509150695)

Councilman Dixon and Councilman High both requested to recuse themselves from deliberations on this agenda item.

Councilman Miller made a motion to recuse Councilman Dixon and Councilman High. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Elizabeth Bryant, Planner, presented the staff report.

Ms. Bryant stated that the Planning Board met and unanimously recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

Mr. Faison Winborne, attorney for the business was present, he reviewed with the Town Council the business plan.

Mayor Stallings asked Mr. Winborne to be sworn in retroactively.

Mayor Stallings reminded the public that that comments would be received until the next day at 5:00 p.m. by the Town Manager and would be read into the record.

Councilman Miller made a motion to table the item until February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the bid award for rip rap replacement Edenton Bay, East Water Street (FEMA Hurricane Dorian Project)

Ms. Knighton reported that Hurricane Dorian caused damage to the wave break system on the Town's Breakwater, the bulkhead near Sunfish Park and the rip rap and cannon strip area at Edenton Bay on E. Water Street. Public Works Director Corey Gooden, Purchasing Agent Bud Powell and Finance Officer Virginia Smith have been working hard with our FEMA partners to get these projects funded by FEMA.

She stated that bids were solicited from contractors to do this work and staff recommends bid award to TJ Marine, the contractor doing the bulkhead project at Queen Anne Creek. FEMA funded \$22,128. The two bids were extremely competitive, TJ Marine low bidder at \$29,250.

Ms. Knighton stated that a budget amendment adding \$7,122.30 from appropriated fund balance and transfers to the Hurricane Dorian Project Budget Ordinance was prepared. This project will replace rip rap washed away from the shoreline and add new rip rap in places we previously did not have rip rap in place. The rip rap helps break up the waves that surge in during wind storms. Without the rip rap, the waves break at the concrete wall and cause erosion along the grass between the street and the concrete wall. This hazard mitigation action will protect the concrete wall.

Councilman Coleman asked why the projects were separated out for the bid process and not combined into one. Ms. Knighton stated that they hoped to get more bidders.

Councilman Miller made a motion to award the bid to TJ Marine. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The next item was the Old Hertford Road Drainage Improvements.

Ms. Knighton stated that an engineering proposal for improvements to drainage system on Old Hertford Road near the south end has been received from SEPI Engineering.

Corey Gooden, Public Works Director, reviewed with the Town Council the proposal for engineering services to identify the solutions needed to eliminate choke point at existing culvert near the Optimist Club building and also look at other improvements that could be made to help reduce flooding during heavy rain events. There are currently two twenty-four-inch pipes installed under Old Hertford Road. The pipes drain into a small holding pond near the min-storage units. This pond drains into pipes under E. Church Street and into ponds at Village Creek. Storm water from the ponds then drains into Queen Anne Creek near the Edenton Cotton Mill.

Ms. Knighton stated that she communicated with Ms. Emma Godfrey and sent her a copy of the proposal.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the engineering proposal with SEPI. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution of support for the new John A. Holmes high school project.

Ms. Knighton stated that resolution of support was prepared for Council approval in support of the new high school project.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the resolution of support. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the revised Capital Project Ordinance runway 1-19 Pavement & Lighting Rehabilitation.

Ms. Knighton stated that Finance Officer Virginia Smith has revised the Ordinance that was approved at the February 9th meeting. The State's match to the grant was not included, the match has been added and the corrected Ordinance has been prepared for approval.

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

The last item on the special meeting agenda was the recess of the meeting to date certain.

Councilman Miller made a motion to recess meeting to February 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.