

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
June 28, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, June 28, 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 Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Samuel Dixon.

Mayor 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 gun detection system.

Police Chief Henry King was present to give a presentation to the Town Council. Also present via Zoom was Bobby Darling with ACOEM and Mark Montgomery with Net Change who will provide the networking for the camera system. Henry King stated that the new cameras will tie into the existing cameras that are already installed.

This item was recommended for approval at the July regular meeting.

The second item on the Administrative Committee agenda was a resolution to accept federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Councilman High stated that the Town will receive \$1.3 million in funds. He stated that the Town Council needed to adopt a resolution affirming that the Town will spend funding only on federal guidance related expenses as required under the ARP Act; keep the funds in a separate fund and not commingle with other revenue and provide to the State and Federal Government any unspent balance of funds received.

It was recommended that the resolution for the accepting of the funds be approved at the July regular meeting.

Councilman High stated that the last item was the Memorandum of Understanding for the College of the Albemarle.

Councilman High explained that the College of the Albemarle uses a portion of runway 5-23 for truck driver training. The Council is requested to charge a fee of \$250 per course for the next three years at that time the college and town can review the terms.

It was recommended that this item be approved at the July regular meeting.

The Utilities Committee was next on the agenda with one item.

Councilman Bond stated that Utilities Director Mike Nichols was present to make a presentation to the Town Council on the Electric Distribution System upgrades.

Electric Director Mike Nichols gave an overview of the upgrades completed and what upgrades are planned for FY 2021/22.

The Finance Committee was next on the agenda with one item.

Councilman Coleman stated that the item for review was an amendment to Hurricane Dorian FEMA Capital Projects Ordinance.

Councilman Coleman stated that this proposed amendment was explained earlier in the report for the 2021/22 Budget Ordinance. The amendment proposes transferring funds from General Fund reserve to supplement FEMA's \$193,000 funds to repair the Breakwater's entire break wave system and replace damaged bulk heading in the boat basin of Sunfish Park and to replace deteriorating pilings, pier and finger piers in the Harbor. General Fund transfer proposed is \$243,000.

It was recommended that this item be approved at the July regular meeting.

The Public Works Committee was next on the agenda with four items.

Councilman Miller stated that the first item was the bid award for the replacement of wave break panels on the breakwater.

Councilman Miller stated that bids were previously reviewed when Council approved award to TJ Marine for the rip rap work FEMA funded and the Town supplemented along the shoreline of Edenton Bay at E. Water Street. Bids were extremely competitive from TJ Marine and Waff Contracting for the replacement of Wave Break Panels. Waff Contracting submitted the lowest bid, \$136,752 for the five broken panels. To replace the five remaining panels, add \$118,000 for a total cost of \$254,752. The Committee recommended award to Waff Contracting.

It was recommended that this item be approved at the July regular meeting.

Councilman Miller stated that the second item was the bid award for the replacement of pier and boat slips at Edenton Harbor.

Councilman Miller stated that Waff Contracting submitted low bid, \$115,911. TJ Marine's bid was slightly higher, \$122,000. The Committee recommended award to Waff Contracting.

It was recommended that this item be approved at the July regular meeting.

Councilman Miller stated that the third item was the bid award for bulkhead replacement at Sunfish Park.

Councilman Miller stated that Waff Contracting submitted a bid of \$64,252 includes backfilling with stone, the Town's preferred method. TJ Marine bid to back fill with stone was \$69,560. TJ Marine offered an alternate bid to back fill with dirt. This bid amount was \$767 lower than Waff's bid to backfill with stone. The Committee recommended award to Waff Contracting.

It was recommended that this item be approved at the July regular meeting.

Councilman Miller stated that the last item was the easements for NCDOT's Bolton's Bridge Replacement Project.

Councilman Miller stated that at a recent meeting the Town Council approved reimbursable agreement with NC DOT regarding the relocation of electric distribution system's utility poles associated with the bridge replacement project. He stated that the Town was recently contacted by NC DOT requesting

easements for the project. NC DOT needs a permanent utility easement, a permanent drainage easement and a temporary construction easement to support the project. A very small amount of land (0.02 acre) that is part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant is needed. NC DOT has submitted a value of \$295 for the easements. Staff reports that the easements will not impact the wastewater treatment plant.

It was recommended that this item be approved at the July regular meeting.

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