

Edenton Town Council Minutes
September 14, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Elton Bond.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Roscoe Poole gave the invocation.

The minutes from the special meetings of July 29, 2021 and August 16, 2021 and the regular meeting of August 16, 2021 were presented for approval.

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

The presentation that was scheduled was postponed until the next meeting.

Next item on the agenda was Text Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), Case No. TA 21-01: A comprehensive text amendment to the UDO amending Article I, General Provisions; Article II, Basic Definitions and Interpretations; Article III, Administrative Mechanisms; Article IV, Permits and Final Plat Approval; Article V, Appeals, Variances, Interpretations; Article VI, Hearing Procedures for Appeals and Applications; Article VII, Enforcement and Review; Article XI, Supplementary Use Regulations; Article XVI, Signs; Article XIX, Screening, Landscaping and Trees; and Article XX, Amendments to comply with NC General Statute revisions and provide general updates.

Planner Elizabeth Bryant presented the staff report.

Dale Holland and Cindy Andersen with Insight Planning and Development reviewed with the Town Council the updates that were completed to the UDO. Mr. Holland stated that if the town wanted to comply with State Statutes that these updates will need to be adopted.

Councilman High made a motion to allow the application for text amendment and public hearing as an emergency exception to Chapter XX, Amendments, Section 320(c). Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the public hearing.

Mayor Stallings opened the floor for public comment. There was no one present for public comment. The public hearing was closed.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance to adopt the text amendments as presented. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that the item for discussion was an update on the Human Relations Commission Report – Confederate Monument.

Councilman High stated that the Administrative Committee will be meeting to review the process of how to move forward with the report presented to the Town Council by the Commission. Councilman High stated that he requested the Council be provided historical details that the Commission relied upon. A meeting will also be held with the Town Attorney on this item at the next committee meeting.

The Finance Committee had three items on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that the first item was a recommendation that Council adopt resolution approving financing terms for the automatic water meter reading project as presented.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the resolution to approve financing terms as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the second item was a recommendation that Council adopt budget amendment to the Improvements to Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Project Ordinance as presented.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to adopt the budget amendment as presented. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the last item was a recommendation that Council adopt Capital Project Ordinance for the Daedalus Yachts Building Reuse Grant as presented.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to adopt Capital Project Ordinance as presented. 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 the Town Manager to work with the Town Attorney to acquire 119 West Hicks Street as presented.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the authorization of Town Manager to work with the Town Attorney to acquire 119 West Hicks Street. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was new business.

Corey Gooden stated that the first item was a Resolution, Grant Application, Asset Inventory & Assessment for Sanitary Sewer System & Water & Sewer Rate Study.

Mr. Gooden updated the Town Council on this project and requested approval of the resolution.

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

Corey Gooden stated that the second item was a Resolution, Appointment, NC Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution to appoint Corey Gooden to the NC Eastern Municipal Power Agency Board of Commissioners. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Corey Gooden stated that the third item was a Resolution, Appointment of Deputy Finance Officer.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution appointing Corey Gooden as Deputy Finance Officer. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Corey Gooden stated that the last item was a Resolution, Appointment of Town Clerk.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution to appoint Corey Gooden as Town Clerk. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Miller asked if there was any update on lighting in the park. Ms. Knighton reported that the Electric Department made improvements to existing lighting in the park. She recently met with the Landscape Director and a Certified Arborist to discuss the health of the trees and about installation of up lighting on the trees.

Councilman High stated that he would be setting up an introductory meeting with the persons interested in serving on the Young Folks Committee. He stated that he has requested Bud Powell to serve as staff liaison for the committee.

Councilman Coleman asked about the status of the Mayor's Task Force on Litter Prevention and also talked about the need for a celebration of 300 years of incorporation in 2022.

Next on the agenda was public comment.

There was no one present from the public.

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

