

Edenton Town Council Minutes
April 25, 2022
Special Meeting

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, April 25, 2022 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, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Stallings called the meeting to order.

First on the special meeting agenda was the presentation of the 2021 Employee Service Awards. The following employees were recognized.

New Employees

Police Dept.

Rachel Cade

Fire Dept.

Ethan Howard

Hunter Lafon

Public Works Dept.

Eric Fooks

Alden Winslow

Andre Gray

Tishala Tillett

Tyler Ashley

Brandon Todd

John Todd

Billing & Collections

Jessica Combs

Derickia Perry

Electric Dept.

John Hurd

Airport

Dwayne Goodwin

5 Year Awards

Public Works Dept

Christopher McNeil

Electric Dept

Brent Bowen

Hunter Chamberlain

Matthew Perkins

10 Year Awards

Public Works Dept.

Kristy Cullipher

Fire Dept.

Douglas Oliver

15 Year Awards

Public Works Dept.

Larry Boatwright

Airport

Harry Davis

20 Year Awards

Fire Dept

Channing Collins

25 Year Awards

Administration

Deborah Whitehurst

Tammy Woodley

The second item was a presentation from Katie Shook with the Chowan County Cooperative Extension Office, Dr. Kelly Oten with NC State University and Dr. Kevin Chase with Bartlett Tree Experts Research Lab on the Crepe Myrtle Bark Scale.

The third item was a resolution for Destination Downtown Edenton (DDE) for the Boogie and Broad Event to allow for the serving of alcohol on town streets and for the closure of the streets for the event.

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

The fourth item was a resolution for the NC Department of Commerce Rural Transformation Grant for Lighting Upfit.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that the Town of Edenton, in conjunction with DDE and the Wooten Company, are seeking to apply for the Rural Transformations Grant, in the sum of \$950,000. The funding will be utilized for a Lighting Upfit Project which will address the current and future needs of Edenton. The lighting project will focus on the Downtown Commercial District and the Historic District. Current needs the project will address are safety concerns for visitors and residents due to poor lighting, or a lack thereof. Future needs are additional lighting that will be a necessity for the Harbor Town Ferry service, which Edenton will be a part of. The Wooten Company will write the application and if awarded with administer the grant.

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

The fifth item on the agenda was a resolution for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant application.

Dewayne Whealton, Assistant Town Manager stated that the Town of Edenton is seeking to apply for the 2022 North Carolina State Parks and Recreational Trust Fund Grant to assist with funding of the renovation and updating of two local public parks (Morgan Park and Stratford Park). The grant will match dollar for dollar, all money will be spent by the Town to upgrade these two parks. There is a total cost of \$145,391 (Morgan Park \$67,862 & Stratford Park \$77,529) for the project, of which the Town would be responsible for \$72,695.50. Deadline for submission of the application is May 2, 2022.

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

The sixth item was a resolution for the Kubota Hometown Proud Community Revitalization Project Grant.

Dewayne Whealton, Assistant Town Manager stated that the Town of Edenton was seeking to apply for the 2022 Kubota's "Hometown Proud" Community Revitalization Project Grant to upgrade five (5) public parks within the Town of Edenton. Town Parks for this application included Stratford, Morgan, MLK, Paxton Lane, and Filberts Creek Park. This grant is for \$100,000 and needs no matching funds for the projects.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The seventh item was a resolution for the acknowledgement as a Viable and Distressed Utility.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that this resolution is a requirement by the NCDEQ for accessing funds for a designated Distressed Utility. A Viable/Distressed Utility Resolution is required to be included with each application package. This one resolution can be included with the two project applications that are being submitted for during the Spring 2022 funding cycle. The resolution sets out the requirements that a Distressed Utility must work towards, in the long term, to be reconsidered as a utility that is not distressed.

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

The eighth item was a resolution for the water supply expansion project for two well sites and raw water interconnect.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that this resolution is required for each project that being considered for funding through NCDEQ. This resolution is for a water distribution project that will install two new wells and create an interconnection between the two WTP.

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

The last item was a resolution for the water distribution asset inventory and Assessment (AIA) Project Phase II.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that this resolution is for adding on to the existing water assets, water meters, completed during an earlier project. Currently using the water asset information for the new auto read water meter project. This project will include the location of all waterlines and valves throughout the service area. Included with this project is the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan for the water distribution system.

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

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