

Edenton Town Council Minutes
May 23, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for committee meetings. 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 Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that the item for discussion was the procedural review for public comment agenda placement.

Councilman High shared that over the past few months there have been questions from residents regarding the Public Comment section and its location on the agenda. The majority of comments received are directed towards the fact that public comments are not heard until after items on the agenda are discussed and/or approved. Residents are upset that they would like the opportunity to share comments before the Town Council makes a final decision.

It was shared that Councilmen Coleman researched other local municipalities and governments and all indicated that public comment is allowed at the beginning of their meeting. It was noted that the three-minute rule for comments would still apply.

No consensus was reached among Town Council members on whether to change the public comment on the agenda.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next full Council agenda for more discussion and possible approval.

The Finance Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that the item for discussion was the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Draft Budget.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that the proposed budget was sent to the Town Council and that the Finance Committee would hold a special meeting soon to review the budget. The Town Council will formally review the budget and receive public comment at the June 14, 2022 meeting and that the budget ordinance would be adopted at a special meeting to be held June 27, 2022.

The Utilities Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Bond stated that the item for discussion was the proposed CG2 Rider for Town of Edenton Solar Customers.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that Town of Edenton electric customers approached the Town to give options for homeowners to consider solar panels that is not strictly – “Buy-all-Sell-All”. In addition

to production of power, these customers are interested in consumption for their homes by having the option of storage (i.e., batteries).

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that the current option is to only allow customers to sell back power to the grid, however the CG2 rider would give customers this option to sell or consume if they choose. It was noted that staff has been working very closely with the Electricities group and helped draft the initial CG2 Rider.

This item was tabled until a later date due to concerns from residents and customers.

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