

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
June 14, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chowan County Public Safety Center, 305 W. Freemason Street.

The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Craig Miller.

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 regular meeting of May 10, 2022 and the special meeting of May 23, 2022 were presented for approval.

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

The next item on the agenda was the public hearing on the proposed FY 2022/23 Budget.

Mayor Stallings opened the floor for public comment.

There was no public comment received.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

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

Councilman High made a motion to table this item. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee had one item on the agenda.

The item for review was the fiscal year 2022/23 draft budget work session.

Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that the Finance Committee had held the work session on the budget and that the final budget and budget ordinance will be presented for approval at the special meeting to be held June 27, 2022.

The Utilities Committee had one item on the agenda.

Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that the item was the proposed CG2 Rider for solar customers.

No action was taken on this item as Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that staff needed more time to draft the proposed rider.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings thanked Councilman Roscoe Poole for his years of service to the Town of Edenton by serving on the Edenton Town Council.

All of the Town Council Members thanked Councilman Poole for his service.

Clerk of Superior Court Michael J. McArthur was present and administered the oaths of office to Councilman Elton Bond and Councilman Elect Aaron Coston.

Councilman Hackney High made a nomination of Councilman Elton Bond to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilman Hack made a motion to approve the nomination of Councilman Elton Bond. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Roscoe Poole exited the dais and Councilman Elect Aaron Coston was seated at the dais.

Town Manager Corey Gooden reviewed the boards, commissions and committee appointments.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the list as presented. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman High requested that staff check into having a parking study conducted for the downtown area.

Town Manager Corey Gooden reported that he was contacted by UNC School of Government Masters and Doctorate Programs recently that wants to conduct a study and he would follow up with them.

Councilman Coleman asked if any information has been received from the School of Government on receiving a LEAD for NC Fellow individual.

Town Manager Corey Gooden stated that he had not received any update from the School of Government but he did recently hire a summer college intern that will be able to assist with projects and needs that are needed.

Next on the agenda was public comment.

John Mitchener, Queen Street, stated that 3 minutes is not enough time for the public comment portion of the meeting. It does not allow adequate time to cover an issue.

Jessie Rivers, Hawthorne Road, stated that the group that has been meeting at the confederate monument on Saturdays has recently felt threatened and that there have been scary moments there.

Jason Kents, E Queen St., stated that he did not feel that the Town Council handled the confederate monument transfer properly. He did not agree with the relocation to the Veteran's monument location. He asked for explanation on why the monument will not be located at the Sixth Street location.

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