

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
July 25, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, July 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 Aaron Coston, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Craig Miller.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was a special presentation of a resolution to NC Senator Bob Steinburg thanking him for his service and dedication to help the citizens of Edenton and the State of North Carolina.

Mayor Stallings read and presented the resolution to Senator Bob Steinburg.

The second item was a presentation from Ward & Smith along with The Ferguson Group.

Mike McIntyre with Ward and Smith gave the Town Council a presentation on lobbying and grant administration services for the Town of Edenton.

Stephanie Missert with The Ferguson Group attended the meeting via Zoom.

The next item was a presentation from Dick Mayer on litter prevention for the Town of Edenton and Chowan County.

Mr. Mayer discussed ideas that will address areas where high levels of littering occurs. He discussed how sharing information with the general public can be the first step towards educating residents on the efforts that are needed to help stop this bad habit.

Mr. Mayer stated that he wanted to give presentations to civic groups, churches and school children to help educate them to not litter.

The Town Council members requested that Town Manager Gooden discuss with staff to see if there were funds available that could be used to help Mr. Mayer with his educational program on litter.

The next item on the agenda was boards, commissions and committee appointments.

The Town Council conducted brief interviews with the following applicants.

Jessica Otey – Edenton Preservation Commission
Paul Hicks – Edenton Preservation Commission
John D. Grant – Board of Adjustment

It was noted that Peggy Anne Vaughan – Edenton Preservation Commission was unable to attend the meeting due to a recent surgery.

Councilman High made a motion to appoint all applicants that were interviewed and Ms. Vaughan to the respective boards or commissions for which they applied.
Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Miller made a motion to reappoint the members who were eligible for reappointments to the Board of Adjustment.

The following applicants are seeking reappointment to the Board of Adjustment:
George Little: First term expired June 2019
John Sams: Unexpired term expired June 2020
Frank Edmondson: Second term expired June 2020

Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was the Procedural Review for Public Comment placement on the agenda.

There was discussion amongst the Town Council members about changing when public comment be placed on the agenda. Either at the beginning of a meeting or keep at the end of the meeting.

Councilman Coleman made a motion to have the public comment placed near the beginning of the meeting. Councilman High seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Councilman Coleman, Councilman High, Councilman Coston.

Voting No: Councilman Dixon, Councilman Bond, Councilman Miller.

Mayor Stallings broke the tie with a vote of No.

The public comment will remain at the end of the agenda.

The last item on the agenda was the IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate for town employees.

It was noted that the current Town of Edenton mileage rate is \$.54 cents per mile and staff is requesting an increase to \$.62.5 cents per mile for the remainder of 2022. The IRS will reevaluate the rate for the 2023 period later in 2022. This rate is paid to town employees when using personal vehicles for town business.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the increase of the IRS mileage reimbursement rate. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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