

Edenton Town Council Minutes
October 24, 2022

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers for committee meetings. 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 Stallings called the meeting to order.

The Administrative Committee had two items on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that the first item was the confederate monument update.

Councilman High stated that the Town Council had met in closed session with the Town Attorney to discuss legal status with other cases and discuss other ways that the Town can proceed. It was decided that the Town Manager will give notice to Chowan County that if nothing is decided from them by November 15 that the Town will have to take other action. The Town Manager was also requested to provide a list of town owned properties to the Town Council for review. There is a requirement that the statute if relocated be within the city limits and in a prominent location.

Councilman High stated that the Town Attorney reported that oral arguments have been heard in the Forsyth County Supreme Court case and that a decision should come soon.

Councilman High stated that the second item was the special events ordinance and application.

This newly created ordinance and application will help the Town have proper notice of events and better serve groups organizing events. This will be required for events that are larger than 50 people. This newly created application will be in effect January 1, 2023.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review and approval.

The Finance Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that the item for review was the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Community Outreach.

Corey Gooden, Town Manager stated that himself and Virginia Smith, Finance Officer attended ARPA (American Relief Plan Act) grant training in Rocky Mount with the North Carolina League of Municipalities. It was determined that it would be appropriate to have community input regarding how the last fifty 50% of ARPA grant funds would be spent and on what projects would best benefit the community as a whole. It is recommended that public input in the form of community outreach events, such as Town Hall meetings and online surveys, be scheduled to help guide where the remaining funds are spent.

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