

Edenton Town Council Minutes
April 24, 2023

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, April 24 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town 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 Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

Administrative Committee

Health Insurance Renewal

Lynne Goodman with One Digital/The Sorin Group gave a Zoom presentation for the employee health insurance renewal for plan year 2023/24. Mrs. Goodman shared with the Town Council the renewal rates and costs associated with Cigna, Guardian, and SunLife providers. She stated that for the medical insurance there would be a slight increase of 2.9% for Cigna Medical, a 4.5% increase in Cigna Dental, and no changes for Guardian or SunLife. She stated that the Town of Edenton's renewal was the best that was received this year for any large group.

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

Town Council Meeting Procedures Review

Councilman High stated that at the March 27, 2023 meeting the Town Council decided to table the Town Council meeting procedure review due to the majority of the Town Council being out of town attending the National Main Street Conference in Boston. Since this time, staff and the Town Council were tasked to revisit this document and note any changes or modifications that were requested since the March 27 meeting. Three revisions were included in the packet and marked on the right-hand side of the document.

Northeast Regional Airport Timber Sales

Councilman High stated that recently Joe Davison with the Michael D. Neal & Associates Group met with the Airport Manager Harry Davis and Purchasing Agent Bud Powell to cruise the 24 acres along the northeast property boundary at the Northeastern Regional Airport. Rather than a lump sum price, Mr. Davison was able to provide pricing per tonnage based on the type of material removed (i.e., hardwood, softwood, pulpwood, etc.) He stated that there are two documents included in the agenda packet that the Town Council would need to consider. One is the per unit clear cut contract and the second is the per unit clear cut agreement. These types of documents represent the process when a per unit sale occurs, this typically occurs when the known "loads" are not able to be accounted for. The per unit agreement would include a ten percent (10%) commission for Neil & Associates and the per unit contract includes the following base rates:

TIMBER PRODUCTS RATES

Pine Pulpwood \$ 6.00/ton

Pine saw logs \$ 17.50/ton

Misc. Hardwood logs \$ 25.00/ton

Hardwood pulpwood \$ 1.00/ton

If the Town Council chooses to accept, the next step would be for us to approve a budget amendment to accept these funds for the total sale.

The item was recommended to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for approval.

Public Works Committee

Cemetery Ordinance Revision

Councilman Miller stated that recently staff reviewed the cemetery ordinances to incorporate language to help provide clarity for what items are allowable to be placed within the area(s) surrounding the plots at Beaver Hill and Vine Oak Cemeteries. Staff felt that the changes were needed since numerous items were being found and placed within the cemeteries which create issues for maintaining the cemeteries. Many items have become “scattered” or damaged from being not affixed to the headstones and the natural effects of weathering. The language presented was to help better define rules around items and their placements. Staff realize that this is a special place and this can upset families when things are lost, damaged, or missing at loved one’s burial plots however, the volume and unsightliness of certain items were creating a large task to keep this area clean.

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