

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
May 9, 2023

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Aaron Coston, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Craig Miller.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Coleman gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the special meeting of April 17, 2023 and April 24, 2023 and the regular meeting of April 11, 2023 were presented for approval.

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

**Presentation:**

Michelle Maddox with the Edenton-Chowan Partnership presented the annual update to the Town Council members.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

**Administrative Committee**

**Health Insurance Renewal**

Councilman High made a motion to approve the Employee Health Insurance Renewal for plan year 2023/24 per the recommendation of the Town's broker. Councilman Coston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Town Council Meeting Procedures Review**

Councilman High stated that the Town Manager requested that this item be tabled until the next meeting because he was unable to attend the meeting to review this item with the Town Council members.

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

**Northeast Regional Airport Timber Sales**

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

## **Public Works Committee**

### **Cemetery Ordinance Revision**

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the revisions to the Cemetery Ordinance as presented. Councilman Coston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution-Surf, Wind and Fire Food Truck Sunday Events-Timmy Turner**

Timmy Turner with Surf, Wind, and Fire requested that the Town of Edenton consider a resolution to allow for the possession of malt beverages and unfortified wine for nine special events, Food Truck Sunday, on Sunday, May 14th, 2023; June 4th 2023; July 2nd 2023; August 6th, 2023; September 3rd, 2023; October 1st, 2023; November 5th, 2023; December 3rd, 2023; and January 1st, 2024. The events would occur in the 100 block of East King Street & from 309 S. Broad to 407 S. Broad Street. The event(s) would also require all forms and permitting from the Town of Edenton Staff and the ABC Commission for the event. The resolution would require an updated report from the requestor for evaluating the event and a report from the Edenton Police Department.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Coston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Budget Amendment-Department of Commerce Building Reuse Grant-The Herringbone Hospitality, Inc.**

This budget amendment is to accept the proceeds from the NC Department of Commerce grant for the Herringbone building reuse resolution Council approved on March 28, 2022. This grant requires a 5% match that will be contributed by the Town of Edenton (\$1,250). These funds will be disbursed directly to the Herringbone Restaurant upon receipt. The grant award totals \$25,000.

Councilman Coston made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Electric Utility System Relocation-NCDOT NC32/NC37 Project**

NCDOT Division 1 has requested that the Edenton Town Council approve an agreement with NCDOT for the Town to relocate four (4) utility poles at the intersection of NC32/NC37 (also known as Poplar Neck/Haughton Road). This relocation will allow DOT to modify the intersection of said intersection to improve traffic flow and safety. Due to the size of the job and the time requirements/restraints for the project, the Town of Edenton Electric Department has requested that the work be subcontracted. The subcontractor would be River City Construction. This project is similar to the one council approved at the beginning of FYE2022, in which the town's electric department relocated utility poles for DOT to begin work on Bolton Bridge located on Mexico Road.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Budget Amendment-NCDOT NC32/NC37 Project**

The budget amendment for \$61,100 represents the cost for contracted service for the NCDOT electric utility relocation request and the reimbursement acceptance from NCDOT. The budget amendment needs approval to allow the Town to disburse payment to the sub-contractor, River City Construction, as well as accept reimbursement of expenses from the NC DOT.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Items Considered Timely and Important**

Councilman Miller stated that the citizens are very pleased with the paving project on the various streets throughout town.

Councilman High asked if drainage issues that was recently brought to the attention of the Town Council by a citizen from the mill village would be addressed during this paving project.

There was discussion amongst the Town Council regarding the Hotel Hinton and recent meetings with the developers.

Councilman Coston asked if there was any update on the lawsuit regarding the monument. Councilman High reported that there has been no ruling from the courts.

Councilman Coleman thanked Mayor Stallings for his presentation of the American Flags to the families at the recent dedication ceremony for the Civil War Monument.

### **Public Comment**

John Grant – Asked the Town Council if they had reviewed the information that he distributed at the last meeting and asked about fire suppression system at the Hotel Hinton.

Lorrie Dablow - Stated that the petition was sent to Preservation North Carolina and that a response was received from Myrick Howard. She read the response from Mr. Howard to the Town Council.

Millard Bond – stated that the paving on Moseley and Church Streets were recently completed and that there are potholes on Granville Street and that extra paving materials could have been placed in these holes instead of discarded on a vacant lot. Mr. Bond read a letter written by Mike Dean regarding the confederate monument and lawsuit.

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