

Edenton Town Council Minutes
February 24, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for committee meetings. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

The Administrative Committee had three items on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that the first item was the boards and commissions vacancies, reappointments & recruitment.

Councilman High stated that staff would reach out to current boards and commissions members who are eligible to serve another term to see if they are interested in serving. Once that process is completed advertising will be done for vacant positions and once applications are received interviews would be conducted by the Town Council to fill the vacancies.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next full Council agenda for approval.

Councilman High stated that the next item was proposals on the update for the historic district design guidelines.

Elizabeth Bryant, Planner, stated that a grant was received to help cover the costs for the update to the historic district guidelines. She stated that a request for proposals has been prepared and sent out directly to consultants and placed on a listserv and three proposals were received.

Ms. Bryant recommended that the town contract with Laura Blokker for the update of the historic district design guidelines.

Councilman High stated that the next item was the creation and recruitment of committee of millennials.

Councilman High stated that he requested this item and that he, Saiorse Scott and Anne-Marie Knighton had met to review this item and what they hope to accomplish. He stated that a committee of about 8 – 10 citizens would be formed with the age group of 40 and under and hope to find out ways to make Edenton more attractive to people of that age group. He hoped this process would take 4 – 5 months and then report back to the Town Council.

Next on the agenda was the Finance Committee with three items.

Councilman Dixon stated that the first item was the budget amendment for the municipal building repairs. Repairs are needed to the back door in the amount of \$3,725. This item was recommended to be sent to full Council for approval.

Councilman Dixon stated that the second item was the Colony Tire Expansion, Building Reuse Grant Project Administration. The amount for the grant administration would be \$8,000 from The Wooten Company. This item was recommended to be sent to full Council for approval.

Councilman Dixon stated that the third item was for the NCDOT Agreement for the Albemarle Sound Passenger Ferry Feasibility Study. This cost will be \$70,000 and will be reimbursed by the State of NC. The Town of Edenton will be the fiscal agent for the funds. This item was recommended to be sent to full Council for approval.

Next on the agenda was the Public Works Committee with three items.

Councilman Miller stated that the first item was the temporary suspension of the Curbside Recycling Collection Program.

Ms. Knighton stated that staff has met with Tidewater Fiber the current company that collects the recycling materials from the Town and they explained what has changed in the market primarily for paper and cardboard. She stated there was some optimism that this was a temporary situation that things would change and there would be other markets that would open for the recyclables.

Ms. Knighton stated that in the meantime what does the town do. She stated that town customers can take their recycling items to one of the County convenience centers. Staff is looking for ways to still collect the recycling items and transport to the transfer station in Belvidere, that is being investigated.

Ms. Knighton stated that there is a law that requires municipalities to participate in recycling and that staff would reach out to the State to request a waiver until a solution is found.

Councilman Miller stated that the second item was the storm water inventory & condition assessment.

Corey Gooden, Public Works Director, gave a presentation to the Town Council on this item.

Anthony Roper with gave a presentation on a proposal to help the town with the inventory of the Town's storm water system and its condition.

Councilman Miller stated that the third item was the street repairs and resurfacing project, phase II.

Ms. Knighton gave a brief power point to update the Town Council on the project.

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