

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
December 8, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Roscoe Poole. Absent was Councilman Elton Bond.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order and all present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Roscoe Poole gave the invocation.

Committee Reports were first on the agenda.

The Finance Committee had two items on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that the first item was a recommendation that Council approve Designation of Applicant, Hurricane Isaias as presented. This designation will allow the town to apply for financial assistance from FEMA for expenses the Town incurred preparing for and recovering from Hurricane Isaias.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the Designation of Applicant as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the second item was a recommendation Council approve Disaster Assistance Agreement, Hurricane Isaias.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve Disaster Assistant Agreement as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that it was recommended Council adopt Mission Statement, Philosophy Statement & Objectives of the Human Relations Commission as presented.

Councilman High made a motion to adopt the Mission Statement, Philosophy Statement & Objectives of the Human Relations Commission as presented. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was New Business.

The first item was the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar (205 Sailor Ave) WebFly, LLC.

Ms. Knighton stated that the Airport Commission requested that the Town Council extend the term of the ground leases for hangars at the airport. Extending the ground lease provides revenue to the Airport Fund. The Town also avoids having to invest funds in acquiring and maintaining the hangar.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar (205 Sailor Ave) WebFly, LLC. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar, 113B Airport Rd, East Aviation.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar, 113B Airport Rd East Aviation. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The third item was the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar 113D Airport Rd, Parrish Aerial Services.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar 113D Airport Rd, Parrish Aerial Services. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The fourth item was the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar, 113 E Airport Rd, Green Ridge Investment.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the Extension of Term of Ground Lease for Airport Hangar, 113 E Airport Rd, Green Ridge Investment. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The fifth item was a budget amendment for the General Fund Insurance Proceeds for police vehicle.

Ms. Knighton stated that a vehicle was damaged by a deer and the insurance company has totaled the vehicle. The insurance proceeds would go into contingency and then with the new budget year budget additional money that can be added to the insurance proceeds to purchase a new vehicle for the department.

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

The sixth item was the Budget Amendment for the NCLM Safety Grant, General Fund.

Ms. Knighton stated that the Police Department applied for a safety grant through the League of Municipalities to purchase street barriers.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilman High seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The seventh item was the authorization of easement, Westover Pump Station.

Ms. Knighton stated that this was a request for easement located on town property in the 800 block of West Queen Street. She stated that there is an easement that cuts down the middle of the property. The easement provides access to two residential lots to the rear of 806 W Queen St. the owner of the two residential lots has negotiated with the owners of 806 W. Queen to purchase 35 feet of land on the east side of the lot, and has requested an easement from the Town through the Town's property that supports the Westover Pump Station. If the Town grants this easement and land transaction is finalized, the existing easement that dissects 806 W. Queen St can be extinguished. In an effort to help 806 W. Queen improve their property and eliminate the easement.

Councilman High asked to be recused from discussion and voting on this agenda item due to conflict of interest, his law firm represents one of the property owners.

Councilman Miller made a motion to recuse Councilman High. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the authorization of easement contingent upon the parties reaching an agreement. Councilman Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item was the Declaration of Surplus Equipment and Authorization to sell the 1993 Trolley.

Ms. Knighton stated that it is recommended that the existing trolley be declared surplus put up for sale on Gov Deals with minimum bid of \$2,500.00.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the authorization of the sale of the 1993 trolley. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was Items Considered Timely and Important.

Mayor Stallings gave an update on Covid-19 cases and information relating to Chowan County.

He encouraged everyone to remain diligent in wearing masks, staying six feet apart and washing hands.

Councilman Coleman stated that the Edenton Cares group has a supply of masks if anyone know of groups that are in need to please let him know.

Councilman Poole expressed his concern about the paving project and the cold weather and asked why do they wait until winter to do the work.

Ms. Knighton stated that it took time to get all the funding in place for the paving project. The contractor will be responsible for the work which is outlined in the contract and has strict weather conditions.

Councilman Poole asked if the private road between Virginia Road and Paradise Road that has been closed could be opened up. Ms. Knighton stated that this was a private road and could not be opened.

Councilman Miller asked when the new vision statement would be available from the printer.

Ms. Knighton stated she was hopeful that it would be ready around the first of the year.

Next on the agenda was Public Comment.

Ms. Knighton stated there was no public comment.

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