

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
February 9, 2021

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. 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.

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

The minutes from the special meeting of June 22, 2020 and the regular meetings of August 11, 2020 and September 8, 2020 (recessed to September 28, 2020) & October 13, 2020 were presented for approval.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a public hearing for Case No. TA 19-03: Text amendment to Unified Development Ordinance (U.D.O.) amending Article X, Permissible Uses; Article XI, Supplementary Use Regulations to add Short-Term Rental as a permissible use in the R-5, R-10, R-14, R-20, RA, CD, CN Zoning Districts and to establish supplemental regulations governing short-term rentals in Article XI, Section 180.14.

Elizabeth Bryant, Planner presented the staff report to the Town Council.

Mayor Stallings opened the floor for public comment.

There being no one present for comments, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Stallings explained that due to Town Council Meeting Policies During Declarations of Emergency, the Council will delay action for a period of not less than 24 hours to allow for written comment on the proposed rezoning to be submitted to the Town Manager.

The Council will recess the public hearing until the February 22 Council meeting.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Administrative Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman High stated that the first item was a recommendation Council approve grant agreement with NC Division of Aviation for the Engineering & Design of Runway 1- 19 Pavement & Lighting Rehabilitation Project as presented.

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

Councilman High stated that the second item was a recommendation that Council approve Work Authorization with Talbert & Bright for engineering and design services for Runway 1-19 Pavement & Lighting Rehabilitation Project as presented.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the work authorization as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman High stated that the third item was a recommendation that Council adopt resolution authorizing the upset bid process for the sale of town property (Old Landfill 218 Poplar Neck Road) as presented.

This item was tabled until the February 22 meeting because it needs more discussion at the committee meeting.

Councilman High stated that the last item was a recommendation Council approve grant agreement with NC Department of Transportation for planning and producing a Project Acceleration Plan as presented.

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

Next on the agenda was the Finance Committee with one item.

Councilman Dixon stated that the item for recommendation was that Council approve General Fund Budget Amendment for exterior repairs to Town Hall as presented.

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

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was the adoption of Capital Project Ordinance, Engineering & Design of Runway 1-19 Pavement & Lighting Rehabilitation Project.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the capital project ordinance. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the Adoption of Small Capital Project Ordinance, NC Department of Transportation Project Acceleration Planning Grant.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the small capital project ordinance. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Miller commented how well the paving project was going.

Councilman High questioned about the intersection of Broad and Church Street was State maintained roads. He stated that it needs repairing soon and he is getting a lot of complaints about the condition.

Councilman Dixon stated that a crosswalk needs to be installed at the Farmer's Market.

Councilman High asked for Council to consider that via zoom or a written report that Council receive a report from someone close to each of the following projects: the Hotel Hinton, the Brew Pub and the recruitment of second Grocery Store.

Mr. Drew, resident of Paradise Road, asked the Council for help with the cleaning out of the ditch near his property and the status of the railroad on Paradise and Badham Road if it has been abandoned. He also asked about natural gas and if there would ever be availability on Paradise Road.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was recessed until the February 22, 2021 meeting.