

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
January 8, 2019

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Roland Vaughan, Councilman Steve Biggs, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Craig Miller, Councilman Roscoe Poole and Councilman Jimmy Stallings.

Mayor Roland Vaughan called the meeting to order.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Roscoe Poole gave the invocation.

First on the agenda was unfinished business.

The first item was the adoption of bond order authorizing issuance of water & sewer system revenue bonds.

Mayor Vaughan welcomed Conner Crews with Mcguire Woods Law that is serving as the Bond Counsel for this issuance of the bond. Mr. Crews reviewed information with the Town Council for the bond.

Councilman Biggs asked what happens if the government shutdown continues for an extended period and the letter that is needed cannot be obtained will the bank honor the interest rate.

Mr. Crews stated that he could not speak for the bank but it would slow things down if the letter cannot be received in a timely manner.

Mayor Vaughan asked what the term of the note was.

Mr. Crews stated one year.

Ms. Knighton reported on the earlier meeting today in Raleigh, where the Town's application for approval of the USDA Loan was reviewed by the NC Local Government Commission. Ms. Knighton said LGC Commission members, especially the NC Auditor expressed frustration over the findings in the FY 2017 & 2018 Audits. There was a lot of frustration with the statutory violation of the pre-audit requirement. Ms. Knighton said she answered the questions as best she could, took responsibility for the audit findings, and told the Commission that the Mayor and Council were actively engaged on this issue and all issues pertaining to the operations of the Town and that the Town Council had told me there need not be a repeat finding in FY 2019 Audit. She said the Commission ultimately voted to approve the application however the State Treasurer, the chairman of the LGC, voted no. Treasurer Follwell met with her and Public Works Director Corey Gooden after the meeting and told us there was a lot of pent up frustration and all that frustration is not directed at Edenton and we should not take it personally. Treasurer said he voted no to send a message to his board members, he wanted to let them know he heard their frustration.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to adopt the bond order authorizing issuance of water and sewer system revenue bonds. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of water and sewer system revenue bond anticipation notes. Councilman Stallings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item for new business was the award of construction contract to Enviro-Tech to Upgrade & Renovate Water Treatment Plants.

Ms. Knighton requested that award of the contract be made contingent upon successful closing of financial transaction with PNC.

Councilman Bond made a motion to award contract to Enviro-Tech. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was new business.

First item was the grant agreement amendment for fuel farm area paving engineering and construction administration services.

Ms. Knighton stated that an amendment was received from NC Division of Aviation that will increase funding to pay for Talbert and Bright to monitor and administer the construction for the paving of the fuel farm area.

Ms. Knighton stated that for the second item the amendment for the engineering and construction administration services agreement, Talbert & Bright Fuel Farm Area Paving Project. Town Council previously approved for Talbert and Bright to administer the paving project and this will allow them to carry out the construction administration when the project is repaved in March when the asphalt plants reopen.

Ms. Knighton stated for the third item there is a budget amendment for the airport fuel farm area paving project.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the grant agreement amendment for fuel farm area paving engineering and construction administration services. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to approve the amendment for the engineering and construction administration services agreement, Talbert & Bright Fuel Farm Area Paving Project. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the airport fuel farm area paving project. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was an amendment for administrative services agreement for Jimbos Jumbos CDBG Project.

Ms. Knighton stated that The Wooten Company is helping to administer the grant for this project. She stated that an extension has been received from the State in order for Jimbos Jumbos to fulfill the job

creation portion of the grant. She stated there is a lot of monitoring work required for the grant and asking for a \$6,000 amendment be added to the contract.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the amendment for administrative services agreement for Jimbos Jumbos CDBG Project. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was an amendment to the engineering services agreement for the wastewater collection system rehabilitation project (NCDEQ Loan/Wooten Company)

Ms. Knighton explained that this pertained to the wastewater collection system inflow and infiltration reduction project. Public Works has identified a manhole and sewer line is taking in a lot of groundwater and at times creek water. The plan is to abandon the manhole and sewer line and install a pump station on Cypress Drive that would serve four houses that would join a gravity line and connect to the sewer system. This will require engineering to design the pump station and lines and also permitting to submit an application to the State.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to amend the engineering services agreement for the wastewater collection system rehabilitation project (NCDEQ Loan/Wooten Company). Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item was the Certification of the Annual Fireman's Roster.

Ms. Knighton stated this was the annual roster that has to be certified by the Town Council and sent to the NC State Fireman's Association.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the certification of the fireman's roster. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Miller asked about updates on the AirBnB information.

Ms. Knighton reported that Rebecca Badgett with the School of Government submitted the draft report and have a conference call scheduled and plan to present to the Town Council at the January committee meeting.

Councilman Biggs asked for an update on the discussion regarding 4 way stop at King and Oakum Street and speed humps.

Ms. Knighton stated that this discussion would be placed on the January 28 committee agenda.

Next on the agenda was public comment.

Ms. Pat Grother asked for an update on the Brew Pub.

Mayor Vaughan stated that he talked with Mr. Glover and reported that both parties are still talking about the same points relative to what the Town of Edenton is willing to do with the building that will

allow him to move forward. Mr. Glover still believes that the town has some work to do before he is willing to purchase the property. He does feel there is a sense to move forward from Mr. Glover.

Mr. Joe Leotta asked when Taco Bell would be completed.

Ms. Knighton responded that the developers have stated that they would start work during the first half of 2019.

Ms. Grother asked if Mr. Glover decides not to purchase the building will the decision be made to sell building to another developer.

Mayor Vaughan stated that he was sure that the Town Council would review what would be done with the building if the Brewery project does move forward.

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