

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
February 24, 2020

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, February 24, 2020 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.

The presentation from Congressman Greg Murphy's Edenton District Office was moved to the beginning of the meeting due to the presenter of the first item running late.

Annie Norris, Field Office Representative for Congressman Murphy, gave a brief presentation to the Town Council regarding the services she provides to citizens of Edenton, Chowan County and the surrounding counties.

The second item on the special meeting agenda was a resolution supporting participation in the 2020 Census.

Derek Dorazio with the US Census Bureau was present to give a brief presentation on the upcoming census.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the resolution urging citizens to participate in the 2020 Census. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was public hearings.

The first public hearing was for public nuisance at 529 Coke Avenue.

Ms. Knighton stated that this structure was an unoccupied dwelling, the owner passed away and the son was trying to hold on to the home and the property was damaged during a storm. The structure has become a danger to public health and safety.

Holly Colombo, Building Inspector, stated that he had met with the owner and was given a timetable of six months to make repairs to the structure but due to the deteriorating condition of the structure and he was not in the financial position to make the necessary repairs at this time.

Mayor Stallings opened the public hearing.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Bond to adopt the ordinance ordering the abatement of the public nuisance at 529 Coke Avenue. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next public hearing was for the public nuisance at 402 North Oakum Street.

Holly Colombo, Building Inspector, stated that he has been working on this property for quite a while, letters were sent with no response from property owners. There are multiple heirs to the property. He stated that the condition of the house is very bad, the ceiling and roof is collapsed and so have the floors.

Mayor Stallings opened the public hearing.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller to adopt the ordinance ordering the abatement of the public nuisance at 402 North Oakum Street. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the special meeting agenda was a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of water & sewer system revenue bond, series 2020 in aggregate principal amount of \$2,641,000.

Ms. Knighton stated that this was for the upgrades and renovations at the two water treatment plants. The bond attorney has prepared the bond resolution for approval which is one of the legal documents required for the Local Government Commission. The loan will be for 30 years with the first debt payment in June 2020.

A motion was made by Councilman Bond to approve the resolution. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller to recess the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bond and carried unanimously.

Committee Meetings were conducted.

A motion was made by Councilman Miller to reconvene the special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bond and the Council went back into Open Session of the Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Dixon to enter Closed Session per NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(3) to consult with Town Attorney to preserve attorney-client privilege, regarding Vincent Burgher III vs Town of Edenton.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bond and seconded by Councilman Miller to leave closed session and return to open session. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further items of business the meeting adjourned.