

Edenton Town Council Minutes
April 22, 2019

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for committee meetings. The following members were present: Mayor Roland Vaughan, Councilman Steve Biggs, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Craig Miller and Councilman Jimmy Stallings. Absent was Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Roland Vaughan called the meeting to order.

The Administrative Committee had two items on the agenda.

The first item was the short term rentals ordinance.

Ms. Knighton reported that a draft ordinance has been prepared and progress is being made.

Council asked staff to continue working on the ordinance and send to the Planning Board for review and then bring back to the Town Council for public comment and review.

The second item was the Lead NC Fellowship Program.

Councilman Biggs stated that he had the opportunity to speak with a former Fellow who participated in the NC County Commissioner program. He stated that this was a one-year employment and would cost the town \$10,000 with subsidy received for the remaining salary.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

The Finance Committee had five items on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that the first item was the budget amendment for fuel and oil purchase.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

Councilman Dixon stated that the second item was the debt management policy.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

Councilman Dixon stated that the third item was the recommendation for the condemnation for 116 East Gale Street.

Ms. Knighton stated that this was an important structure for architectural history and African American History. The State Preservation Office during a recent visit became alarmed at the amount of decline of the structure. The heirs of the property are trying to come up with a plan for the property and the town has been trying to offer guidance for contractors and are at the point where extensions have been granted and are now at the point where action needs to be taken. Ms. Knighton stated that she did let the owner know that she was getting ready to talk with the Town Attorney and outlined the process and depending on Town Council's action but in order to save the structure action needs to be taken.

Ms. Knighton stated that action would need to be taken by the Redevelopment Commission so she would schedule that meeting at the next Town Council meeting.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

Councilman Dixon stated that the fourth item was Daedalus Yachts Building Reuse Grant.

Ms. Knighton stated that this grant issued by the Rural Infrastructure Authority requiring that before any grant money is remitted to the town that all 50 jobs be created and sustained for at least 6 months. The property owner is also required to sign the claw back provision saying that if the jobs are not created that he would be responsible to pay the difference.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

Councilman Dixon stated that the last item was a travel request for the NCLM Conference.

Councilman Biggs will be attending the NCLM Conference.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

The Public Works Committee had two items on the agenda.

The first item was Utility Cloud.

Ms. Knighton reported that this item was not ready for presentation.

The second item was the sidewalk for South Granville and West Water Streets.

Councilman Stallings stated that grant funding was received for this project. Bid were solicited and received.

The item was recommended to be sent on to the full council for approval.

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