

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
June 11, 2019

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Monday, June 11, 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 Jimmy Stallings and Councilman Roscoe Poole.

Mayor Roland Vaughan called the meeting to order.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Roscoe Poole gave the invocation.

Edenton Police Officer Austin Wynn was present with his wife and son. He will be deployed with the National Guard for active duty to serve for one year. The Mayor presented Officer Wynn and his family with gift certificates for the downtown business and thanked him for his service to the Town of Edenton and the military.

Courtney Cottrell with the Albemarle Hopeline was present to give the annual presentation to the Town Council.

Coleen Karl with the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group was present to give an update on the Algae Bloom research and monitoring.

Next on the agenda was public hearings.

The first public hearing was for the proposed FY 2019/20 budget ordinance.

Ms. Knighton gave a brief overview of the budget ordinance. She stated that the proposed budget is presented with no tax rate increase and recommended two new user fee increases.

A \$1.00 per month increase for the residential solid waste and recycling fee is proposed. This will help generate revenue needed for maintenance at the yard waste debris site that is needed yearly due to state regulations.

A temporary one-year monthly fee of \$.50 residential, \$2.00 small commercial, \$5.00 large commercial, to help fund improvements at the transfer station is also proposed. The improvements will improve efficiencies and help reduce costs.

Mayor Vaughan opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comments from the public the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The second public hearing was for the USDA Rural Development Funding Application, Streets Repair and Resurfacing.

MS. Knighton stated that this would provide funding with a low interest 20-year loan for repairs and resurfacing of streets. This is phase 2 of the project. The estimated cost of the project which includes engineering and contingencies is approximately \$950,000.

Mayor Vaughan opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comments from the public Mayor Vaughan closed the public hearing.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to approve the submittal of the application to USDA. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biggs asked if the terms of the loan can be reduced. Ms. Knighton stated that she would check into that.

The last public hearing was for the USDA Rural Development Funding Application, Fire Mobile Command Vehicle & Police Vehicles.

Ms. Knighton stated that this funding will help the town with a grant and loan for \$150,000 to purchase a fire mobile command vehicle and three police vehicles.

Mayor Vaughan opened the floor for public comment.

There being no comments from the public Mayor Vaughan closed the public hearing.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to approve the submittal of the application to USDA. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Utilities Committee had one item on the agenda.

Councilman Bond stated that it was recommended that Council adopt resolution approving final application for the NC Industrial Development Fund Grant, Peanut Drive Water Main Loop Project.

Councilman Bond made a motion to adopt the resolution. Councilman Stallings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Finance Committee had two items on the agenda.

Councilman Dixon stated that it was recommended that Council approve the American Tower Land Lease Amendment, Cell Tower at Wastewater Treatment Plant as presented.

Councilman Dixon made a motion to approve the land lease amendment. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Dixon stated that the second item was a recommendation that Council approve the Budget Amendment for the Municipal Building Roof Repair as presented.

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

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was the Disaster Services Agreements, Emergency Restoration and Repair of Power Lines.

Ms. Knighton stated that there are four contractors that the town would be able to solicit help from in the event of a disaster and she recommended that Council execute the four agreements.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the execution of the disaster services agreements. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the Legal Services, USDA Rural Development Projects.

Ms. Knighton stated that USDA requires a legal services agreement from the Town Attorney be approved by the Town Council.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the legal services agreement. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Miller inquired about paving of Broad Street and the installation of the crosswalks. He also inquired about the speed cushions and their installations.

Councilman Biggs thanked Public Works Department for their recent help with cleaning up at the Courthouse Green for an event and made it look extra special.

Next on the agenda was public comment.

There being no comments from the public the meeting was adjourned.