

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
July 9, 2019

The Edenton Town Council met on Tuesday, July 9, 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.

The minutes from the special meetings of April 22, 2019 and May 28, 2019 and the regular meeting of May 14, 2019 were presented for approval.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

The Administrative Committee had two items on the agenda.

Councilman Biggs stated that the first item was a recommendation that Council approve amendment to Personnel Policy to create position of Temporary Fellow as presented.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to approve the amendment to the personnel policy. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Biggs stated that the second item was a recommendation that Council support Edenton Fire Department's Fire Prevention Promotional Campaign as presented.

Councilman Biggs made a motion to approve the Fire Prevention Campaign as presented. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the Public Works Committee.

Councilman Stallings stated that the first item was a recommendation that Council adopt Resolution for strengthening Critical Drainage and Water Quality Infrastructure as presented.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stallings stated that the second item was a recommendation that Council approve Grant Agreement with NCDEQ for East Eden Street Stormwater Improvements as presented.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the grant agreement. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stallings stated that the third item was a recommendation that Council approve Grant Agreement with NCDEQ for Stormwater feasibility study as presented.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the grant agreement. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Utilities Committee was next on the agenda with one item.

Councilman Bond stated that it was recommended Council approve Resolution accepting terms & conditions of NCDEQ Water System Asset Inventory & Assessment Grant as presented.

Councilman Bond made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was the Water & Sewer Small Projects Capital Ordinance, FY 2019/20.

Ms. Knighton stated that when the Town has capital projects that are expected to last more than one fiscal year it is easier from a budgeting standpoint if you adopt a project capital ordinance that separates the small projects out of the water and sewer fund.

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

The second item was the approval of Task Order for Engineering Services for Stormwater Feasibility Study.

Ms. Knighton stated that a lot of the grants are highly technical in nature and require hiring engineers to help implement the grants.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the Task Order for Engineering Services for Stormwater Feasibility Study. Councilman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The third item was the approval of Task Order for Engineering Services for East Eden Street Stormwater Improvements.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the Task Order for Engineering Services for East Eden Street Stormwater Improvements. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The last item was for the approval of Task Order for East Water Street Bulkhead Extension.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the Task Order for East Water Street Bulkhead Extension. Councilman Stallings seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Poole asked for an update on the next phase of the paving project. Ms. Knighton stated that USDA was requiring an environmental assessment which requires additional time so she is talking with The Wooten Company to see how long this will take but is also seeking proposals from banks to see if their financing would come close to what USDA is offering and this would avoid any more delays.

Next on the agenda was public comment.

Joe Leotta asked for an update on the Brew Pub, Hinton Hotel and the water issues.

Ms. Knighton stated that the developer Mr. Glover wired all the funds to the attorney on June 8 and they approved the deed and at the last minute want time to investigate environmental issues and are working with Mr. Glover's environmental consultant and hope to have everything finalized real soon.

Ms. Knighton reported that the water treatment plant for Beaver Hill a lot of the demolition work has been completed and the interior flooring work is underway. Corey Gooden reported that the electrical conduit has been installed and the project is moving forward. Ms. Knighton stated that the plan is for the contractor to finish October 15 and the Beaver Hill Water Treatment Plant will be put back in service and the Town will producing water that is in compliance with state regulations.

Mayor Vaughan reported that there was nothing much new to report with Hotel Hinton from the last report, the developer is still trying to secure bank financing for the project.

Councilman Dixon gave a quick update on the Kadesh Church project. He stated that a fundraiser is in place and the church is actively meeting with people and a structural report has been done with a cost report.

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