

Edenton Town Council Minutes  
August 13, 2019

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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.

Mayor Vaughan stated that the item scheduled for the Utilities Committee would be rescheduled to a later meeting date due to the request of the consultant due to the large number of bids received.

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Roscoe Poole offered the invocation.

The minutes from the regular meetings of June 11, 2019 and July 9, 2019 and the special meeting of June 24, 2019 were presented for approval.

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

Ms. Knighton introduced Lead for NC Fellow Saoirse Scott to the Town Council and all present.

Ms. Scott gave a presentation about the Lead for NC program and gave brief overview of the projects she will be working during her two year tenure with the Town.

Next on the agenda was the progress report for the renovations and upgrades to the water treatment plants.

Public Works Director Corey Gooden gave the Council a presentation on the progress of the renovations and upgrades to the water treatment plants.

Next on the agenda was committee reports.

Councilman Stallings stated that it was recommended that Council approve in concept land lease for bicycle rental business and direct Town Attorney prepare lease agreement as presented.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the concept land lease for bicycle rental business as presented. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Utilities Committee item was delayed until a later meeting.

Next on the agenda was new business.

The first item was the NCDOT local agreement for debris removal request.

Ms. Knighton stated that local staff members recently attended a meeting with NCDOT to review the process by which if there were a hurricane and a lot of trees came down an agreement is needed where the town and/or the county could request DOT to release some of the state streets that they are responsible for clearing and the town would have their debris removal contractor do the work. This contract has to be in place for the town to be properly reimbursed by FEMA. DOT has formally requested a memorandum of agreement and it will be processed.

Councilman Stallings made a motion to approve the agreement for debris removal request with NCDOT. Councilman Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The second item was the Chowan Hospital Foundation's Community Benefit & Health Initiatives Grant.

Ms. Knighton stated that the Police Department wrote a successful grant application that was approved and funded by the Chowan Hospital Foundation to purchase external defibrillators in the amount of \$3,350.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the acceptance of the grant funds and purchase of defibrillators. Councilman Biggs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was items considered timely and important.

Councilman Miller asked for an updated on paving.

Ms. Knighton stated staff is working with the consulting engineers on the bidding schedule, the Town has to advertise for bids from contractors and actually receive the bids and the submit application for approval of loan to the NC Local Government Commission. The goal is to be on the January 2020 NC LGC agenda so the paving can start in early spring.

Councilman Poole urged the staff to work with NC DOT to restripe the traffic lanes in the intersection of US 17 Business and NC 32. He also questioned the method Public Works was using to repair pot holes. Ms. Knighton said she would again reach out to NC DOT regarding the need to restripe the intersection and that a discussion at the next Council Committee Meeting would be scheduled to review the methods Public Works uses to repair pot holes.

Councilman Biggs asked if the owner of the large boat at Edenton Marina has been contacted about removing the eyesore. He stated that he has not seen anyone around that boat and he is out there several times on the weekend and goes by there a lot during the week.

Ms. Knighton stated that she would contact the owner of the marina again.

Councilman Biggs asked about the portion of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave. from Granville Street to Beaver Hill Cemetery and the condition that it is in. Ms. Knighton stated that is a state maintained street and she has been talking with state DOT officials, and DOT is aware of the poor condition of the street and is trying to street resurfaced on the next round of paving.

Councilman Miller asked if the speed cushions had been ordered that are to be installed on S. Oakum and E. Water Street. Public Works Director Corey Gooden reported the cushions have been received and signs have been ordered to warn motorists and the cushions would be installed soon.

Next on the agenda was public comment

Colleen Karl extended invitation to the Mayor and Council to attend the Algae Bloom Regional Forum on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 11 am at the Edenton Chowan Campus of the College of the Albemarle.

Mayor Vaughan reminded everyone about the series of meet and greets that would be taking place soon with potential candidates for the College of the Albemarle Chancellor position.

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