

Edenton Town Council Minutes
March 27, 2023

The Edenton Town Council met on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers for committee meetings. The following members were present: Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Aaron Coston, Councilman Roger Coleman and Councilman Craig Miller. Absent was Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Samuel Dixon.

Mayor Pro Tem Elton Bond called the meeting to order.

Committee Meetings

Administrative Committee

Town Council Meeting Procedures Review

It was stated that there recently has been questions and/or items needing clarification for the general public and Council members regarding the Town's open meeting procedures. Most of these concerns were a result of the temporary meeting procedures that were implemented during the COVID pandemic. The last official review of the Town's meeting procedures for conduct was August 11, 2015 and staff felt it was time for a review and update.

This item was asked to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review by all Town Council members.

Finance Committee

Budget Amendment-Homeland Security Proceeds

It was noted that the budget amendment will allow the Town of Edenton to accept the proceeds (totaling \$12,364.78) from the Narcotics Division for settlement of a case from July 2021 that the Edenton Police Department assisted with. These funds will be used to purchase two (2) license plate readers.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review and approval.

Public Works Committee

Water and Sewer Tap Fees

It was noted that David Myers, Public Works Director requested that the water and sewer tap fees be increased due to the increased cost in materials for these services. These are the current water and sewer tap fees:

Water Tap - (3/4 inch) \$1,000.00

(1 inch) \$1,200.00

(2 inch) \$1,500.00 (plus cost plus additional 20% if cost exceeds \$1,500)

Sewer Tap - (4 inch) \$1,000.00

(6 inch) \$1,200.00

(8 inch) \$2,000.00

It is requested that the rates be increased to the following:

Water Tap - (3/4 inch) \$1,700.00

(1 inch) \$2,000.00

(2 inch) \$3,500.00 (plus cost plus additional 20% if cost exceeds \$3,500)

Sewer Tap - (4 inch) \$1,500.00

(6 inch) \$1,700.00

(8 inch) \$2,500.00

This item was recommended to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review and approval.

Garbage Rate Addition-Small Waste Commercial Restaurant (SWCR)

It was noted that the Public Works Director is recommending the Small Waste Commercial Restaurant (SWCR) rate be established for sanitation charges. Restaurants use Town or private dumpster services for their sanitation needs but at some locations dumpsters are unable to be used (i.e., limited space) and multiple cans are needed. Historically these restaurant locations were charged similar to other commercial locations, although their demand was greater. The new SWCR rate would be \$56 per month. This charge is equitable for other restaurants services.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review and approval.

Garbage Rate Removal-One, Two and Six Yard Dumpsters

It was noted that the Public Works Director is recommended that the dumpster services for one (1), two (2), and Six (6) yard dumpsters be removed. Those containers are rarely used and the purchase cost for these containers are very similar to the standard eight (8) yard containers. Currently the Town does not have customers that used these smaller sizes.

Boat Pump Out Fee Increase

It was noted that the Public Works Director requested that the boat pump out fee be increased from \$5 to \$25 for boaters. The fee was reviewed and reflects a more accurate rate for this service.

This item was recommended to be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review and approval.

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