

Edenton Town Council Minutes
Special Meeting
April 24, 2023

The Edenton Town Council met in special session on Monday, April 24 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers. The following members were present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilman Elton Bond, Councilman Roger Coleman, Councilman Aaron Coston, Councilman Samuel Dixon, Councilman Hackney High and Councilman Craig Miller.

Mayor Jimmy Stallings called the meeting to order.

Presentation: Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce

Susan Creed, Executive Director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce gave an annual update. Susan provided a general overview of the Chamber membership, events that have been hosted throughout the year and upcoming events.

Easement Request from Piedmont Natural Gas for East Eden Street and Norcross Alley

Piedmont Natural Gas representative Brady Cartwright has requested two utility easements be added to provide natural gas service for multiple locations within the 300 block of South Broad St. The Public Works Director has worked with PNG to correctly identify the appropriate locations for the easements that will run along E. Eden and Norcross alley. Both easements would be in the rear parking area behind the 300 Block of South Broad Street. The easement agreement language is consistent with an easement that was recently granted for the Herringbone Restaurant. It was noted that the Town Attorney's revisions are included in the final document.

Councilman High made a motion to approve the easement request as presented. Councilman Bond seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NC Forest Service Financial Assistant Award-Sample Tree Inventory

The Town of Edenton is requesting financial assistance to complete a sample tree inventory of the town. The work will be completed by the urban forestry consulting firm PlanIT Geo using a contract in place with the North Carolina Urban Forest Council. The current estimated cost to complete the work is \$2,250.00 and Town's financial obligation to complete the work is \$0.

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the work authorization. Councilman Coston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination of the Golden Asro and Ruth Holley Frinks House-122 West Peterson Street

A presentation for the nomination of the Golden Asro and Ruth Holley Frinks House, will be held by the North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee on June 8, 2023. As a Certified Local Government, the town has 60 days to comment on the proposed nomination. Comments from the Town Council are being requested to satisfy the federal and state requirements. A public comment period will be offered at the May 8 Edenton Preservation Commission meeting.

No action was required on this item.

Proclamation – 2023 Arbor Day Celebration

The Annual Arbor Day Ceremony will be held on East Carteret Street on Friday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. on the right-of-way near 101 and 111 East Carteret Street. The Town of Edenton has been a Tree City USA Award winning town for the last 43 years and appreciates the honor of receiving this award and the Growth Award. One of the requirements for the Town is to conduct an Arbor Day Ceremony to promote awareness of the importance of street trees and trees on public property. The Forest Ranger will be in attendance to present the 2022 Tree City USA award. Members of the tree committee, citizens, and Town of Edenton Staff will be present and everyone was encouraged to attend. The Mayor and Town Council expressed its support by proclaiming Friday, April 28 as Arbor Day and the Mayor read the proclamation.

No action was required for this item.

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