



Edenton Town Council - Meeting Summary
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

The purpose of this notice is to summarize items from the meetings and is not comprehensive. This summary does not replace the official minutes. Go to the Town of Edenton's YouTube Channel for a video of the full meeting, or our website for the official minutes.

Present: Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Hackney High Jr., Aaron Coston, Elton Bond, Craig Miller, and Roger Coleman, with Town Manager Corey Gooden facilitating.

Not Present: Samuel Dixon.

Presentation - Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation

- Mr. Lee Snipes provided the council with an update and overview of the Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation and its current goals and objectives.

Presentation - Northeastern Regional Airport

- Mr. Chuck Schmieler of the Airport Commission provided the council with an update as to what projects are ongoing at the airport. Currently, three proposed projects exist: repaving the runway and rehabbing lighting down the sides of the runway; a taxiway extension and rehab; and the construction of additional hangars.

Administrative Committee

- **Groundman/Apprentice Job Description & Pay Grade**
 - Council unanimously approved this new job description after previously discussing it at the previous committee meeting in May. This will not affect any current employees and will only affect new hires beginning July 1.

Finance Committee

- **FY23/24 Annual Budget Working Session Update**
 - The fiscal year 2023-2024 budget is expected to be presented in its finalized form, alongside a public hearing, at the final meeting in June, which will be held on Monday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

New Business

- **USDA Amended Letter of Conditions – Wastewater Treatment Renovations**
 - Council unanimously approved this amended letter of conditions for new funding for wastewater treatment plant renovations. USDA officials presented the new package to address a funding shortfall. This project was originally funded in 2020 at around \$5,000,000. Now, it is expected to be over \$10,000,000. New funding was proposed to be \$1,949,000 (additional loan amount) and \$3,200,000 (additional grant amount). The original amount already funded was \$4,006,000 (loan) and \$1,988,000 (grant).
- **Resolution – LGC Application Water & Sewer Bond Anticipation**
 - Council unanimously approved this resolution that will apply to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for approval of water & sewer revenue bonds and a bond anticipation note. The LGC will meet next on July 17.
- **Proposal Letter– McGuireWoods, LLC**
 - Council unanimously approved this proposal letter, which goes in tandem with the LGC water & sewer bond application and the USDA amended funding packet.
- **Budget Amendment – Correction for NCDOC Building Reuse Grant**
 - Council unanimously approved this corrected budget amendment in regards to the reuse of the old Conger Building (The Herringbone). This would see the N.C. Department of Commerce provides a full \$25,000 grant to The Herringbone, since the Town's original 5 percent match (\$1,250) was met via in-kind services instead.
- **Budget Amendment – Insurance Proceeds Police Department**
 - Council unanimously approved receiving insurance proceeds after the undercarriage of a police vehicle was damaged recently by driving over a tree stump after avoiding a deer.
- **Lease Purchase Agreement – 115 W. Hicks Street**
 - Council unanimously approved a lease purchase agreement for 115 West Hicks Street, 105 West Hicks Street, 108 West Peterson Street and 116 West Peterson Street, to secure it for additional parking for Public Works and a potentially new fire station. The structure on the property was formerly used by the food pantry and a Ford dealership.
- **Pole Lease Agreement – 119 W. Water Street**
 - Council unanimously approved leasing a town pole – located just outside of the street right-of-way at the north end of the Colonial Park area, which was formerly an old business signpost – to The Herringbone for their new signage, for \$100 a year.

Closed Session

- Council entered into closed session at the end of the meeting per NCGS 143-318-11 (a)(5) for the acquisition of real property.