

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 338 West Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Philip K. Price
Mayor Pro Tem:	John E. Grogan
Council Members:	Ronald H. Reynolds
	Ronald L. Janney
	Christine H. Myott
	William W. Rorrer
	C.H. Gover, Sr.
	Garry Tudor
Interim City Manager:	Peter G. Bine
City Attorney:	Charles J. Nooe
City Clerk:	Kim J. Scott
Administrative Staff:	Sheralene Thompson

Representatives from City Departments:

Representatives from News Media:

Rhonda Cranford, The Daily News, Leslie Brown, Greensboro News & Record

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Price called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and works from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Wayne Kirkman, a member of the Rockingham County School Board, graciously agreed to give the invocation.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Price asked Rockingham County School Superintendent, Dr. George Fleetwood, to come forward and noted that he was recognized as Superintendent of the Year by fifteen school districts in the Piedmont. Mayor Price also asked two members of the Rockingham County School Board, Wayne Kirkman and Celeste Vestal, to come forward. Dr. Fleetwood also recognized several members of his staff that was seated in the audience.

Mayor Price then called the following representatives to come forward to receive Certificates of Recognition for their school's achievements in the ABCs: Shirley Crisp, Carol Townsend, Pam Stephens, Don Adkins, Betty Harrington, and Steve Hansel. He then read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1996-97, the State of North Carolina implemented the ABCs of Public Education, an effort to raise education standards and improve student performance in reading, mathematics and writing throughout North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Rockingham County Schools has taken on the state's challenge with a systemwide effort to help our children to become life ready through academic instruction and enhancement; and

WHEREAS, Every school in Eden met or exceeded State expectations on the ABCs, the first time this has occurred in the four year history of the elementary/middle school program.

“WHEREAS, Central Elementary has been ranked “Exemplary” this year for the elementary/middle grades model on the ABCs of Public Education.”

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“WHEREAS, Draper Elementary has been ranked “Exemplary” this year for elementary/middle grades model on the ABCs of Public Education.”

“WHEREAS, Douglass Elementary has been ranked “Exemplary” this year for the elementary/middle grades on the ABCs of Public Education.”

“WHEREAS, Leaksville-Spray Elementary has been ranked “Exemplary” this year for the elementary/middle grades model on the ABCs of Public Education.”

“WHEREAS, Holmes Middle School has “Met Expectations” this year on the ABCs of Public Education.”

“WHEREAS, Morehead High School has been ranked “Exemplary” for the third year in a row on the ABCs of Public Education.”

This the 19th day of September, 2000.

s/Philip K. Price
Philip K. Price, Mayor

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Price read the following proclamation in recognition of employing older workers:

EMPLOY AN OLDER WORKER WEEK

WHEREAS, the fastest growing segment of the population are those people 55 years and older; and

WHEREAS, older workers will play an increasingly important role in our work force in the months and years ahead; and

WHEREAS, older workers bring a variety of skills and knowledge to any job, are reliable, dependable, loyal; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that a period of time be set aside to honor these men and women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Philip K. Price, Mayor of the City of Eden, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24th through September 30th as

“EMPLOY AN OLDER WORKER WEEK”

and commend this observance to all citizens in our local community, and urge the employment of older workers by area businesses.

Witness my hand and corporate seal of the City of Eden, North Carolina, this the 19th day of September, 2000.

s/Philip K. Price
Philip K. Price
Mayor

Mayor Price read the following proclamation recognizing the week of September 16 through September 23 as Big Sweep Week in the City of Eden:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Eden and County of Rockingham are rich in natural resources and beauty; and

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need for all life; and,

WHEREAS, trash fouls our waterways as well as our landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, every citizen should contribute to keeping our environment clean and healthy by working together to preserve clean water and the natural beauty of our surroundings; and

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WHEREAS, First Citizens Bank Big Sweep is a statewide community effort to retrieve trash from North Carolina's waterways;

THEREFORE, I, Philip K. Price, by the authority invested in me as Mayor of Eden, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 16 through Saturday, September 23rd as

BIG SWEEP WEEK

and urge every citizen to do his or her part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes and streams.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Eden to be affixed.

s/Philip K. Price
Philip K. Price
Mayor

s/Kim J. Scott
Kim J. Scott, City Clerk

Lastly, Mayor Price read the following proclamation recognizing October 2nd through October 6th as Rockingham County Student Health Centers Week:

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS WEEK

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, physical and mental health care is immeasurably important to the overall well-being of the youth in Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, optional physical and mental health of our students leads to optimal academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, all youth in Rockingham County deserve access to comprehensive health care; and

WHEREAS, school based and school linked health centers provide a vital, necessary and important link in a health care network within many communities across the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, school based and school linked health centers are supported in many communities by parents, teachers, school administrators and other concerned citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Philip K. Price, by the authority invested in me as Mayor of Eden, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2nd through October 6th, 2000 as

“ROCKINGHAM COUNTY STUDENT HEALTH CENTERS WEEK”

in Rockingham County and urge all our citizens to recognize the role of local school based and school linked health centers in improving the health and well being of all youth in the State of North Carolina.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Eden to be affixed.

s/Philip K. Price
Philip K. Price
Mayor

s/Kim J. Scott
Kim J. Scott, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings on the agenda.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

(a) Finance Department Monthly Reports.

The memorandum presented to Council contained the Financial Reports for the month of August, 2000.

Mayor Price asked Mr. Ray Sharp, Finance Director, to come forward for his report.

Mr. Sharp presented the monthly financial statement and explained that they have before them the financial reports for August of 2000.

He noted that the statement included the changes that the Council had requested at the last Council Meeting. He explained that he had listed the month before and the current month to give the difference.

He explained that Total Cash had increased \$605,098. The Undesignated Fund Balance had increased \$565,098 for the General Fund. The total increase in cash for the city had gone up \$1.5 million. He noted that there were some changes in the computation of the Undesignated Fund Balance and that was what changed every time they spend or take in dollars.

He then referred to the Utility Fund as if they had set it up as an Undesignated Fund Balance. He noted that it had gone down \$987,380. He also noted that cash had gone down \$549,923 in the Utility Fund. He stated that he also took the different funds and put them into an area that they represent. The first one was the Water & Sewer Fund and the General Fund. He explained that this was what he called his operating funds and only two funds were in it. Those were the funds where most of their operations were taking place.

He noted that August was the second month of the year and anything that was over 16 2/3 % was a little ahead of where they should be if all of the expenditures were exactly the same for each month. He also reminded them that in saying that, in July they pay some big bills. He stated that the total for operating funds, year to date, they had 15.5% of their revenue and 19.7% of their expenditures.

The next group of funds were the Internal Service Funds, which were funds that only do business or get their revenue or operating money from the other funds within the city. He used the Garage Fund as an example. Also included was the Self-Insurance Fund and Debt Service Fund, which was all internal money. He noted that they have 7.21% of their revenue in and 7.93% for the total of those three funds.

He explained that the next group of funds was their Trust Funds. He explained that this was money that was set aside and could only be used for certain purposes. He used the Single Family Rehab Project Fund as an example. He stated that this was money that the government had given them to use for certain projects. He noted that it include the Flood Mitigation. He noted that Special Services was a fund where they were taking money from citizens for different projects such as (Senior Citizen) trips. He referred to the Police Pension Fund and explained that this was a fund set up for the police for pension if they were to go out early.

Mr. Sharp noted that the next group of funds was their Projects Funds. He explained that this was money that was set aside for specific purposes. He used the Capital Reserve Fund for example and stated that this was their "savings account". Also, the Construction Funds, which included the Water Construction Fund and the Sewer Construction Fund. The next one was the Capital Projects Fund, which was the City Hall renovation. He noted that this was one fund that did not close out each year.

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He then noted that the next page (10 of 14) was a total of all of their funds. He stated that they have taken in about 24.23% of their revenue and paid out 19.5% of their total expenditures.

Council Member Gover asked if there were any red flags that they needed to know about.

Mr. Sharp replied that nothing really stood out. He stated that at this time of year they go slow because a lot of money went out in July.

Council Member Gover explained that his reason for saying that was because he was at City Hall about a week ago talking with a couple of people. He noted that when he left, Mr. Sharp came up to them and made some remarks about showing him another ten million. He asked what he meant by that to which Mr. Sharp replied that ten million did not ring a bell.

Mr. Sharp continued on page 11 of 14, the Cash Flow Statement, which was the total cash flow for the month of August and the next one was the cash flow for the year to date. He stated that they started the month with \$600,000 less than they were last month and they ended up with about \$900,000 less than they were last year.

He then continued with the summary of cash on hand and there was a total of \$8,994,191. The last sheet was the Temporary Investments.

Council Member Janney questioned about 13 of 14 and he saw Self Insurance as a deficit of \$45,000 and he looked on Temporary Investments and it was in a fund with \$52,000.

Mr. Sharp explained that they have money in a CD that was coming due and that money would go to offset that. He explained that an unanticipated \$94,000 bill came in from the prior year that had to be paid.

Mayor Price asked how they were coming along on the insurance fund.

Mr. Sharp replied that currently, they were breaking about even.

Council Member Janney asked if anybody had ever told him not to adjust the water and sewer rates in the city to which Mr. Sharp replied, no.

Mr. Bine commented that in reference to the Self Insurance Fund, they were keeping an eye on it. He stated that the city needed to evaluate as to whether or not self insurance was the continuing way to go for health care. He stated that they needed to do that in preparation for the 2001-2002 budget.

Council Member Janney stated that the Council could change the contract any time they liked.

Mr. Bine replied that he was not familiar with that. He stated that he was talking about whether or not it was appropriate for the city to continue to have a self insured program.

Council Member Janney explained that Mr. Bine was not there at the time. The Council had asked to get a bid from an outside person on insurance and that did not happen. The Council, as a Board, decided that they wanted to get bids from somebody else, and they instructed the City Manager at that time to get some bids. They have not received anything yet. He asked the rest of the Council if they remembered that to which they indicated that they did.

Council Member Grogan commented that it was actually asked for before the budget was set.

Council Member Janney stated that they needed to proceed in that manner.

Mr. Bine stated that it would be a bit premature to do it at this point unless they were talking about converting before the next budget year. He explained that insurance quotes were only good for a short period of time, such as sixty or ninety days. He stated that if they were interested in evaluating and assessing whether or not they need to be self insured they needed to get closer to the point that the contract could be let and that would probably be the ensuing budget year.

Council Member Janney replied that based upon what they had discussed, it could be done at any point after they completed the budget session.

Mr. Bine stated that they could discuss it at a different junction. He stated that he did not understand and asked if they were asking him to go out for bids at the present time.

Council Member Janney replied that he was saying that they should have already received the insurance bids.

Mr. Bine replied that no one had instructed him to do that since he had been there. He stated that if they wanted to go out for insurance bids they could do that, but whether or not they could disassemble the Self Insurance Fund, he questioned, it could be in mid-stream or mid-contract.

Council Member Rorrer stated that they were told that it could be done on a certain notice.

Mayor Price asked that the minutes of that particular meeting be reviewed and given to the Council.

Mr. Bine suggested that in the meantime he would try to find out what the contract said they could do.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

1. Ms. Angela Paschal and Mr. Mark Pace came forward to address Council:

Ms. Paschal stated that she wanted to say first of all, as merchants of downtown Leaksville, what they did on Saturday was wonderful, but they had a problem. She explained that they, as merchants of Monroe Street, which is in the Old Leaksville Downtown, were not informed of what was going on. She explained that her business did auto graphics and screen printing and she was not told that Monroe Street was going to be used for the parking and she had already scheduled a van and lost around \$600 on Saturday. She added that Mark and Clay (Pace) were not informed and they had a "kickoff sale" and spent a lot of money for advertisement.

She explained that they were there at the City Council Meeting to ask that if anything else went on in the city that concerned a festival, or anything, that all the merchants be contacted and let them know exactly what was going on. She stated that she called Council Member Janney who said he would call City Hall. She stated that the City Manager had said that they would have parking.

Mr. Bine commented that he had asked the Police Department to send one of the officers over there and it was his understanding that the closing of the street only came to the alley.

Ms. Paschal agreed, but for 50 years they have had access to the back of their buildings, and as it stands currently, the owner of the old Duke Power building has put up a gate, and they no longer have that access. She stated that on Saturday morning, the parking at the front of their buildings was full of cars for the downtown festival. She stated that they did not have anywhere and currently, when she lettered vans, she had to do it in front of her building. She stated that the front of their stores was the only way they had to get in and out of the building.

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Mr. Bine replied that it was obviously a public street and the city could not regulate, other than by ordinance from this Council, parking. He stated that it was possible to set up a permit, but that it was citizens and they were parking on a public street.

Ms. Paschal stated that was fine. She stated that she was asking that whoever was doing the festival or heading it, it was just common courtesy, if they had been informed, she would not have scheduled this to be done. She added that she was sure Mark and Clay would not have kicked off their sale if they had been informed. She stated that anywhere in the city that there was something going on, the merchants should have the consideration of being told.

Mr. Bine agreed and he asked if the merchant's association put on the festival.

Ms. Paschal replied that it was the Old Leaksville Merchant's Association.

Mr. Bine asked if she was a member of that association to which both Mr. Pace and Ms. Paschal replied that they were. Mr. Bine asked if they were unaware that there was a festival that day to which they both replied that neither one of them knew. Mr. Bine stated that he would follow the direction of the City Council; however he did not know what the roll of the city was other than to close the street on application from the association. He added that their portion of the street was left open and it is a public street.

Ms. Paschal agreed, but explained that she was saying that they had no parking there when something like that goes on.

Mr. Bine replied that he understood that but he did not know how to solve it.

Ms. Paschal stated that they were just asking for consideration. She stated that they could not block off the street in front of their businesses because it was public parking. She stated that it was inconvenience to the customers that came in on Saturday, because they had to park up on the other corner.

Mayor Price noted that it was an unfortunate situation. He added that it was a situation that they could talk over with the people who directed the festival.

Ms. Paschal stated that if they were members of the downtown Old Leaksville section, regardless of if they went to the meetings or not, she was sorry, they work 24/7 and were up there all the time. She stated that she honestly did not have time to stop and go to the meetings. She stated that even though she was downtown Leaksville, it would be nice if they knew what was going on and it would be even nicer if they knew when the meetings were because she had attended the meetings before and when the parade was downtown, they participated in that and they helped. She stated that what she was saying, if people were not informed about what was going on, then they did not know and they made their schedules out and they both (Paschal and Pace) kind of got hung this time.

Mayor Price stated that the city had some people who handled traffic and he would ask them to come and speak to her.

Mr. Pace commented that they had no problem with the actual function itself. It was a great idea and he understood it went very well. He stated that they just had a problem with blocking off streets that prohibit a potential customer from coming to their businesses. He stated that was when they really needed to be notified that a road was going to be blocked off, especially when there was a kick off sale scheduled as they had done.

Council Member Rorrer asked that if the city authorized blocking a street off should they not have some kind of obligation to make the merchants aware of it.

Mayor Price agreed that it would be wise and they needed to look at it and it could be made a part of the application.

2. Council Member Janney addressed the Council concerning prison work crews:

Council Member Janney stated that he had been trying for some time to get the prison inmates to work on the city streets and sidewalks. He stated that he called the City Manager and he sent him a list of where the inmates had worked. He noted that they had worked for the city under the direction of Paul Dishmon. He stated that he looked it over and he did not see where they did not do anything but work on the Recreation Centers, transfer station, the ballparks, the rifle range, and the City Hall post office. He stated that nothing else was on his list.

He asked why they did not get them to work on those things. He stated that when he had asked about it before the answer was that they were working with the school system. He stated that they had not been working with the school system all the time because they have been there at the park (Morehead Park) part of the time. He stated that he did not understand why they could go other places but could not work on their city streets.

Mr. Bine explained that they essentially get one crew. He stated that between Public Works and building and grounds maintenance, they had to decide where the best place was to use those folks. He stated that there was not a whole lot of volume of work in a "work day". He stated that he had seen what they did and even on a slow day, he could probably do as much as 3 or 4 of them do all day. He added that they evaluate things that needed to be done and tried to put them in place to where they were most effective. He stated that obviously, the parks during that period of time needed cleaning or whatever. He stated that in prior work assignments they had worked on street ditches and so forth. He stated that if they did not want them to work on the parks and have them work totally on the streets, they could do that.

Council Member Janney commented that the only time he remembered them working on streets for any length of time was when an event was going on. He stated that they had a crew that did mowing and other work at the park. He stated that they did not have a crew that went around "per se" and worked on sidewalks and all that within the city.

Mr. Bine noted that there was one person within the city who cuts rights-of-way.

Council Member Janney stated that in talking about making the town look better, that was the place to do it.

Mr. Bine stated that back in July, when Highway 14 and Meadow Road interchange was in such terrible shape, he had the Street Department cut it. He stated that it still looked like they cut it with a dull razor. They had the prison crew out there for two days, raking and collecting all the debris, so that it could now be mowed. He stated that it was not like they had not been out working on the right-of-ways. He stated that for this particular period (on the list) they were not, but they had been in the past.

Council Member Rorrer asked if he was aware of where they could work and where they could not work.

Mr. Bine replied that if he was talking about the park owned by the historical association, it was his understanding that was a different work crew.

Council Member Rorrer stated that was not what he had asked. He pointed out that they were there working on this property and it did not belong to the city.

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Mr. Bine replied that he was aware that they were there. Council Member Rorrer asked if they were supposed to be to which Mr. Bine replied that he did not know.

Council Member Rorrer asked who the prison department signed those people out to.

Mayor Price replied that he would have to ask the prison department and Mr. Bine added that it was his understanding that the city got one crew, and they tried to utilize them. He stated that where the other crews go, the person who coordinates those work crews did that.

Council Member Rorrer stated that they received calls all the time that they were not doing this but they were doing that. He asked how he was supposed to give them an answer if he did not know.

Council Member Grogan suggested that he have them call the City Manager.

Council Member Rorrer replied that he had already been to the City Manager two or three times, (the former City Manager and the current Interim City Manager).

Mr. Bine stated that he would call the County Manager and find out where they could or could not work.

3. Council Member Janney addressed the Council regarding Daily News article:

Council Member Janney commented that in the Daily News this past week, there was an article in there that Michael Walser, representative for Benchmark, was quoted in. He read what the article said, "one of the first loans done was 115 The Boulevard, said Walser. Kin to Ron Janney. His inlaws, maybe he felt like the house did not qualify as a low income house." Council Member Janney stated that he wished he was there tonight, but he would be in contact with him and his boss and everybody else. He stated that Mr. Walser was wrong in the beginning, by everything he said, even the house numbers. He stated that he did not even know the owner of that house. He stated that he had a problem with that house because sometime ago, his mother-in-law and stepfather-in-law lived in that house. At his death, the house went to his two daughters. No one in his family owned that house. His mother-in-law lived there until she passed away, but the house belonged to the two girls. He stated that he thought it was a low blow for somebody to say that somebody in his family was in a low income house and that was the reason he came after Michael Walser. He stated that the reason he had questioned Mr. Walser was because he knew what had been done to the house, prior to the lady buying it. He stated that he knew that a lot of the things they wanted to do to that house was not right to be done as it had already been done. He thought and he hoped the Board supported him, that the city should not make anymore contracts with Benchmark as long as Michael Walser was the representative in this community. He knew he was wrong when he started and he had no reason to say anything. He stated that he also thought Mr. Walser owed his family an apology.

Council Member Gover commented that he thought it was very unprofessional and he agreed with Council Member Janney.

Council Member Grogan noted that they had a memo there from Mrs. Stultz to the City Council regarding the comments made by Mr. Walser. Mrs. Stultz indicated that the words were quite inappropriate and she had spoken with Mr. Walser and others of the firm about their displeasure and requested that Mr. Walser be removed from administering the current SFR program. She indicated that if his complete removal was not possible then his contact would be minimal during the remainder of the process.

He stated that he guessed the whole thing, Mrs. Stultz and her department, was recognizing this and responded to it and gave support to Council Member Janney, as well as the City Council, in

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this situation. He commended Mrs. Stultz as it was done September 19th. He continued in noting that Mrs. Stultz had written that administrating grants were an integral part of the city's life and future, and she hoped that all new programs would proceed much more smoothly as such programs had in the past. He noted that she was also asking permission to go ahead with such programs as Flint Hill Mill Village.

Council Member Grogan stated that he supported what Council Member Janney was saying and he commended one of their staff people for even going before the meeting tonight and calling those people to task.

Council Member Janney replied that he had no problem with the letter, but he thought the Board should be in support, or just say "go fly a kite", one or the other. He stated that if it had happened to him (Grogan) he would have felt the same way.

Council Member Grogan stated that he thought Mr. Walser should go, but he did not know if he could support doing away with Benchmark.

Council Member Rorrer stated that he agreed with Council Member Janney. On the three houses, two of the prices were cut way down. The contractor went in there and started working before they ever had a contract on the particular one that Council Member Janney was talking about.

Council Member Tudor commented that he supported Council Member Janney and he also appreciated the comments that Council Member Grogan had to say. He also thanked Mrs. Stultz for taking action on this matter.

Council Member Reynolds stated that he also supported it and thought they needed to look at it and Council Member Myott agreed. Mayor Price stated that he also supported Council Member Janney as well.

Mr. Bine explained that the staff took the article in the paper very seriously. He noted that obviously the memorandum that they had from Mrs. Stultz represented some discussion that they had on the matter. He stated that she had written the memorandum to them with his full support.

Council Member Janney stated that he appreciated what she had done, but he also thought Mr. Walser owed his family an apology in addition to that.

Council Member Rorrer stated that he appreciated the letter also but he also read that it said "confidential" and he could not talk about that to which Council Member Grogan apologized that he had read a "confidential" letter out loud.

4. Mr. Chris Wood addressed Council regarding Police Chief Gary Benthin:

Mr. Wood stated that he had resided in Eden for about a year and had attended a few meetings, just trying to get the feel for how it all worked. He explained that the reason he wanted to come tonight was because he wanted to speak on behalf of not only a friend, but also someone that he worked with, as well as the Police Department. He stated that he wanted to speak out on behalf of Chief Benthin. He stated that he heard mentioned that he was asked about a statement that came second hand during the budget meetings. He stated that he had received a statement from several people that was made by one of the Council Members that Chief Benthin would not be there in sixty (60) days, that the City Manager was brought in and he was going to be got rid of. He stated that whether it was so or not, if they were in a court of law it would be heresay. He stated that as it was, it was something that he did hear. He stated that he just wanted to tell them that he was a highway patrolman and he worked with the Police Department on a daily basis. At times, he depended on them for his life. His family also depended on them when he was at work

and when he was at home. He stated that the city had a Police Department, they knew they had pay studies done, and they were paid the lowest amount of money starting out than anybody in the county. He stated that it was an embarrassment to him, as a taxpayer, to know that they were putting their lives on the line for \$20,000 a year. He stated that he was blessed with a good job and made pretty good money. He stated that he knew that Council Member Janney probably drew a good retirement from DuPont. He pointed out that not one day did he go to work at DuPont and put his life on the line for another citizen that he knew of.

He referred to Mr. Bine and stated that he hoped he did a fine job as their new City Manager, because God knows, their city needed it. He stated that he would hope he was not brought in there to have a personal vendetta carried out on any member of any department, whether it be the Recreation Department, the Police Department, the Water & Sewer Department, he would hope he would be there to make everything positive, and not a negative. He stated that if there were personal vendettas there on the Police Department, he could tell them, they have fine officers, but they were having a heck of a hard time keeping them. He stated that they were going to have a hard time replacing them as they have two or three openings right now that have been open for months. He pointed out that they recently lost a captain, who had been there for years, to go to the Sheriff's Department. He asked why he left and was told that he would receive a \$9,000 pay raise and he would get his insurance paid for when he retired in four years.

He stated that he thought, before they rush into a decision, he was not going to say who said it as it was irrelevant, he just wanted to say he was there in support of Chief Benthin and in support of their Police Department and he thought that was something that they needed to look at improving things for them.

Council Member Janney asked why he had singled him out.

Mr. Woods replied that he had set back for a year, read newspaper articles, and had been to meetings, and he was the most outspoken one against pay raises for those people. He stated that he also knew that if he worked and retired from DuPont, he made good money. He stated that when talking about those people making money, it was one thing to even say they were a Police Officer, but they were raising families. They have Police Officers down there with 2 and 3 children bringing home \$1,000 a month. They were working 2 or 3 other jobs and they were tired when they come to this one, and have to make decisions that could affect him or them or anybody else sitting in this room, because they had to work 2 or 3 jobs simply to get by. He stated that a man or woman who put their life on the line for the citizens of a community should not have to work their days off. He stated that the reason he had mentioned him (Janney) was because he seemed to be the most outspoken one against it.

Council Member Janney explained that he did not really understand what had been going on with him and pay raises. He stated that he needed to go back and do a little checking. He stated that he had fought more for pay raises than anybody he knew of. He stated that he should get his facts together and come back and show him where he had denied anybody any money that truly deserved it.

Mr. Woods stated that the Council paid a lot of money for someone to come in and do a pay study.

Council Member Janney agreed and stated that he had said in the beginning that they could give that money to the employees and do just as well by adjusting that pay.

Mr. Woods agreed, but once they got the facts in front of them, they got exactly what they were expecting, but there was nothing done about it.

Mayor Price interjected that they have gone through an exhaustive study and the Council had tried to do the best they could under the circumstances. He stated that it was not a closed case, some other things came up, they were continuing with the discussion of pay raises and other plans in the city, so it was not closed. He stated that he would see more conversation in a few more months on pay discussions in all departments throughout the city.

Mr. Woods commented that really the pay raise was not the reason he wanted to speak, he wanted to speak on the statements that were made by a Council Member about getting rid of Chief Benthin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Price noted that Mr. Don Moss, Economic Development Director, was present and had some confidential information that he needed to show to the Council.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Council Member Tudor seconded by Council Member Reynolds to go into Closed Session for discussion of Economic Development. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

Open Session:

A motion was made by Council Member Tudor seconded by Council Member Reynolds to return to Open Session. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(a) Consideration of Eden Industrial Site.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Reynolds that the City Council approve the Whitt property as its future Industrial Park, to approve the steps necessary to market the property by the County Economic Development Department, and by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, also authorizing expenditure of up to \$15,000 per site for preliminary engineering work on the Hopkins/Fieldcrest site as well as the French sites. With the approval of this motion, they would determine that the Harrington Highway property be Eden's future Industrial Park as well as prepare and have ready studies of the other two sites, if and when an industry might be interested.

Council Member Reynolds and Tudor both agreed that it was time to get started. Council Member Rorrer agreed, but they did not know how much they were voting for.

Council Member Gover expressed concern about the waterway and wetlands. He pointed out that it would be up there in their water intake and have so much environmental impact as this land would incur in the future.

Council Member Grogan stated that as far as the future Industrial Park, with the studies being done, and with the design of the park, those concerns could be covered in the way it was designed, as it was in other parts of the country and other cities. He stated that he had heard it and certainly within the past two years, about this City Council working together and having unity and he thought this motion would give everybody an opportunity to have something for everyone, in discussions of industrial parks, and he would hope that if it was not unanimous it would certainly be close.

Council Member Janney referred to the memorandum that the City Engineer sent them and he had been through it and each phase for each site he had looked at, he had one comment. He quoted the memorandum in that "the projected water demand and sewer flow for the industrial

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park sites have not been determined yet. More detailed information is required to reasonably estimate the projected water demands and sewage flow from the industrial park sites. The scope of this letter report does not address this issue.” He stated that some of those sites that they talked about were closer to their city boundaries and others, some of them already have sewer lines. He stated that he had been over to the County and talked to them about their line that they already have over there and what it would take. He stated that he thought that part of this, and he understood the motion, was how much it would cost in the long run. He stated that he thought everybody knew about the water and sewer situations. He stated that a lot of emphasis had been put on trying to get to the bottom of some questions, they still did not have answers, but they were paying more bills. He stated that he thought they needed to look inside the city and he had said it time and again, they need to clean up what they had or the State was going to tell them what to do. He stated that it was getting serious.

Action on the motion was as follows: Council Members Grogan, Reynolds, Myott and Tudor voted in favor of this motion. Council Members Rorrer, Janney and Gover voted in opposition. This motion carried.

BREAK:

Mayor Price called for a short break before moving to item (b).

MEETING CONTINUED:

(b) Consideration of proposed industrial sites preliminary water and sewer options to provide water and sewer to properties.

Mayor Price reminded Council that this item was an informational item as indicated from the last meeting.

(c) Consideration of purchase of Igloo Recycling Containers.

The Solid Waste Division is requesting authorization to proceed with the process of purchasing the Igloo Recycling Containers that are to be used for the six (6) sites that are to be developed. There will be three customized Igloo units used at each of the six sites and one specially designed unit for plastic recycled materials. The recycling containers for the plastic materials will be built by the Solid Waste Division.

The sole vendor for Igloo Recycling Containers is The Fibrex Group, Inc. of Chesapeake, VA.

Cost for 18/four cubic yard heavy duty containers and accessories excluding tax: \$21,728.00 Cost for shipment of containers if vendor ships: \$600.00 Total = \$22,328.00

Mayor Price explained that they had the information and they have spoken about it before. He stated that they have the amount of the grant and the total cost and he also included the informational item of the locations that were being considered.

A motion was made by Council Member Rorrer seconded by Council Member Gover to approve the purchase of the Igloo Recycling Containers and also the sites. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(d) Consideration of awarding bids for an automated garbage truck.

The memorandum explained that the Solid Waste and Fleet Maintenance Divisions received five (5) sealed bid proposals from four prospective vendors on August 17, 2000 for a budgeted automated garbage truck.

A motion was made by Council Member Gover seconded by Council Member Grogan to award the contract for the automated garbage truck to Carolina Environmental Systems for \$142,142.00.

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Council Member Janney noted that they had one that met the specifications with no extended warranty, and the tax was included. They had one that met the specification and had the extended warranty and the tax was excluded. He asked if they put those bids out to where they were talking “apples to apples”.

Mr. Bine replied that they did. The specs were exactly the same.

Council Member Janney asked if they did not write specs to meet any particular vendor did they.

Mr. Bine asked if he meant a generalized set of specs that any vendor could respond to, the answer to that was no, they did not do that, because they have a specific type of collection system, so they have to write the specifications so that the citizens could use the same type of containers, so that cuts out that whole other universe of vendors. As far as picking up one man trucks, side loading, etc., that is as general as specs could get.

Council Member Janney asked what the extended warranty was.

Mr. Bine replied that was three (3) years on the drive train and five (5) years on the engine and that was the reason they were recommending Carolina Environmental plus the fact that if any of this warranty work would have to be undertaken, it could be undertaken at Kernersville, as opposed to Hillsborough, Concord, Charlotte, or Raleigh.

Council Member Janney asked that for the next bid, to put the extended warranty time on there and the location, so they would know more about it.

Mr. Bine replied that he had asked those questions, that was the reason he knew them to which Council Member Janney stated that if he had to ask them, why did he not have them on there.

Action on the motion was as follows: All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(e) Consideration of awarding bids for motorgrader.

The memorandum explained that the City of Eden received (3) sealed bid proposals from prospective vendors on September 7, 2000 for a budgeted used motor grader.

A motion was made by Council Member Rorrer seconded by Council Member Gover to award the contract to North Carolina Equipment Company for \$94,729.00. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(f) Consideration of power supply to The Oaks Pump Station.

The memorandum explained that the existing underground single-phase power supply to the Oaks Pump Station must be upgraded to an underground three-phase power supply as part of the pump station upgrade. The three-phase supply is required to do the larger size of the new sewage pumps that are to be installed as part of this project.

The Engineering Department has been coordinating this part of the project with Duke Power. The cost of the three-phase underground power supply is \$28,179.54. This necessary item brings the current total construction cost to \$471,217.79. Money has been designated within the sewer construction fund for this work.

Duke Power is scheduled to begin the power supply installation beginning September 25, 2000. The contractor is currently working on the Oaks Pump Station Upgrade phase of this project. The Engineering Department is requesting approval of this matter, so that the power supply upgrade can be installed to the pump station.

A motion was made by Council Member Reynolds seconded by Council Grogan to approve the Three-Phase Power Supply to the Oaks Pump Station. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

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(g) Consideration of change of traffic flow on Fagg Drive.

The memorandum explained that due to a continuing traffic problem on Fagg Drive with the left turning traffic in to Biscuitville, the Municipal Services Director, Sergeant Tommy Griffin, and the City Engineer recommended a change in the traffic flow in the area to incorporate a reverse turn lane into Biscuitville at the rear of their building where their drive-thru ordering station is located. Council Member Tudor also agreed to this recommendation. The Manager of Biscuitville agreed to change their entrances to reflect the recommended changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Tudor seconded by Council Member Myott to approve the change of traffic flow at Fagg Drive. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(h) Consideration of final approval for the bowling alley property survey plat.

The memorandum explained that in reference to the property survey plat for the old bowling alley property that was presented to City Council at the September 5, 2000 Council Work Session, the Engineering Department requests Council's final approval of this survey plat.

A motion was made by Council Member Rorrer seconded by Council Member Gover to approve. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(i) Consideration of initiation of zoning map amendment for property owned by the City of Eden on Fieldcrest Road.

The memorandum explained that at the City Council work session on September 5, 2000, there was a discussion concerning the bowling alley owned by the City on Fieldcrest Road. The City Council has considered declaring the property surplus for some time. The property is currently zoned Business-General along with the rest of the block at the corner of Main Street and Fieldcrest Road.

This block contains an apartment building, a single-family residence, the bowling alley, a fire station, a vacant lot and a car repair business. To the east of this block is Mabe Trucking Company and the downtown business district, to the south and east is a single family residential neighborhood and to the north is Draper Lumber Company.

Business-General is the most liberal of the City's business districts. It permits a myriad of uses, some of which might not be compatible with the fire station or the surrounding neighborhood. The neighborhood to the west and south is zoned Residential-6. An R-6 zoning for the lot shown for the Bowling Alley on the Coleman plat for the City of Eden would be considered appropriate if the Setzer house and the apartments at the corner of Front and May Streets were also rezoned R-6.

Another option would be to rezone the fire station and bowling alley to Office and Institutional. The O&I district would allow private recreation uses and the fire station would also be permitted.

Under option #1 (the R-6 Zoning), the bowling alley could not be used as a bowling alley without the receipt of a special use permit and a variance from the side yard setback requirement. However, it would prevent either the bowling alley, the Setzer property or the apartment building from being used for business uses.

Option #2 would prevent most of the negative uses that could be introduced on the bowling alley property and would not require rezoning any property other than city property.

Council Member Gover stated that he would like to know the Planning Department's recommendation.

Mrs. Stultz explained that in an ideal world, Option I would be best. However, the Council had always been reluctant to initiate zoning map amendments without the property owner being the one to initiate them. If they made the bowling alley R-6, they could not have a bowling alley in it. She stated that Option II would put the fire station and the bowling alley property to O&I. The bowling alley could operate and the fire station would, of course, be legal, and they would not have to monkey with anyone's property other than the city's. It was a simple policy decision, and obviously they did not have to do anything.

Council Member Janney stated that if they put it R-6, a lot of different uses could go in there.

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Mrs. Stultz replied that it would allow single family development and multi-family development with a Special Use Permit. She added that the lot was kind of small for that.

Mr. Nooe pointed out that if the city wanted it to be residential, it could put deed restrictions in it to which Mrs. Stultz agreed, however she stated that was not something she could suggest. Mr. Nooe questioned why she would not, it was the city's property. If they did not want multi-family, but they wanted residential, then they could rezone it R-6 and restrict it to single-family residences.

Council Member Grogan mentioned the Senior Center, next to the old Leaksville Graded School (Early Avenue & Henry Street); the seniors were concerned about where they were going to meet in the future. The City Manager suggested the property to them. It was large enough that they could do some of the things they wanted to do, and in that same discussion, they talked about forming a non-profit corporation, to possibly try to raise money to make improvements to any piece of property they may get. He stated that most of them would have liked to see something happen with this property a year or so ago, and he would hate to say slow down, but...

Council Member Rorrer stated that he started it, and he had no problem with holding off on it.

Council Member Grogan stated that he would like to ask the Recreation Director to talk with his people about things that were discussed today and setting up a public-private corporation, and the possibility of this piece of property being used for that.

Council Member Janney asked that if they went that route, would the city go in and fix it up to which Council Member Grogan replied no, that was what he would suggest. Set up a corporation and then they could say how much it would cost to fix the building and then they could approach the city, industries, family members, about making contributions to help fix up the Senior Citizens of Eden, Inc., property.

Council Member Janney asked if it was a fact that they were going to be moving...to which Council Member Grogan replied that was just talk.

Council Member Gover questioned if they needed to change the zone that night or table it until they decide what to do with it.

Council Member Janney suggested that they talk with the owners of the current senior center building and see what they were going...to which Council Member Grogan explained that one of the things discussed was that the building was not large enough and they were outgrowing it. They would like to have other activities.

Council Member Janney questioned parking, to which Council Member Grogan replied that the parking was probably just as adequate at the bowling alley as where they were now, probably better. He stated that he would like to see them table it to give the Recreation Director the opportunity to explore it with them.

Council Member Janney suggested that they not table it, but just take no action until he comes back to which it was the consensus of Council to do that.

Council Member Myott asked if they could seek grant money if they were non-profit.

Mr. Bine replied yes, there were state monies that was given to Senior Citizen incorporated organizations. One of the problems that the senior citizens in Eden have today, there was no entity that could receive a grant, contributions, estate, or trusts, which occur from time to time.

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(j) Consideration of parking lot at City Hall.

The memorandum to Council explained that as part of the renovation of the City Hall building to include the Police Department, parking had to be addressed. When the original site plan was presented, there was great concern from the neighborhood surrounding the building and the Tree Board about the plan for new parking areas. After a review of the original plan, I determined that the plan called for the addition of 63 parking spaces. That would bring the total up to 185 spaces. The requirement is 142. The recommendation was to delete 30 spaces from the plan and preserve the natural buffer between the City Hall campus and the residences on Grant Street. The current plan calls for 155 spaces.

There are 26 people that work in City Hall during the day and there are 13 city vehicles assigned to staff members. That is a total of 39 spaces. The Police Department estimates a maximum of 45-48 spaces to be taken up during the day shift with a maximum of around 33 at night.

That means that the worst case scenario would be that there would be 68 spaces available for the public during the daytime hours and 109 spaces available for the public and any staff at night meetings.

Council Member Janney stated that they had said they were going to add those spaces back to which Council Member Grogan disagreed in that they had said they would look at it.

Mayor Price asked Mrs. Stultz for comments.

Mrs. Stultz explained that the Tree Board met earlier in the week. They have asked that if they could find a place to add those spaces without bothering the buffer that was between City Hall, the current parking, and the Grant Street neighborhood, that they would prefer that other than taking down more trees.

Council Member Rorrer stated that would take a parking garage.

Mayor Price stated that the City Manager had suggested an area directly west of the building on the upper level from where the parking was, to go right up to the building.

Mr. Bine explained that if they looked at the property, there was a bank of pine trees near Pierce Street. Then there were about 4 to 6 Bradford pear trees, which are the landscaping pears that everyone was using in the 80's and 90's, all over the world. He stated that he was talking about the area where those pears were, between that bank of pines and the other larger trees. He stated that if they came in off of Pierce Street and went into the parking lot, if they turn left and were to go then straight, into the dirt, and build a parking lot similar in size to the one that is currently being built, he thought "A" the cost would be less, and "B" less impact on the neighborhood, it could be screened with shrubbery and in a couple of years it would be up and looking nice, it could be designated as an employee parking lot, and so it would take the vehicles away from the space used by the public, and so forth. He stated that if they were wanting to add more parking, putting it behind or along side the one that was already there, the hill was much more steep there and the impact on those hardwoods and pines would be very dramatic and he thought there would be less impact over there on Pierce Street and it could be made to be more attractive.

Council Member Tudor stated that was a good point. He stated that he really held his breath when they talk about impacting the street behind City Hall, taking down more trees, he really had reservations about that. He stated that he had a nice suggestion and they needed to look at it a little further. He added that he knew that the people on Grant Street did not want more trees taken down.

Mr. Bine added that not only that, they could finish out what they were doing now, and see how bad the parking situation was. There was no rush to put it in. The contractor was nearly finished the curb and gutter was down and he was getting ready to pave it. He stated that if they need to put it in they could have almost any size over there, rather than having a dramatic impact.

Council Member Janney commented that he would not hesitate to put it in.

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Mayor Price asked what the others thought to which Council Member Tudor stated that as long as they were going to buffer it so as not to mess up the esthetics of the view. He really had reservations about the impact of Grant Street.

Council Member Grogan stated that he would like for the City Manager to look at that and get some cost estimates on what it would do to which it was the consensus of Council to do that.

Mr. Bine asked what size "animal" they were talking as far as the number or spaces, etc.

Mayor Price replied what he thought was reasonable and Council Member Grogan suggested he take the amount that was eliminated and Council Member Janney agreed that it would be the original, highest number.

Mr. Bine asked Mrs. Stultz if they did not discuss, even if they had a high usage day, they had about 80 or 90 spaces that were not accounted for by employees, either police or administrative staff.

Mrs. Stultz replied that in the worst case scenario, for all the police vehicles, the city, the works, there would be 68 spaces empty during the day, and then about 109 spaces empty at night. When they revised the parking lot from the original plan, they lost 30 spaces. She stated that if they were going to add them back, that would get it to 185 spaces, which would mean 30 more.

It was decided among Council that the Manager would need to figure 30 more spaces.

(k) Consideration of Animal Control Ordinance.

The memorandum to Council explained that the Police Chief reviewed the Rockingham County Animal Control Ordinance including the 1-4-99 amendments. He found the ordinance to be thorough, fair, and enforceable.

Mr. Nooe explained that the Council would have to review this ordinance and change it. He explained that it had so many things in it that the city could not do, such as what it directs the Health Department to do. He stated that the city would not have any control over many of the provisions in there, but it failed to address the city's biggest problem, in that it did not contain the statutory requirements dealing with dangerous dogs. He stated that they would still have to make a decision about who would make the determination for the city that an animal was dangerous and then who was going to serve on the Board that the dog owner would appeal to. He stated that when they know those two things, they could put that into the ordinance.

Council Member Rorrer suggested that they table the item until they had a short meeting where they could add it (to discuss it).

Mr. Bine stated that they could add it to the October work session to which Mayor Price asked if that was fair to everyone.

Council Member Tudor agreed, however Council Member Janney commented that he did not like the work sessions. Council Member Rorrer stated that he did not say a work session, he was talking about a vote. Council decided that the item would be tabled until a later meeting.

(l) Consideration of banking RFP.

Mr. Sharp explained that the Council had before them his analysis sheet, looking at the banking bids. He stated that his approach to this analysis was basically that, what the banks offered, as far as income and their cost of services, and he was looking for a bank to provide the services that they have been accustomed to, and some services they would like to look at and implement in the future. He stated that three (3) years ago they embarked upon a program within the

Finance Department to make life simpler for the staff, to use the technology that was available, there were also some other things he would like implemented and that was some of the things he was looking at. The two (2) banks with the highest interest rates did not provide either/or the credit card and/or the electronic banking services. Of the three (3) banks that did provide all three services, there was only \$1600 difference in their bid. They sent out an RFP to all the banks in town. One bank did not attend the pre-bid meeting and one did not submit a bid. He stated that it was his recommendation that they continue their banking services with First Citizens Bank. He added that he had also asked Mr. Matt Reece (Piedmont Triad Council of Local Governments) to look at it from the COGs (Council of Governments) view.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Tudor to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Presentation from NCDOT regarding replacement of Bridge Number 45 carrying Hamilton Street (Old NC 87) over the Dan River.

Mr. Jay McGinnis, Project Development Engineer for the North Carolina Department of Transportation, presented a handout to the Council and also presented an aerial photograph of the area for them to see. He explained that he was there to talk about the replacement of the bridge on old NC 87 over the Dan River.

He explained that they were planning on replacing the bridge with a new bridge on the eastern side of the current bridge. They would be keeping the traffic on the current bridge until the new bridge was built. They would then switch traffic over and tear the old bridge down. He stated that the current cost estimate for the project was a total of \$4,936,600 and \$4.8 million of that was for construction and \$136,600 was for right of way.

Mr. McGinnis explained that the existing bridge was narrow and was reaching the end of its service life, so it was time to replace it. He stated that they looked at building a new two lane bridge or a four lane bridge. He stated that the traffic volumes on Hamilton Street were fairly high. They decided on a two lane bridge because right now there were no current plans to widen Hamilton Street.

He noted that the project might require the relocation of two homes. He stated that it would also affect approximately .3 acres of wetlands. He stated that the existing bridge was determined to be eligible from the National Register of Historic Places. Because of that, the Department of Transportation would have to do a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office. He explained that any time there was an affect on something that was either on the National Register or eligible for it, they first of all try to avoid those affects and if they could not then they try to minimize them. If they could not do that then they have to mitigate for those affects. Because the bridge is in such bad shape, the Department of Transportation's recommendation was to remove it. One of the stipulations in the Memorandum of Agreement was that they would have to have a two bar metal rail on the new bridge. They would do that so that the river could be seen a little better than what would be a standard rail.

Mayor Price noted that Mr. McGinnis would be at City Hall on September 21st.

Mr. McGinnis replied that he would be there on Thursday, September 21st, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. They would be having a Citizen's Information Workshop that was open for the general public. He stated that he would have a copy of the aerial and information for the public to see. He stated that he and other Department of Transportation representatives would be there to hear comments and answer questions.

Mr. McGinnis continued with his presentation by stating that because the bridge was in the critical area of the water supply watershed, they would be building a hazardous spill catch basin as part of the project.

Council Member Tudor asked where the houses were located to which Mr. McGinnis replied that they were at the intersection. He stated that if they were headed north they were on the west side. He explained that their slope for the road was getting into those yards. They were real close to the houses and it may depend on what the property owner would like them to do. He stated that if they would like to stay in their houses, they may be able to pull the slope off of them some, or if they did not want to be that close to the road, they may be able to go ahead and take them.

Mr. Bine asked if there was ever any thought of the old bridge staying there and having it for a pedestrian or bike way.

Mr. McGinnis replied that he had heard some interest in that and the Department would not leave it up. He added that it was something that the Department could turn it over if the city or a non-profit organization was interested, if they could show that they could maintain the bridge.

Mr. Bine asked if it was going to be an urban or rural bridge and if there was any difference between the two, meaning between the edge of pavement and the bridge rail.

Mr. McGinnis replied that it was going to be an urban bridge. He stated that in a way it was actually a hybrid because typically, a curb was only 2' but on this bridge there was actually going to be a 4' shoulder between the edge of pavement, the curb and the sidewalk. He added that there was going to be a 5' sidewalk on each side. The road itself, south of the river, would be a shoulder section.

(b) Consideration of permission to apply for housing rehabilitation funds for Flint Hill neighborhood.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Myott for approval.

Council Member Janney questioned if Benchmark would have this contract to which Mrs. Stultz replied that Wooten would do it.

Action on the motion was as follows: All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(c) Consideration of Local Firemen's Relief Fund.

A motion was made by Council Member Janney seconded by Council Member Gover to approve this request. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(d) Consideration of budget amendments #1 and #2.

This is the first budget amendment for the year.

Budget	Amendment	Account #	From	To	Amount
#1					
General Fund					
Revenue					
Fund	Balance	10-3991-91000	\$ -	\$ 172,367.45	<u>\$ 172,367.45</u>
Appropriated					
					<u>\$ 172,367.45</u>
General Fund					
Expenditures					

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Municipal Programming	Ser.	10-4125-38100	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,800.00
Fire c/o Bldg. Improvement	Bldg.	10-4340-54000	\$ -	\$ 5,630.00	\$ 5,630.00
Fire c/o Equip.		10-4340-57000	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 25,800.00	\$ 20,000.00
Street c/o Equip.		10-4510-57000	\$ 53,650.00	\$ 107,300.00	\$ 53,650.00
Solid Waste c/o Bldg. Improv.	Bldg.	10-4710-54000	\$ -	\$ 4,180.00	\$ 4,180.00
Recreation c/o Land Improv.	Land	10-6120-52000	\$ -	\$ 42,702.45	\$ 42,702.45
Recreation Building	c/o	10-6120-53000	\$ -	\$ 32,204.00	\$ 32,204.00
Recreation Equipment	c/o	10-6120-57000	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 19,301.00	\$ 9,201.00
					<u>\$ 172,367.45</u>
Water Fund Revenue					
W/S Fund Balance Appropriated	Balance	30-3991-99100	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 410,018.00	\$ 10,018.00
					<u>\$ 10,018.00</u>
Expenditures					
W/S Maintenance Warehouse Proper		30-7125-95100	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 96,712.00	\$ 1,712.00
W/S Waste Treatment M/R Equipment		30-7130-25700	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 113,306.00	\$ 8,306.00
					<u>\$ 10,018.00</u>
Fleet Maintenance Revenue					
F/M Fund Balance Appropriated	Balance	31-3991-99100	\$ -	\$ 9,647.00	\$ 9,647.00
					<u>\$ 9,647.00</u>
Fleet Maintenance Expenditures					
F/M Purchase Inventory		31-4120-95300	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 46,352.00	\$ 1,352.00
F/M M/R Equip.		31-4210-35200	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,450.00	\$ 3,950.00
F/M c/o Equip.		31-4210-57000	\$ -	\$ 4,345.00	\$ 4,345.00
					<u>\$ 9,647.00</u>

Budget Amendment #1 is to budget appropriations previously approved by Council. These are encumbrances from June 30, 2000.

This is the second budget amendment for the year.

Budget #2	Amendment	Account #	From	To	Amount
Sewer Construction Fund Revenue					
S/C Fund Balance Appropriated	Balance	72-3991-99100	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 541,200.00	\$ 471,200.00
					<u>\$ 471,200.00</u>
Sewer Construction Fund Expenditures					
S/C C/O System		72-8130-5500	\$ -	\$ 471,200.00	\$ 471,200.00
					<u>\$ 471,200.00</u>

Budget Amendment #2 is to set up the Water Construction Fund and the Sewer Construction Fund as Project Funds and to budget for the Hwy 14 Sewer Improvement Project that was started in a Prior Budget Year.

Adopted and effective this 19th day of September, 2000

Attest:

s/Kim J. Scott, City Clerk

s/Philip K. Price, Mayor

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A motion was made by Council Member Myott seconded by Council Member Grogan to approve budget amendments 1 & 2. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(e) Consideration of four Police In-Car Video Systems.

The memorandum explained that the Police Department budgeted \$14,600 for four in-car video systems. Several have been bought over the past two or three years and they were getting them indirectly on State contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Myott to approve this request. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(f) Consideration of Police Audio Intelligence Systems.

The memorandum explained that the Police Department budgeted \$7,900 for a body wire to be used by the narcotics investigators. They have received two informal bids. Both systems have been demonstrated and references were checked. It was recommended that the FED (LEA) system be purchased for \$5,400.70. (The other system was \$7,885).

A motion was made by Council Member Tudor seconded by Council Member Myott to approve this request. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(g) Consideration of Gildan Activewear, NC Gas Service request to located within storm drain easement.

Council Member Grogan asked the City Attorney if it was okay.

Mr. Nooe replied that if it was done according to the City Engineer's approval so that it did not infringe on the city's needs, yes.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Gover to approve this request. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(h) Consideration of appointment of voting delegate and alternate for Annual Conference, NC League of Municipalities.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Janney to appoint Council Member Chris Myott as the Delegate and Council Member John Grogan as the Alternate. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(i) Consideration of appointment of voting delegate for Annual Congress of Cities, December 5-9, 2000.

A motion was made by Council Member Janney seconded by Council Member Gover to appoint Council Member John Grogan as the Delegate and Council Member Garry Tudor as the Alternate. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(j) Consideration of appointment of Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Price stated that they would like to approve Sheralene Thompson as the Deputy City Clerk.

A motion was made by Council Member Gover seconded by Council Member Reynolds to appoint a Deputy City Clerk. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

(k) Additional discussion of the Single Family Rehab Project.

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Mayor Price explained that this item was voted to be added to the agenda and was requested by Council Member Janney.

Council Member Janney had presented the Council earlier with some information entitled "Housing Program". He explained that he had suggested a disclosure statement to the property owners at the time of the application, and signed by both parties, including all the pertinent information. He stated that Mr. Nooe had drawn up the disclosure statement.

Mayor Price stated that everyone pretty much understood the request.

Council Member Janney stated that he had looked at it and it would take care of each phase of the operation, to make sure that the homeowner understood each part of it, because they had to sign off on it. He stated that in other words they would have been told, whether they understood it or not.

Mayor Price explained that in essence, the statement did exactly like Council Member Janney asked. The person would understand that they would have a lien on their property and they had received the documents as presented and it just put what he had said in his memorandum in a legal basis.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Gover to approve the disclosure statement. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

Council Member Janney added that he had also asked that the city get a list of all licensed contractors in the city and send a letter to them when bid sheets were available to make sure that they know.

A motion was made by Council Member Gover seconded by Council Member Rorrer to approve a policy to send out a letter to all licensed contractors in the city when bid sheets were available.

Mr. Bine asked that in checking the local contractors, were those contractors that were licensed to do business in the city and did that mean they had to verify that they were licensed contractors in the State of North Carolina.

Mrs. Stultz replied that they did.

Council Member Grogan pointed out that there were a lot of builders who did work and did not have to be licensed in the state if the contract was \$30,000 or less, who did good work. He asked if that was not true.

Mr. Nooe replied that it was, they did not have to have a license and Council Member Janney explained that he said, "licensed contractors" to try to keep everything clean.

Council Member Rorrer asked if he was talking about the city license to which Council Member Janney replied State license.

There was some confusion as to what type of licensed contractors to which Council Member Janney explained that it would give the people in Eden an opportunity and if they did not bid good enough, then they did not get the opportunity.

Mr. Nooe added that they were only talking about it for the purpose of who they would mail to. For any other contractor that was eligible, there would be a notice in the paper anyway.

Action on the motion was as follows: All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- (a) Approval and adoption of minutes – August 15, 22, 30, 2000.
- (b) Approval and adoption of a motion to hold a public hearing to amend Section 11.24(1) – the Business-Highway #1 district of the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance to allow “automobile washing establishments and laundromats” as permitted uses.” ZONING CASE Z-00-11.

This item was pulled.

- (c) Approval and adoption of a motion to hold a public hearing and to consider an ordinance rezoning property on Blackstock Street from Residential-12 to Residential-S/MH. ZONING CASE Z-00-12.
- (d) Consideration of permission to solicit bids for a flat bed truck as approved in the 1999-2000 budget.
- (e) Consideration of permission to solicit bids for a leaf machine as approved in the 1999-2000 budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Myott to approve Consent Agenda items a, c, d, and e. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

There were no ordinances and resolutions.

VOUCHERS:

Council Member Janney questioned Robertson Farm Supply. He stated that he did not understand why they go up there and by stuff when they pass about 2 or 3 places there in Eden. He stated that was #18500.

He also questioned CMT Sporting Goods, for All Star T-shirts for the Recreation Department. He asked where that was located to which the Recreation Director, Joey Conner, replied, Roanoke. He questioned why they did that.

He also questioned Sands & Penn, Rivercrest Project Location Fee. He stated that he understood the appraisal, but he thought they needed to start getting some reports on what they were doing over there on Riverside Drive.

He also noted that Rippey’s was in there for half down on Christmas ornaments. He stated that the word he had received from the people on the committee (Community Appearance) was that Rippey’s was the only one who could do that job and he noted that Ms. Paschal had told him that she could do that and no one had asked her.

He noted that they had Rippey’s for 1008 fire hats for the Fire Department. He stated that he had thought they had talked about Rippey’s enough and how he worked the city.

Another item was Max Kendall Lumber Company, for upgrading restrooms for the transfer station, \$146.00. He stated that he wondered how much it cost to drive all the way to Max Kendalls, who was located at the other side of Robertson.

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Also, United Automotive Service, for GoJo inventory. He noted that GoJo was something that they clean their hands with and it could be bought anywhere.

Mayor Price commented that he was not familiar with that operation, but he was sure that was a price item.

Council Member Janney stated that he would like to know the price of it because he had bought it for almost nothing.

CLOSED SESSION:

Closed Session according to GS 143-318.11(a)(6) for discussion of personnel.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Gover to go into Closed Session for discussion of personnel according to GS 143-318.11(a)(6). All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Gover to return to Open Session. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

SALARY INCREASE-DEPUTY CLERK:

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Gover to increase the Deputy Clerk's salary 5%. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan seconded by Council Member Gover to adjourn. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Scott
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Philip K. Price
Mayor