

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	John E. Grogan
Mayor Pro Tem:	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:	Donna Turner
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Epps
(absent)	Christine Myott
	Jim Burnette
	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Tom Medlin

Representatives from Departments:
Representatives from News Media:

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Grogan 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:

Associate Pastor, Jeff Lynch, of Osborne Baptist Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Bernie Moore.

PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Grogan presented a plaque to City Attorney, Tom Medlin, thanking him for his service to the City of Eden as City Attorney from 2001 to 2008.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Grogan noted that items 9b and 9c under Unfinished Business would be pulled and brought back at a later date.

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A motion was made by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Ellis to pull Unfinished Business items 9b and 9c. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

Mayor Grogan then asked that item 12h, the annual Certification of Firemen, be added to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Tuggle to add item 12h to Consent Agenda. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings scheduled for December.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

No one signed up to speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (a) Boards and Commissions Appointments and Reappointments.

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Burnette to appoint the following:

- Historic Preservation Commission: Louise Price (Ward 4 – Epps)
- Community Appearance Commission: Bonnie Fargis (Ward 7 – Ellis)
- Community Appearance Commission: Pat Whitten (Ward 6 – Tuggle)
- Community Appearance Commission: Gail Flynt (Ward 1 – Turner)
- Planning Board: Kenny Kirkman (Ward 4 – Epps)
- Planning Board: Jerry Holland (Ward 6 – Tuggle)
- Board of Adjustment: Cleveland Ellison (Ward 6 – Tuggle)

All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

- (b) Consideration of Highway 700 River Access Point.

This item was removed from the agenda.

- (c) Consideration of Solid Waste Committee Recommendations.

This item was removed from the agenda.

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NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

A. Monthly Financial Report
Financial Report

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Burnette to accept the financial statements. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

- B. Finance & Human Resources - *No Report*
- C. Environmental Services - *No Report*
- D. Engineering - *No Report*
- E. Economic & Tourism Development

Economic & Tourism Department Report

Mr. Mike Dougherty, Business Development Director, gave the following report:

Industry:

Project 2015

A public information meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Eden City Hall. The results of this public hearing will be discussed at the December 16 City Council Meeting.

The NCDOC Engineers have been conducting extensive site work on the Whitt property to determine if this site is feasible for the correctional facility.

HBI

I corresponded with Human Resources Manager Sherri Hart who confirmed that 60% of their workforce hailed from Virginia. This means that the imminent closure of the plant will result in approximately 288 Rockingham County residents losing their jobs.

Commercial Recruitment:

Movie Theater

I am continuing to work with Bill Moore of GreyStone International concerning a new tenant for Kingsway Cinema. The soft economy and credit markets are causing even those operators in much larger markets to curtail expansions. We hope when the economic conditions improve a new tenant can be found quickly.

- F. Parks, Recreation & Facility Maintenance – *No Report*
- G. Police – *No Report*
- H. Fire – *No Report*
- I. Planning & Inspections - *No Report*
- J. City Attorney - *No Report*
- K. City Manager- *No Report*

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CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) Approval and adoption of minutes: November 18, 2008, December 1, 2008.

(b) Consideration and Approval of Budget Amendment #4

When the City purchases vehicles with installment purchases, it is required to show the loan monies coming in from the bank and the monies going out to pay the vendor in the financial statements. This amendment increases the revenue line item "loan proceeds" and also increases the Fire Department C/O Vehicles line item for the purchase of (2) 2009 Chevrolet Tahoes.

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Loan Proceeds	10-3850-87000	\$ -	\$ 59,765.00	\$ 59,765.00
General Fund Expenditures				
Fire C/O Vehicles	10-4340-55000	\$ -	\$ 59,765.00	\$ 59,765.00

Funds to finance (2) Fire Department vehicles.

Adopted and effective this 16th day of December, 2008.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogan,
Mayor

(d) Consideration and Adoption of Water System Leak Detection Survey Rural Economic Development Center Grant Authorizing Resolution.

Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application for a grant to perform a leak detection survey. The survey's projected cost is \$40,000. If the Rural Center approves the grant application we expect that the Rural Center would cover \$29,600 of the total project cost. The City's portion would be \$10,400.

A Phase 1 Water Audit determined that 11.63% of Eden's water production is not accounted for. With the closure of Hanesbrands the percentage of water not accounted for will increase since the total volume of water produced will decrease.

This change is expected to result in an unaccounted for water percentage of 17.80%. The Leak Detection Survey will use a variety of technologies and techniques to identify the locations of leaks throughout the water distribution system. The repair of any leaks detected is outside the scope of the Survey. We expect

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most leaks will be repaired by the Collection and Distribution Division however some may require a contractor.

**PLANNING PROGRAM
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY EDEN CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, In the summer of 2008, the North Carolina General Assembly included a \$50 million appropriation to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in the FY2007-2009 state budget, for the purpose of making grants to rural communities in need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eden has need for and intends to rehabilitate a publicly-owned treatment works for water supply and distribution systems, project described as a water conservation study to include: a water system audit and leak detection survey; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eden intends to request grant assistance from the Planning Grants Program for the project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDEN:

That The City of Eden will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a grant. That The City of Eden will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Brad Corcoran, City manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the City of Eden with the NCREDC (Rural Center) for a grant to assist in the construction of the project described above.

That Brad Corcoran, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Rural Center may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That The City of Eden has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto. Adopted this the 16th day of December 2008, at Eden, North Carolina.

Attest:

Eden City Council
By: John E. Grogan, Mayor

Sheralene Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

- (d) Consideration and Adoption of Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant Resolution Northern Smith River Outfall Project and Dry Creek Wastewater Collection Subsystem Project.

Attached for your consideration is a resolution requesting funding assistance from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) for two sewer improvement projects. These projects have been designated as the Northern Smith River Outfall Project and the Dry Creek Wastewater Collection Subsystem Project. The current total estimated cost of these projects are \$ 2.2M and \$ 1.4M respectively. If the grant application is successful and these projects are funded by the CWMTF the City's participation obligation will be for 20% of the total cost.

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The attached resolution refers to functions and obligations to which the City commits itself. These include:

- Executing a contract with CWMTF as a condition of receiving grant funding
- Quarterly reporting and invoicing
- Providing matching funds as described in the grant application
- Using the grant funds for the purposes outlined in the grant proposal
- Setting Water & Sewer Rates to comply with the High Unit Cost Requirement of 1.5% of Median Household Income as determined annually in September or October by the Construction Grants & Loans Section of NC-DENR-DWQ.

The grant application is due to the CWMTF by February 2, 2009. Announcement of the projects selected for funding is expected to be made in September or October 2009. Compliance with the High Unit Cost Requirement would not be required until the CWMTF has announced award of the grant.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING FUNDING ASSISTANCE
FOR EDEN WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Eden is hereby applying to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund (“the Fund”) for grant funds to make wastewater system improvements to the Northern Smith River Outfall and the Dry Creek Wastewater Collection Subsystem; and

WHEREAS, if the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund approves funding of the project as described in this grant application, the Fund will prepare a Grant Agreement for execution by the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement will specify the terms and conditions under which the Fund will provide the grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement will require the City of Eden to perform certain functions and obligations in order to carry out the work described in this grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Eden assures the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund that it understands the functions and obligations to which the City of Eden is committing itself in order to carry out the work described in this grant application, and further agrees that the City of Eden will proceed with diligence to perform those functions and obligations to accomplish the work described in this grant application.

Adopted this 16 day of December, 2008.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

Eden City Council
By: John E. Grogan, Mayor

(e) Consideration to Change Date for March 2009 Regular City Council Meeting.

Due to a conflict with the 2009 Annual NLC Congressional City Meetings in Washington, DC, it is being requested that we change the date of the March 2009 meeting from March 17, 2009 to March 24, 2009.

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(f) Consideration of Appointment to the Twin Rivers Downtown Development Corporation (TRDDC).

The by-laws of the Twin Rivers Downtown Development Corporation require that an Eden City Councilman be appointed to this Board. The Twin Rivers Downtown Development Corporation is responsible for overseeing the downtown revitalization efforts in the City of Eden. Eden City Councilman Jim Burnette has expressed interest in continuing his appointments to this Board.

The TRDDC Board requests that Mayor Grogan appoint Mr. Burnette to the Board at the December 2008 Eden City Council Meeting.

(g) Approval and Adoption of Resolution – Installation of Lights on Bridge No. 75 (Island Ford Bridge) and Installation of Conduit for Lights in Vicinity of Spray Traffic Circle.

RESOLUTION
OF THE EDEN CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE INSTALLATION AND ERECTION OF CONDUIT, WIRING AND LIGHTING FIXTURES
ON BRIDGE NO. 75 (ISLAND FORD BRIDGE) – BRIDGE NO. 75 REPLACEMENT PROJECT B-3509

WHEREAS, the City of Eden is a municipality in Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently overseeing the replacement of Bridge No. 75 (Project B-3509) within the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, Bridge No. 75 (Island Ford Bridge) now serves to provide pedestrian and vehicular access to a significant portion of the Eden community; and

WHEREAS, Bridge No. 75 (Island Ford Bridge) is in need of measures to protect the citizens of the City of Eden while walking, biking or driving a vehicle across the bridge; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eden City Council does hereby request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation assist the City of Eden in the funding necessary for the installation and erection of conduit, wiring and lighting fixtures on Bridge No. 75 (Island Ford Bridge) from any appropriate available resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Eden City Council makes this request on behalf of the citizens of Eden;

This the 16th day of December, 2008.

John E. Grogan, Mayor

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

h. Annual Certification of Firemen.

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A motion was made by council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Tuggle to approve all Consent Agenda items. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

CLOSED SESSION:

No Closed Session was scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

ATTEST:

John E. Grogan, Mayor