

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 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
	Christine Myott
	Jim Burnette
	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley

Representatives from Departments:

Representatives from News Media: Latala Payne, Eden Daily News

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:

Benjamin Williams, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Bernie Moore.

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

(a) 2010 Census Partner Proclamation.

Mayor Grogan requested that the Council move to place this item on the Consent Agenda when the agenda was set.

(b) Eden Tree Board Presentation to Habitat for Humanity.

The Tree Board has voted to make a donation to Habitat for Humanity in honor of long-time Board member Mickey Overby, who resigned earlier this year due to health reasons. The Board is making a donation to Habitat to cover the cost of planting a tree at the new Habitat house located on High Street.

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The Tree Board wishes to recognize Mickey and make the presentation at the November 17, 2009 City Council meeting.

Mayor Grogan asked Ms. Debbie Galloway, City Planner, to come forward. Ms. Galloway also invited Mr. Paul Dishmon, Tree Board chairman and Ms. Gloria Best, Habitat for Humanity representative, to come forward.

She explained that the Tree Board wanted to recognize one of their long time members, Mickey Overby, who had to resign this year due to health concerns. The board felt that it would be appropriate to plant a tree in Ms. Overby's honor. She explained that a new Habitat House was recently constructed on High Street and the board decided to make a donation to cover the cost of one of the trees planted.

Ms. Galloway then asked Mr. Dishmon to make the presentation to Ms. Best who was present to accept on behalf of Ms. Overby. Ms. Best also presented a picture of the tree. Mr. Dishmon then proceeded to read the plaque that would be delivered to Ms. Overby.

Mayor Grogan mentioned that everyone knew Ms. Best and her husband and anytime there was a project going on in town with volunteers, working and having a good time, you always see them there. They have given a great deal to the community and the community really appreciated it.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Grogan stated that they would also be adding an item under New Business, item 10(e), a budget amendment as well as item 12(e) as Resolution of Support Naming the MHS Baseball Field in honor of Tommy Wood to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Turner to add item 10(e) to New Business, and items 12(d) and 12(e) to the Consent Agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. The agenda was set.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(a) To consider a request from Piedmont Folk Legacies to designate the American Warehouse property and remaining structures as a Local Historic Landmark.

The Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public hearing to consider Local Landmark designation of the American Warehouse property at their regular meeting on November 16, 2009. The property and remaining structures are located on Warehouse Street. The request was submitted by the property owners, Piedmont Folk Legacies. Local landmark designation allows the property owners the option of claiming a 50% discount in property taxes so long as the property maintains its historic integrity. The case report for this property is attached for your review along with comments from the State Historic Preservation Office.

The Historic Preservation Commission requests that Council hold a public hearing to consider this case and make a final decision regarding Local Landmark designation of this property at the November 17, 2009 City Council meeting.

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Local Landmark Designation Report – American Warehouse Complex

Statement of Significance:

The American Warehouse was the largest of the textile mills built by Spray Water Power and Land Company, under the leadership of B. Frank Mebane, grandson-in-law of John Motley Morehead. The mill was built during the rapid expansion of the textile industry in the area from the 1890's to the early 1900's. The mill site and remaining structures are a significant part of the textile heritage of the area and of the State of North Carolina.

Architectural Significance:

The American Warehouse Complex was built in stages over several decades. The oldest part of the mill was built in 1899 (see photos 2 and 3). This building was a three-story brick building distinguished by flat parapets with very narrow corbelled pendants above on the end elevations. Otherwise the building was typical of mill construction of the day, with tall segmented arched windows and a very low-pitched gable roof with exposed rafter ends in the eaves over long facades. The original mill had a five-story tower similar to the Nantucket Mill, but this was truncated to two stories and absorbed into a wing addition built in the 1910's. This addition was connected to a stock storage building and a finishing building, also added in the 1910's. All three additions were connected end-to-end and oriented north to south along Warehouse Street (see photos 4 through 7). These three-story additions were identical to the original mill except for the absence of the corbelled parapets. Also in the 1910's a two-story brick gingham finishing building and a one-story brick bleachery were built just north of the main mill. Also at this time a row of frame one-story warehouses along the railroad tracks were replaced with a row of eleven two-story metal clad units on full raised basements and linked by common fire walls. A concrete reservoir which holds approximately one million gallons was built around 1920.

The most recent additions to the mill, and the only ones still standing, are the three- and five-story buildings which were constructed around 1930 by Marshall Field and Company, who by then had acquired the mill from Spray Water Power and Land Company. These buildings were built with steel frame construction and brick curtain walls. These buildings replaced the four northernmost warehouse units. These buildings feature unusual large concrete interior columns with flared tops.

Historical Significance:

The American Warehouse was built in 1899 by Spray Water Power and Land Company. It was the largest of the textile mills built in the area from the 1890's to the 1900's. It was the parent mill of the Spray Water Power and Land Company chain. The American Warehouse Company and its president B. Frank Mebane and his associates held the majority interest in the stock of the other mills until after 1905.

The American Warehouse Company was established to finish the piece goods and blankets manufactured by the other Spray Water Power and Land Company mills. Around 1912 the mill employed over 200 workers and shipped more than one million blankets and more than 22.5 million yards of piece goods. The mill was acquired by Marshall Field and Company in 1912 when that company bought out the other Spray Water Power and Land Company mills in the area. These mills were later bought by Fieldcrest Mills. The mills ceased operation in the 1990's with the decline of the textile industry and was used as a warehouse until 2008 when it was sold to D.H. Griffin Company, who demolished most of the buildings for salvage materials. D.H. Griffin then donated the property and remaining structures (the 1930's additions) to Piedmont Folk Legacies, a non-profit organization with plans to preserve the remaining structures and utilize the property to assist with the preservation and development of the adjacent Nantucket Mill property.

American Warehouse List of Owners

Spray Water Power and Land Company (1899-1912)

Marshall Field and Company (1912-1953)

Fieldcrest Mills, Inc. (1953-1987)

Fieldcrest Cannon, Inc. (1987-1997)

Citizens Economic Development, Inc. (1997)

B & S Warehouse and Storage (1997-2005)

Riverwalk Development, LLC (2005-2008)

Eden Circle, LLC (2008-2009)

Piedmont Folk Legacies (2009)

Mayor Grogan called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Debbie Galloway for a report.

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Ms. Galloway explained that the American Warehouse was the largest of the textile mills built by Spray Water Power and Land Company, under the leadership of B. Frank Mebane, grandson-in-law of John Motley Morehead. The mill was built during the rapid expansion of the textile industry in the area from the 1890's to the early 1900's. The mill site and remaining structures are a significant part of the textile heritage of the area and of the State of North Carolina.

Piedmont Folk Legacies was the current owner of the property and before they acquired the property the largest portion of the original building was demolished or salvaged however there were two remaining buildings on the property and Piedmont Folk Legacies would like to preserve these properties as historic landmarks.

Ms. Galloway then presented a PowerPoint of the properties. *A copy of this presentation is located in the office of the City Clerk.*

Mayor Grogan asked if anyone was in favor of this request.

Ms. Louise Price, 414 Church Street, explained that she was the president of Piedmont Folk Legacies and she just wanted to thank them and the staff (Kelly Stultz, Debbie Galloway and Debra Madison), for the hard work they have shown in their efforts to do something that was really special with this property. It was really special to the community and one that they hope to bring back to some sort of vitality and make it beneficial again.

Council Member Tuggle expressed thanks as well and noted that if you do not preserve what you have, once it was gone, that was it. He stated that so many of them have had parents or kinfolk who had worked in that mill and he also knew how hard it was to try to get to where they were right now.

Ms. Price added that she thought that most of them were aware that a number of their members were from out of State and they value these buildings just as much and were working very hard on a volunteer basis to make sure something good happens.

Mayor Grogan asked if anyone else would like to speak in favor or in opposition of this request. As no one came forward he then called the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Carter to approve this request and adopt the ordinance designating American Warehouse property a Local Landmark Designation. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

No one came forward to speak at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business was presented at this time.

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NEW BUSINESS:

(a) Consideration and approval of recommendation to accept bid on 241 The Boulevard.

The City owns, through a code enforcement action, the building located at the corner of The Boulevard and Irving Avenue. We have received a bid from Care Givers of Rockingham County through Jim Huffman. The agency bid \$10,000 for the building. They intend to rehab the building and move their offices to the site.

An auction was held in August through the Jesse Meeks agency. This auction brought only \$9,000 with no mention of a use for the building. This did not seem to be a fair risk to accept.

We have advertised the Care Givers bid and received no upsets. Based upon the nature of the organization and the benefit to the community, staff recommends that the Care Givers bid be accepted.

Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections, explained that in 1990, shortly after she came to work for the city, there was a fire at this particular building. From that time until very recently, the city had struggled with what to do about it. She pointed out that a few years ago the city made a decision to spend some money to stabilize it. An attempt to auction the building was made this summer but they felt that it was not a fair risk to accept the bids at that time. She continued to explain that they have recently received a bid of \$10,000 for the building from Care Givers of Rockingham County. This was a public service agency, a private non-profit that plans to move their offices and provide their services there on The Boulevard. She stated that in her opinion this was the beginning of some revitalization for this part of town. She knew that Care Givers was very serious and they have already hired an architect. She stated that based upon the nature of the organization and the benefit to the community the staff recommended that the bid be accepted.

Council Member Burnette questioned the taxes to which Ms. Stultz explained that they did not pay the taxes for a building that were occupying as their office but they were going to have to pay about \$1,000 in delinquent taxes in addition to this bid.

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Ellis to accept the recommendation of the staff that the bid be accepted.

Mayor Grogan pointed out that this was a resurgence of The Boulevard and he suggested that if anyone re-opened the Grand Theater that would be wonderful.

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

(b) Consideration and approval confirming the amount of the indebtedness of demolitions costs to be collected in the same manner as special assessments.

The following properties have been the subject of housing code actions and the structures situated on the properties have been demolished pursuant to an Ordinance adopted by the Eden City Council. The cost of the demolition is noted for each property.

820 Bridge Street	1,850.00
812 Church Street	3,750.00
1328 George Street	3,700.00
1229 E. Stadium Drive	2,150.00

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These particular liens are collected in the same manner as special assessments. We need for you to formally establish these liens and then to authorize legal action. When we appear in court, your formal action will be proven through the minutes.

Ms. Stultz explained that as they all knew, their code enforcement program requires the collection after the actions have been undertaken. For demolitions they were only allowed to collect them as special assessments if they were done under the housing code. She added that special assessments make a lien on the property and not the person's personal property or any other properties they own.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Ellis to authorize staff to proceed. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

(c) Approval and adoption of collection for nuisance abatement fees to be collected as delinquent property taxes.

The attached is a list of properties which have had nuisance violations and the costs associated with the abatement of the violation (copies of the invoices have been delivered to the City Clerk with the Order of Collection).

These particular liens are collected in the same manner as delinquent property taxes. We need for you to formally establish these liens and then to authorize legal action. When we appear in court, your formal action will be proven through the minutes and the execution of the attached Order of Collection.

Ms. Stultz explained that in this case they can attach much more than just the individual property that was there. She then asked that they receive permission to collect these funds.

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

(d) Approval and adoption of proposed ordinance 3-37 Control of Dog Feces.

At the request of a member of council, police department staff researched the feasibility of an ordinance that requires dog owners be responsible for removing animal waste deposited off their own property.

Police department staff thought it important that the proposed ordinance hold the dog owner responsible for both preparation for removal of feces and actual removal of the feces. The proposed ordinance requires dog owners to be prepared to clean up after their dog any time the animal is off their property.

Reece Pyrtle, Police Chief, explained that at the Council's request the staff researched the feasibility of an ordinance that would require dog owners to be responsible for removing feces when the dog was off of their property. Staff looked at it and thought that it was important that the owner of the animal be prepared to actually remove the feces. He noted that they looked at a similar ordinance from another municipality and massaged it a little to meet the needs.

Council Member Epps commented that this was not anything new as most of the cities were doing this.

Chief Pyrtle agreed and he had talked with the City Manager about it and looked at the possibility of putting some extra stations out at the Greenway.

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Mr. Corcoran added that they were going to have some doggy stations with courtesy bags that people can take before walking on the Greenway or in the park.

Chief Pyrtle added that realistically they may need more than one station due to the length of the greenway.

Council Member Tuggle asked if he saw this as something that will take up a lot of his time.

Chief Pyrtle replied that he did not anticipate that they would go out checking however he thought it was important that the owner of the animal be responsible to clean up after their dog.

Council Member Burnette agreed and he thought there was accountability and a responsibility the owner should take but he did not think they could legislate it and he did not see how they could enforce it.

Chief Pyrtle explained that he could see enforcing it as person A's dog goes to person B's house and it does the deed and person A does not go and clean it up. He stated that when you are out walking the dog you should be responsible to clean up after it and he thought the enforcement side, if and when it was enforced, would be a refusal and there was a witness and that it occurs more than on one occasion.

Council Member Burnette commented that he just thought they had a lot more important things to enforce.

Mayor Grogan agreed and pointed out that most everything on their books could not be enforced, but he did get a lot of phone calls on this and he would like to see it go forward.

Council Member Tuggle stated that he was actually walking on the track one day and saw somebody on the track with their dog so it would not be bad to go tell somebody that there was an ordinance on it.

Chief Pyrtle added that it would fall in their animal control ordinance and he hoped they could put an article in Eden's Own Journal to let the public know that they now have this ordinance. He stated that he had much rather educate them than criminalize them.

Council Member Turner stated that this was like Asheville and Boone, there were posts everywhere there was a lot of walking.

Chief Pyrtle added that most of your beach properties do not even let animals out on the beach until a certain time of year and then they require you to carry a certain type of device to clean up.

Council Member Burnette explained that he would agree with the philosophy but disagreed with the approach of enforcing it.

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Carter to approve and adopt the proposed ordinance. Council Members Tuggle, Carter, Myott, Epps, and Turner voted in favor of this motion. Council Members Burnette and Ellis voted in opposition. This motion carried.

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(e) Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #3.

Ms. Tammy Amos, Engineering, explained that she had sent a memo out earlier in the day for them to review. Basically, she explained that she wanted to try to buy some needed street maintenance equipment that she thought would be a tremendous help to maintain city roads. She explained that it really started last month when Council Member Burnette questioned what they could do. She stated that she had met with some State officials in the last couple of weeks and they do what is called a surface patch instead of a full depth patch. She explained that the only thing that the city has ever had the capability to do is a full depth patch, which consists of saw cutting the existing asphalt, removing it and completely replacing it. The NCDOT finds a street that has an area of minor cracking, where there was no depression or moisture or anything coming up through it that shows any signs of subgrade or base failure, then they do what was called a surface patch. They do that with a drag box. She explained that the DOT actually has their drag box made but she did find a manufacturer in Virginia. She stated that she had talked with Darren Gatewood, Street Superintendent, as well as his patching foreman and they were all in agreement that this would be a tremendous help and it would cut down their time, labor and especially the cost of the asphalt and material. She noted that with a surface patch you would only be laying a half inch where normally with full depth you are laying three to four inches of asphalt. She also added that this would also allow them the capability to catch some of this cracking before it gets really severe and they can get it sealed off, patched and let it lay.

Ms. Amos explained that each year they have to postpone streets because of the budget and Powell Bill cuts and they need to find a way to preserve what they have and to slow down the deterioration process. This would allow another way to go in and do some minor repairs and maintenance to these areas.

Council Member Tuggle stated that in her letter she had in there that for every 100 square yards you probably save \$700 doing this and he was just curious about the pay back for this over a period of time.

Ms. Amos replied that it was hard to say how much they will actually do each year because every year the contract changes. For an example, today she was out marking surface patching on five (5) streets that were coming up on the next resurfacing contract. She pointed out that the next contract will not be done until April of 2011 and that was a year and a half away. All of these streets have severe cracking and today she was marking areas that she knew could be surfaced patched and she marked on those 1900 square yards. She explained that if they had to full depth patch all of those areas it would end up being a savings of about \$13,000 in material and that was not counting the savings of time, labor and equipment.

Council Member Tuggle questioned durability. He stated that he had gone to the website and looked it up and she was asking for a light material spreader.

Ms. Amos replied that the particular box they were looking at was called a Light Duty Contractor's Box. It weighs about 800 pounds and it was made of steel. She explained that when she told the manufacturer what she wanted he had actually recommended it. She noted that some of the municipalities go out and do paving with them and they buy some of the higher (priced) models but she only wanted to do leveling over top of sewer lines and this particular box was perfect for what they want to do with it and he said it should last for many years to come. She added that they needed to

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remember however that this box has parts on it that can be replaced. The skid on the bottom, just like on a paving machine, will wear out in over three or four years depending upon how often you use it but those parts can be replaced. The cranks to lift the height of the box and to open the box because it was adjustable, those jacks were also replaceable. She stated that she would like to say it would last ten years, but she really could not say.

Council Member Ellis asked if she had gotten prices on those replacements to which Ms. Amos replied she had not.

Council Member Tuggle commented that the asphalt spreader was about \$12,000 and the material spreader was somewhere around \$7,800, from the discussion they had earlier.

Ms. Amos replied that was correct and in the quote Mr. Gatewood mentioned he was looking at asphalt distributors and looking at a tack trailer that has a spray wand and a spray bar across the back for doing larger areas. Some areas, such as Patterson Street, are fairly large and the bar will be perfect. He has allowed about \$12,000 of that price for his tack trailer and he estimated about \$10,000 for the box, the installation, and they would have to have baffle dividers if they want to narrow that 8' box down. There was also a possibility they would need a tailgate door, they have to buy a wench, and then the battery box that operates the wench. So, to be on the safe side she went ahead and estimated about \$10,000 for the box and all the needed accessories and then \$12,000 for the tack trailer and she also threw in a couple of thousand just to cover anything else that came up.

Council Member Burnette stated that as he understood it, part of that payback was a little hard to determine because what you are trying to do is get that additional year or year and a half out of the street before it really deteriorates so badly that it cannot be patched to which Ms. Amos agreed.

Council Member Myott clarified that she would still keep the streets on her list as this was a temporary measure.

Ms. Amos replied that was correct, they would still have to be resurfaced but this will just be sealing off the cracking so that they can lie for several more months until she could get them paved. She noted that currently they have around 20 to 30 streets they were behind on the paving schedule from the last two years and the cracking was getting worse with every postponement. She explained that sometimes you have a street that was only 10 or 11 years old that would deteriorate quicker than one that was 15 to 18 years old. For instance, she stated that she had looked at Clark Street last year and it just had some narrow minor cracking and this year it has alligator cracking on it from one end to the other. Once that asphalt gets so dry, it will just start cracking and you never know when that time was going to come. On the other hand Gresham Street has been lying for 20 years and it hardly changes from year to year. She explained that she had postponed it for three years but then streets like Clark Street may fail over a matter of months.

Council Member Tuggle also pointed out that the Powell Bill money gets less and less every year and she had more to do with less.

Council Member Myott questioned where this money would come from.

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Ms. Amos replied that the budget amendment was coming out of the Powell Bill fund balance. There was approximately \$180,000 in there now and if at the end of the year they have some funding left in their patching line items or some other line items where they did not use all of those funds then they can use those instead of Powell Bill.

Council Member Burnette thanked Ms. Amos for going out and finding this information.

A motion was made by Council Tuggle seconded by Council Member Burnette to approve and adopt budget amendment #3. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Powell Bill Fund Balance Appropriated	10-3991-99300	\$	- \$	24,000.00
				<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Powell Bill C/O Equip - Depreciable	10-4515-57000	\$	- \$	24,000.00
				<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>

Adopted and effective this 17th day of November, 2009.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogran, Mayor

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

A. Monthly Financial Report

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Myott to approve the Financial Report. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

B. Finance & Human Resources - *No Report*

C. Environmental Services - *No Report*

D. Engineering - *No Report*

E. Economic & Tourism Development - *No Report*

F. Police - *No Report*

G. Fire - *No Report*

H. Planning & Inspections - *No Report*

I. City Attorney - *No Report*

J. City Manager- *No Report*

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CONSENT AGENDA:

(a) Approval and adoption of minutes: October 20, 2009.

(b) Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #2.

The attached budget amendment appropriates funds that were donated for the Eden Preservation Commission plaque project. The plaques were purchased by the city and donations came in as revenues to help pay for the plaques.

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Miscellaneous Revenue	10-3839-89000	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 500.00
				\$ 500.00
General Fund Expenditures				
Econ Development Miscellaneous	10-4135-29900	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 500.00
				\$ 500.00

Appropriate donated funds received for Eden Preservation Commission plaque project.

Adopted and effective this 17th day of August, 2009.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

John Grogran, Mayor

(c) Approval of NCDOT Bridge Inspection Agreement.

The Engineering Department requests authorization from Council to execute the enclosed NC DOT Municipal bridge inspection agreement. The agreement is renewed about every two (2) years for bridge inspections that are federally mandated. This agreement is for bridge inspections that will be performed by June 2010.

The agreement states that the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) will reimburse the NC DOT for 80% of the actual costs of the bridge inspection work. The agreement also states that the City of Eden will reimburse the NC DOT for all remaining costs not paid for by the FHA, or approximately 20% of the cost. Although NC DOT recommends that each municipality allot approximately \$2,600 per bridge per inspection, based on billings for previous inspections we can expect to receive an invoice for about \$1,200; which can be paid from Powell Bill funds.

The City currently owns two (2) bridges - one on Highland Drive that crosses over W. King’s Highway, and one on Park Road that spans Tackett Branch, which will be inspected if this agreement is approved.

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The agreement received this year has removed the requirement that earlier versions had of submitting a resolution that had been adopted by Council.

If you have any questions concerning the approval of this Municipal Agreement, do not hesitate to contact me.

2010 Census Partner Proclamation

WHEREAS an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents’ well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs;

WHEREAS more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data;

WHEREAS census data ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

WHEREAS the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community;

WHEREAS the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains confidential for 72 years;

Now, therefore, we **PROCLAIM** that the City of Eden is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010.

As a 2010 Census partner, we will:

1. Support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.
2. Encourage people in the City of Eden to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and ensure a full and accurate census.
3. Support census takers as they help our community complete an accurate count.
4. Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other like-minded groups in our community, such as Complete Count Committees, to utilize high-profile, trusted voices to advocate on behalf of the 2010 Census.

Signed this 17th day of November , in the year 2009.

Mayor, John E. Grogan

Attest:
Sheralene Thompson
City Clerk

12(d) 2010 Census Partner Proclamation.

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Mayor John E. Grogan

12(e) Resolution of Support Naming the MHS Baseball Field in honor of Tommy Wood.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMING THE MOREHEAD HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD IN HONOR OF TOMMY WOODS

WHEREAS, in September of 1965, Tommy Woods was a senior at Morehead High School and that summer he was scouted by the Cincinnati Reds and New York Mets to be drafted to play in their organizations. He was also chosen to play on an all-star American Legion team out of Roanoke, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, having completed his summer baseball, Tommy decided to play football at Morehead High School, and even though he had never played organized football Tommy's athletic abilities saw him become a starter on the varsity team; and

WHEREAS, in the second game of the season Tommy suffered a broken neck while making a tackle in the second half. The damage to his spinal cord was irreversible and he was paralyzed from the waist down with only 50-60% use of his hands; and

WHEREAS, over the next six months, Tommy endured difficult rehabilitation in Charlotte and at Duke University Hospital, and told by several doctors that he would probably live 2 to 3 years with this type of injury; and

WHEREAS, the amazing thing about Tommy was his attitude during this very difficult period. He was upbeat and positive to all who visited. He kept his studies up, thanks in part to MHS teachers Betty Barker and Bill Gregg, and in the spring of 1966 he graduated with the rest of his classmates; and

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WHEREAS, over the next 44 years, Tommy became an inspiration to all who knew him. He eventually retired after working for several years as a dispatcher for Rockingham County EMS; and

WHEREAS, above all else, Tommy persevered. He was a model of courage and determination to anyone who had the privilege of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, from 1973 to 1989 an award was given each year to a Morehead senior football player who reflected the drive, strength and determination that Tommy had; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 this award was changed to a scholarship, funded by the MHS football boosters club. This scholarship has been continually funded since 2006 with the fund raising efforts of Pete Cunningham, Braxton Rumbley, Hugh Williams, and Bernie Moore; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Woods died of cancer this past June. His long fight, 44 years in a wheelchair, and all the other complications associated with spinal cord injuries were over, too soon for those who knew and loved him; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship committee is seeking community support to have the baseball field at Morehead High School named in Tommy's memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council, City of Eden, without reservation, support naming the Morehead High School baseball field in honor and memory of Tommy Woods;

Given under my hand this 17th day of November, 2009.

John E. Grogan,
Mayor, City of Eden

A motion was made by Council Member Tuggle seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve the Consent Agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

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

OPEN SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Respectfully submitted

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC
City Clerk

ATTEST:

John E. Grogan, Mayor