

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Mayor:           | (absent) | John E. Grogan     |
| Mayor Pro Tem:   | (absent) | 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:   | (absent) | Erin Gilley        |

Representatives from Departments:

Representatives from News Media: Latala Payne, Reidsville Review; Roy Sawyers, RECNO

MEETING CONVENED:

Council Member Myott called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. She 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. She explained that Mayor Grogan was recovering from a recent surgery and Mayor Pro Tem Tuggle's wife had surgery that morning.

INVOCATION:

Wayne Parleir, Pastor of Meadow View United Methodist Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Bernie Moore.

PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Council Member Myott asked Council Member Jim Burnette to read the following proclamation in recognition of Fall Litter Sweep.

**FALL LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual fall statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the fall 2009 LITTER SWEEP roadside cleanup will take place September 19 - October 3, 2009, and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

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**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during **LITTER SWEEP** and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the great natural beauty of our state and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

**WHEREAS**, the fall **2009 LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 21st anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 5,750 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

**WHEREAS**, the **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTINE MYOTT**, representing Eden's City Council, do hereby proclaim September 19 - October 3, 2009, as "**LITTER SWEEP**" time in the City of Eden and encourage citizens to take an active role in making our city cleaner.

Christine Myott  
Eden City Council

ATTEST:

Sheralene S. Thompson  
City Clerk

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Council Member Myott recognized Mrs. Jean Harrington, who was present on behalf of the local DAR chapter. She then asked Council Member Turner to read the following proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week.

**PROCLAMATION**  
Constitution Week 2009

**Whereas**, September 17, 2009 marks the two hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**Whereas**, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Christine Myott, representing Eden's City Council, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2009 to be **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in the City of Eden and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great **SEAL** of the City of Eden on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty third.

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Christine Myott, Eden City Council

Attest:  
Sheralene S. Thompson, City Clerk

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Council Member Myott asked Council Member Epps to read the following proclamation in recognition of International Day of Peace.

**Proclamation  
International Day of Peace, September 21**

**Whereas**, the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

**Whereas**, in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "*devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples*"; and

**Whereas**, the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and

**Whereas**, there is growing support within our city for the observance of the International Day of Peace, which affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and

**Whereas**, global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations,

**Now, therefore, I** Christine Myott, representing Eden's City Council, do hereby proclaim September 21 as

**The International Day of Peace**

Throughout the City of Eden and urge all government departments and agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals in our city to commemorate, in an appropriate manner, the **International Day of Peace**. This may include community service projects, cultural exhibits and performances, a moment of silence, ringing of bells, sharing the universal wish 'May Peace Prevail On Earth' at noon, vigils, religious services in our places of worship, and other education and public awareness activities in order to help establish a global day of peace in our homes, our communities and between nations.

Christine Myott,  
Eden City Council

ATTEST:  
Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC  
City Clerk

SET MEETING AGENDA:

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Council Member Myott noted that they have received a request for a temporary sign to be placed along the city right of way for the Annual Temptations in the Garden event. She explained that this item would need to be added to the Consent Agenda as item (g).

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Ellis to add item 12(g) to the Consent Agenda and to set the meeting agenda. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

(a) To consider that a loan be secured from Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in order to obtain sufficient funds for the purchase of 800 Mhz radios and related interface equipment. All, or substantially all of the assets and property of the City of Eden, whether presently owned or hereafter acquired may be encumbered to secure any loan obtained.

The Police and Fire Departments have submitted an application to the USDA for funding for the purchase of 800 Mhz radios and related interface equipment. This funding includes an installment purchase and possibly grant money. The USDA application process requires that the city council approve an equipment procurement, which is attached, for this purchase. Our current budget includes annual payments for the installment purchase of this equipment. After reviewing the two proposals, it is our recommendation that we accept the Motorola solution for the reasons indicated on the procurement.

**VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT**

A Committee of Police and Fire Personnel obtained bids and made a recommendation of award to the Board for the purchase of 800 Mhz radios and related interface equipment.

The Committee developed a set of basic specifications for the equipment to be purchased. The basic specifications were discussed with the following manufacturers:

1. Motorola
2. E.F.Johnson

Two proposals were received as outlined below:

| <u>Manufacturer</u>   | <u>Price Quoted</u> | <u>Basic Specifications Met</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Motorola Solution*    | \$ 383,058.00       | Yes                             |
| E.F. Johnson Solution | \$ 350,420.00       | Yes                             |

\* Both solutions require five (5) interface boxes for the current radio console. Due to incompatibilities between the existing Telex Consoles and Motorola radio control heads, the City of Eden will have to purchase five (5) E.F. Johnson radio heads which meet compatibility requirements. This cost is included in both quotes.

The Committee carefully evaluated each proposal. The committee selected the proposal from Motorola to purchase portable and mobile radios. E. F. Johnson equipment will be utilized in the radio room interface.

- The State Highway Patrol and Rockingham County are using Motorola
- The VIPER radio system functions on a Motorola backbone
- Motorola has stronger and more stable market capitalization than E. F. Johnson
- Motorola has set the industry standard for this equipment
- Motorola has a local service provider
- Motorola voice quality is clearer

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- EF Johnson demonstrated software problems when dropped

In a Board of Directors meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, the findings and recommendations of the Committee were presented to the Board. A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the Committee's recommendation, a second to the motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_.

Motion was discussed and voted on. The vote was: FOR \_\_\_\_\_ AGAINST \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_.

**CERTIFIED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary /Clerk Date

Council Member Myott called for a public hearing and asked Chief Pyrtle for a report.

Chief Pyrtle explained that they had included in the 2009-2010 budget funds set aside for the purchase of 800 Mhz radio equipment. He stated that they looked at some funding opportunities that were out there locally but they also considered funding sources through the USDA. He explained that the USDA offers a relatively low interest rate fund and also part of the monies can be awarded in the form of a grant and currently their interest rate was at about 4.38%. The advantage of using the USDA was the terms can exceed five years but there was no penalty for pre-pay. They investigated and in their budget they had proposed a five-year capital improvement project for a loan to purchase radios. When they looked at the USDA they could expand the number of years of the terms of the loan but also there was no penalty for prepay, so if they were able to secure the USDA loan and part of it was a grant, it would obviously save some money. So the staff got together and prepared a pre-application for the USDA. It was submitted and they had found out today it will not be awarded in this fiscal year's budget, the Federal fiscal year September 30, but they were told that they were kind of first in line starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, which was a good thing. He explained that the City Council would need to approve an equipment procurement.

Council Member Myott asked if anyone was in favor or opposition of this request. As no one came forward she then called the public hearing closed.

Council Member Burnette asked if his recommendation was essentially based upon Motorola's history and their performance in the past as opposed to E.F. Johnson.

Chief Pyrtle replied that was correct. He added that part of their solution does include an EF Johnson in the Police Department bases and that was just a decision made at the time they were upgrading the radio system in-house, but for the field their recommendation was going to be the Motorola.

Council Member Epps noted that they did a demonstration at the Council's retreat and the Motorola did a whole lot better.

Chief Pyrtle added that he had a Motorola radio in his police car right now that has been there for about 16 years and it has been in and out of a couple of different cars, but he could still turn it on.

Council Member Carter asked if this was for the police department.

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Chief Pyrtle replied no it was police and fire and they had qualified through the USDA and he thought as much as 3% being in the form of a grant.

Council Member Ellis asked how many handhelds they would have altogether.

Chief Pyrtle replied that he thought they figured 60 portables and 50 mobile for the police. He added that some of those portables will be spares but they would also be available to loan out to different divisions within the city should there be some type of emergency that needed communication. He noted that one of the things about this; it was going to allow them for the first time in 20 years, to be able to speak to the fire department on the same channel. They had the capability within the last few years to patch, but he could never speak car to car with the fire department.

Council Member Ellis asked how many towers they had in the area right now.

Chief Pyrtle replied that there were 4 towers and they were actually in a good location across the State and in one of the areas that probably has the best coverage in the State. They were very fortunate in that aspect.

Council Member Ellis asked if he had received any negative talk about this.

Chief Pyrtle replied no. They have been talking about the VIPER system for a long time. One of the advantages of that, the State owns the infrastructure and right now they do not charge anything to use it and they maintain it and when they maintain it one of their initial concerns was what if the infrastructure had a problem and it goes down, how fast would it be before it was repaired and having the redundancy that they have he really did not think that was going to be an issue as they were going to have a lot of coverage.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve this recommendation. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

(b) To consider Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for Water & Sewer. The proposed site is the Holland Street area for housing and infrastructure improvements.

The City of Eden, like other non entitlement cities in North Carolina, competes for funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program. This funding can be used for housing rehabilitation, clearance, relocation, infrastructure improvements and recreational improvements, water and sewer projects and economic development projects. All of these various kinds of projects are designed to offer assistance to low and moderate income residents of our community.

As the time for application approaches, we are required to hold a public hearing. This is a requirement of the North Carolina Department of Commerce. By including all of the various types of projects, we hope to position our community to gain the most funding possible where it is needed the most.

We plan to make an application for the Holland Street area. The application will include housing, drainage, sidewalk, street, water and sewer improvements. This particular grant cycle does not require matching funds from the City.

The City is required to hold a second public hearing by the end of September. We would ask that you permit the Planning Board to hold the second public hearing and authorize the required resolution. A copy of the Resolution to be adopted by the Planning Board is attached for you to review.

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATION**

- WHEREAS, various State and Federal agencies provide for funds to municipalities to meet the needs of local governments in financing the cost of Community Development; and
- WHEREAS, the Division of Community Assistance will be the State administering agency for the Community Development Block Grant Program whose funds are designed to improve the living condition and environment of low to moderate income households; and
- WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden has solicited and received citizen input regarding the 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Holland Street Community Revitalization Project which will provide housing rehabilitation, assistance; and infrastructure activities to include water line, street and drainage improvements, to the Holland Street area.

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

That the City Council of the City of Eden will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the project and to Federal and State grants pertaining thereto.

That, John E. Grogan, Mayor, and Kelly K. Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections, and successors so titled is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate governmental agencies may request in connection with such applications for the project; to make the assurances and certifications as contained above, and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the construction of the project.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2009, at the City of Eden, North Carolina, by a vote of the Planning Board of the City of Eden.

Council Member Myott called for a public hearing and asked Mrs. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections, for a report.

Mrs. Stultz explained that the City of Eden, like all of the smaller communities in North Carolina, compete for community development block grants or federal funding for improvements. This particular year because the Federal Government was pressing them to grant as much money as they possibly could and because of economic problems, the staff was informed in late August of a grant cycle for infrastructure and housing needs repair that does not require the city to put up any funds. She noted that generally the city has to match about 20%, but this year they will not be required to expend any local funds should the grant be received. Mrs. Stultz's staff, along with the help of the Engineering department, identified several areas that might qualify based on water and sewer needs. Also, this year they were allowing drainage needs and possible sidewalk construction.

She explained that the area they were currently looking toward would have a significant amount of housing needs. She pointed out that the wonderful thing for the property owners was that your home would be assessed and repairs made at no cost. Rental units would have a little different scenario than low interest loans. Renters would have lots of options if the house could not be repaired. She stated that they really believe that this was a great project to undertake.

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Mrs. Stultz explained that the requirements involve a public hearing, (which was held September 15). She noted that this grant process requires two (2) public hearings and in light of the time constraints, they have to get everything done for this phase by September 30 so they were also requesting that the City Council give the Planning Board the authority to have the other public hearing at their meeting next Tuesday and also authorize them to adopt the resolution.

Council Member Myott asked if anyone was in favor or opposition of this request. As no one came forward she then called the public hearing closed.

Council Member Carter commented that she had said that the city would have no money in this program so it was free...to which Mrs. Stultz explained that it did not hurt to apply, it was a competitive process and there were some qualification issues and in fact the consultants and their staff had been out yesterday and today meeting with the folks in this neighborhood. She noted that they were fortunate or unfortunate, depending upon how you look at it, there were some other areas and if there was not enough interest from these folks then they hope to move forward in another area and what that meant was the public hearing they had tonight and also next week simply starts the process and any further identification of an area, terms, all of those things, will of course come back to the Council should they receive the grant funds.

Council Member Burnette asked if they had any advantage as Eden was a city in a Tier I county.

Mrs. Stultz replied yes and explained that the disadvantage of being in a Tier I county gives them a definite leg up in these grant funds and also the demographics of the particular area they were looking to certainly gives an extra "oomph" in order to qualify.

Council Member Burnette noted that this was not free money but money that does not cost the city directly and it could be a help to their water and sewer infrastructure as well.

Mrs. Stultz also added that it would certainly be to the residents of the area and also as they know they were pretty excited about this option of having no match. She explained that the only time they would actually pay for was for that of her staff and her own time.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Epps to approve this recommendation that allows the Planning Board to be allowed to hold a second Public Hearing and adopt the resolution. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

#### REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Mr. Deedy Ramsey, Morgan Road, addressed the Council:

Mr. Ramsey stated that he wanted to know why the city has done nothing about the curbs and the sidewalks on the Cook Block.

Council Member Ellis questioned which side to which Mr. Ramsey replied it was on both sides. He stated that there was a hump on his side of the street and if somebody falls and breaks a leg they were going to sue the city. He noted that also the curb was completely gone in two different spots.



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Council Member Carter questioned if that was in about two or three areas.

Mr. Ramsey replied that it was closer to four or five and he had started asking about it when Mr. Shipwash (former Street Superintendent) was with the city.

Council Member Epps asked if it would be in order to have a study to which Council Member Turner pointed out that they had recently done a survey.

Council Member Carter asked if he had already talked with Mr. Gatewood (Street Superintendent) to which Mr. Ramsey said that he had.

The City Manager stated that he would get with Mr. Gatewood about the matter and let the Council and Mr. Ramsey know the outcome.

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Mr. Jim Smith, The Exhaust Center – Washington Street, addressed the Council:

Mr. Smith explained that he had two (2) issues. He wanted to also thank everyone who came by to see him and talk with him before and after they did the sidewalks as he was very pleased with it. Now he had an issue on the dumpster at his shop. He explained that he had called and got the city to bring him a couple of green containers because he did not have that much trash at the shop. He had been trying since September 3 to get Waste Management to pick up the dumpster. Waste Management sent an affidavit for him to sign stating that he was either closing or selling. He told them that he was not selling or closing and the city was taking care of his trash at the present time. He noted that he did understand that this was not the city's problem. He explained that he had phoned them four times today and talked with different people and each one of them had given him the run around. He explained that he was asking somebody to call them had ask them to remove the dumpster from his property. He noted that it was currently behind the shop and he did not know if that would entice them to pick it up but he did tell them he would remove it by 5:00 today if they do not pick it up and it had not been picked up.

He explained that his next issue was the assessment on the taxes for the downtown area. He stated that he had addressed them the last time and he had called everybody he knew and no one could give him an answer. He pointed out that the last person he had spoken with was Brad Corcoran and he thought Mr. Corcoran had told him that he was a board member.

Mr. Corcoran commented that he was not on that board and he had not discussed anything with Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith replied that he had written the name down but he could have gotten it wrong. He apologized for it but whoever he spoke to...to which Mr. Mr. Corcoran stated that he thought he had talked with Tom Barbour.

Mr. Smith stated that he had not talked with him. He explained that he was sent over to David Price's. He asked Mr. Corcoran if he had received a phone call from Rhonda Price.

Mr. Corcoran replied that he had not spoken with Ms. Price.

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Mr. Smith stated that he would have to go back to Rhonda on this but nevertheless he could not get an answer. He explained that as he understood it, they have had one (1) meeting and then they brought it in front of the City Council. He explained that he was not at that one meeting but he did attend the City Council Meeting and he had spoken against it at that time.

He explained that these people had not done anything for him. He pointed out that whoever it was he had talked with, they were telling him about the sidewalks and the poles they were going to paint and this had nothing to do with this assessment. He stated that his city taxes were paying for the sidewalks and the poles to be painted and if Duke Power was painting the poles, he did not know how they were getting paid.

They keep telling him that this downtown organization did not know when they were going to have another meeting or if they were going to have one and he could not understand how the city could assess his taxes when he was getting nothing. They say that one of these days or years he would get some Christmas lights but he had been there for 40 some years and he had not received them yet. He added that he could guarantee them that other than Pace-Stone and Mr. Harrington he had been on Washington Street probably as long as anyone down there and I had always paid taxes and tried to help the city but he thought these people were going a little bit too far assessing him and he had nothing to show for it.

Council Member Myott asked if he was not a member of the downtown association and Council Member Ellis asked if he had ever been.

Mr. Smith replied no he had been against anything that was going to raise his taxes and they had never ever put Christmas lights to Hamilton Street.

Council Member Epps asked if they had some type of program or had ever let him know what he was supposed to be getting.

Mr. Smith replied no it was always maybe next year or the year after when they get enough money they might put some lights down there and again keep in mind, this Saturday he would have to close (Riverfest). He added that he was not griping about that as he loved it but they use his property for a parking lot and it takes an hour or an hour and a half to clean it up. He explained that he was griping about these people assessing him and he was not getting anything out of it. He stated that he would appreciate the City Council or anyone who could help him with these matters.

Mr. Corcoran commented that to refresh everyone's memory, the Municipal Service District has not been in place very long and in fact this past year was the first year the taxes were collected. He stated that they may remember that the City Council was approached by the Leaksville Merchant's Association and at that time it was brought to light that not all of the property owners were in favor of the creation of the district but by and large the vast majority of the property owners were. The downtown merchants then asked that the Council create that district. The same process took place in the Draper area as well. The Council approved those requests and the districts were created. At this point the only role the city plays is a collection agent where actually the County does the assessment and collection, they send the funds to the city and in the City budget there was a special fund set up for this purpose. So when these funds are received they are put into these specific accounts and how that

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money was spent is completely controlled by the boards in place by the MSD in the Leaksville and Draper area. He explained that Mr. Smith's best solution, and they could check with the City's attorney, was to try and find out when that next meeting was and ask that board what he could do, if anything, to have his concerns addressed or what legal process was involved to get out of the MSD. He added that the city was made aware that it was not 100% in Leaksville or Draper but the vast majority was (in favor) and that was why they did it. He also added that the City Council cannot go to those boards and say you have to spend your money on a, b or c.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business to discuss.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

A. Monthly Financial Report

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Turner to approve the Financial Report. 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 - *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*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- (a) Approval and adoption of minutes: August 18 and August 29, 2009.
- (b) Approval and adoption of Resolution authorizing Clean Water Bond Grant Application to the NC Rural Economic Development Center for City of Eden Cargill/Dry Creek Pump Station.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLEAN WATER BOND GRANT APPLICATION  
TO THE NC RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
FOR CITY OF EDEN CARGILL/DRY CREEK PUMP STATION**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated funds from the Clean Water Bond Act as well as yearly appropriations to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center for the purpose of making grants to rural communities in need of water and wastewater infrastructure improvements; and,

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WHEREAS, The City of Eden has need for and intends to construct a new wastewater pump station and associated piping and appurtenances in order to comply with a NCDENR mandate to eliminate an existing wastewater treatment plant. This project is needed in order for the City to retain a reliable and adequate wastewater system for a local industry whose wastewater is currently treated at the Dry Creek Wastewater Plant that is to be eliminated; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eden intends to request state grant assistance for the project,

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

1. That the City of Eden will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State grant award.
2. That the City of Eden will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.
3. That John E. Grogan, Mayor, 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 aid in the construction of the project described above.
4. 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.
5. 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 Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009 at Eden, North Carolina

John E. Grogan, Mayor

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

(c) Approval and adoption of Resolution to Donate Surplus City Owned Personal Property.

The police department has no further use of two (2) metal and wood grained desks. It is my recommendation that the personal property be declared surplus property and donated to the newly formed Rockingham County Crime Scene Investigation Unit.

**RESOLUTION TO DONATE PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden recognizes that the Eden City Police Department is in possession of the following personal property:

Two (2) metal and wood grained desks with City of Eden Code numbers 0301 and 0610

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden recognizes that the Eden City Police Department has no need of these desks, therefore rendering the aforementioned property surplus and unused.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden desires to donate this aforementioned surplus and unused property to the governmental unit entitled, The Rockingham County Crime Scene Investigations Unit.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council for the City of Eden pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-280 that the two (2) metal and wood grained desks with City of Eden Code numbers 0301 and 0610 be deemed surplus and unused.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the two (2) metal and wood grained desks with City of Eden Code numbers 0301 and 0610 be donated to the governmental unit entitled The Rockingham County Crime Scene Investigations Unit.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 15th day of September, 2009.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Christine Myott, Eden City Council

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

(d) Consideration and approval of Bank Selection.

In early July we sent out banking services request for proposals to all local banks. Our current banking service contract with First Citizens Bank expires on October 1, 2009. The new contract will run from October 2009 until September 2013. All the banks met our standard requirements for banking services. Interest earned and the costs of these services were the deciding factors in our selection of banks.

Comparing the five proposals, we projected the annual interest less the annual estimated net service charge less costs of checks which gives the net earnings (loss). Attached is a comparison of the banks that responded to our request for proposals.

Given all the different criteria, it is the recommendation of the finance department that the City of Eden accepts Home Savings Bank's proposal for banking services. Home Savings has held the city's CDs in the past as well as handling some of our installment purchases and they have always been eager to meet our needs and requests.

(e) Approval and adoption of an ordinance amending the speed on Glovenia Street. (Traffic Study in reference to decreasing the speed limit on Glovenia).

On August 11, 2009, Sgt. Shelton received a traffic study request from Councilman Burnette in reference to decreasing the speed limit on Glovenia Street. The speed limit on Glovenia Street is currently 35 MPH. Glovenia Street is a primarily a residential area with many side streets intersecting (see attached).

A visual survey of posted speed limits in the area shows that several other streets in the neighborhood are posted 25 MPH. One of those streets, College Street (a one-way street), empties onto Dumaine Street (also one-way). Dumaine Street is located next to Leaksville-Spray Elementary School. The speed limit on Dumaine Street is 25 MPH.

The Police Department's recommendation would be to set the speed limit for the entire length of Glovenia Street to 25 MPH.

(f) Approval and adoption of Resolution Declaring September 26-October 3, 2009 as Rockingham County Big Sweek Week.

A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCILOF EDEN

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 3, 2009 AS  
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BIG SWEEP WEEK

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

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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,

WHEREAS, North Carolina Big Sweep is a statewide community effort to retrieve trash from North Carolina’s waterways and landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, during the past 18 years thousands of NC Big Sweep volunteers in Rockingham County have removed over 500,000 pounds of debris from our county’s environment, including tires, white goods and other solid waste; and,

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to help make this the most successful cleanup yet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Eden, North Carolina, meeting on September 15, 2009, does hereby declare SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 3, 2009 as ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BIG SWEEP WEEK in Eden, and does further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes and streams by volunteering to participate in the Big Sweep event.

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

Christine Myott, Eden City Council

ATTEST:

Sheralene S. Thompson, Clerk

(g) Consideration of a request by Jean Ann Wood, President of Eden Chamber of Commerce, for a temporary sign for the Annual Temptations in the Garden.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Turner to approve all consent agenda items. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted

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Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Christine Myott, Eden City Council