

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:	Angela Hampton Darryl Carter Jerry Epps Donna Turner
Council Members Elect:	Bernie Moore Jim Burnette Neville Hall Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
Representatives from Departments:	
Representatives from News Media:	Dallas Britt, Eden News

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Tuggle 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:

Buddy Reed, Pastor of Central Christian Church, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

INTRODUCTION OF THE HONORABLE EDWIN G. WILSON, JR.:

Mayor Tuggle introduced the Honorable Edwin G. Wilson, Jr., Superior Court Judge, who was present to administer the oath of office to the newly elected City Council Members.

He then declared that seats from Ward 1,2,6 and 7 were vacant.

a. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Bernie Moore – Ward 1

Mayor Tuggle asked Council Member-Elect Bernie Moore (representing Ward 1) to come forward to be sworn in by Judge Wilson.

b. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Jim Burnette – Ward 2

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Mayor Tuggle asked Council Member-Elect Jim Burnette (representing Ward 2) to come forward to be sworn in by Judge Wilson.

c. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Neville Hall – Ward 6

Mayor Tuggle asked Council Member-Elect Neville Hall (representing Ward 6) to come forward to be sworn in by Judge Wilson.

d. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Jerry Ellis – Ward 7

Mayor Tuggle asked Council Member-Elect Jerry Ellis (representing Ward 7) to come forward to be sworn in by Judge Wilson.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Tuggle asked Ms. Donna Turner to come forward. He then presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service of 12 years as a City Council Member.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

Council Member Ellis nominated Council Member Jim Burnette as Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Hampton to appoint Council Member Burnette as Mayor Pro Tem. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

ABC Chairman:

Mr. Tommy Flynt was appointed to serve as chairman on the ABC Board.

Rockingham County Solid Waste Committee:

Mayor Tuggle appointed Council Member Bernie Moore to the Rockingham County Solid Waste Committee.

Piedmont Triad Council of Governments:

Mayor Tuggle re-appointed Council Member Darryl Carter to the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton seconded by Council Member Hall to approve the Mayoral appointments. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

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SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Tuggle explained that the County Rate Agreement needed to be added to the agenda as item 13 under New Business.

A motion was made by Council Member Hall seconded by Council Member Carter to add the County Rate Agreement to New Business as item 13 and to set the agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Consideration and approval of SGRTEX, LLC CDBG Close-Out Public Hearing.

Mayor Tuggle called for a Public Hearing asked Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic and Business Development to come forward.

Mr. Dougherty explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to solicit public participation in the closeout of the SGRTEX LLC Building Reuse Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by gathering citizens' views and comments prior to the submission of the closeout documentation to the NC Department of Commerce—Commerce Finance Center.

The CDBG Building Reuse Grant provided \$750,000 to assist in providing building renovation improvements to a vacant building at 335 Summit Road in Eden, NC which allowed SGRTEX,LLC to begin operations at this location in Rockingham County. SGRTEX,LLC committed \$750,000 in local funds toward the project. Upon closeout of the grant, SGRTEX, LLC had expended \$953,687 toward the proposed building improvements.

The grant application included a job commitment of 38 full time jobs to be created at this new facility, with at least 60% being of low/moderate income. At project closeout, SGRTEX, LLC reported/documented that 39 new full time jobs had been created at this new facility; of which at least 60% were of low/moderate income.

On October 1, 2015, Mr. Kenny Stagg with the NC Department of Commerce completed a routine monitoring visit of the City's CDBG files on this project. Upon his exit interview with the City's Economic Development Director, Mr. Stagg recommended the City proceed with scheduling the close out public hearing and submit closeout documentation immediately following the public hearing.

Once the public hearing is closed, the City Council will make a motion to proceed with the project close out and authorize LKC Engineering, PLLC to proceed with preparing the Close Out documentation for the Mayor to execute and submit to the NC Department of Commerce.

Mayor Tuggle asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition of this request. As no one came forward to speak Mayor Tuggle then declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve the SGRTEX,LLC CDBG Close-Out authorizing the engineering firm to proceed with preparing the

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closeout documentation for submittal to the NC Department of Commerce. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion. This motion carried.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

*No one came forward to speak at this time.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

*No Unfinished Business at this time.*

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Rate Agreement with Rockingham County

Attached you will find a proposed sewer rate agreement with Rockingham County. The City currently has a sewer rate agreement with the County. In fiscal year 2014-2015, the City earned \$157,076 in wastewater revenue from this agreement. The County has previously expressed interest in obtaining its wastewater service from other sources. In light of the City's recent decreasing water and sewer customers, Staff believes that amending our current sewer agreement with the County is in the best interest of the City. In an effort to preserve this revenue and maintain the County as a customer, I have prepared the following amendment to the rate agreement with the County. The County staff has also agreed to the terms and will present it to their Board at their January meeting. The amendment focuses on three issues. They are to lock in the current County rate until the expiration of the term, which is set to expire in January of 2023, obligate the County to exclusively use Eden sewer service and no other provider until the end of the term, and for negotiations for a new agreement to begin one year prior to the expiration of the term.

Staff believes that this Agreement is in the best interest of the City primarily because it will be maintaining sewer revenue and a sewer user. Staff recommended approval of this Agreement.

Council Member Burnette asked if that was typical for a year to which Mr. Corcoran replied in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Moore to approve the County Rate Agreement. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

*No reports were scheduled.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of minutes: November 9 and 17, 2015.
- b. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Booster Pump Station Replacement by Dan River Water, Inc., on Settlement Loop.

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A motion was made by Unanimous Consent to approve the Consent Agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Unanimous Consent 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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Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor