#### **CITY COUNCIL**

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

#### **COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

308 E. Stadium Drive January 16, 2018 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Meeting called to order by: Neville Hall, Mayor
- 2. Invocation: Jerry Ellis, Eden City Council Member Ward 7
- 3. Pledge Of Allegiance:
- 4. Recognitions & Proclamations:
  - a. Recognition: Eden Lawn Mower Shop  $50^{\rm th}$  Anniversary. Mike Doughtery, Director of Economic Development
  - b. Recognition: Home of Refuge Outreach Homeless Shelter, Melissa Galloway.
  - c. Proclamation: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 5. Roll Call:
- 6. Set Meeting Agenda:
- 7. Public Hearings:
- 8. Closed Session:
  - a. Closed session in accordance with GS 143-318.11 (a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.
  - b. Closed Session in accordance with GS 143-318.11 (a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease.
  - c. Closed Session in accordance with GS 143-318.11 (a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client

privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

- 9. Open Session:
- 10. Requests And Petitions Of Citizens:
- 11. Audit Presentation:
  - a. Presentation of the 2016-2017 Audit by Rouse, Rouse, Penn & Rouse. Judy & Rex Rouse
- 12. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Approval of Boards and Commissions Appointments. Kelly Stultz, Planning
  - b. Consideration of Request to Adopt an Ordinance for the Demolition of a Structure at 216 The Boulevard under the City of Eden Non-Residential Building Maintenance Ordinance. Kelly Stultz, Planning

#### 13. New Business:

- a. Approval and Adoption of Resolution to Donate Firefighting Gear Surplus to Rockingham County High School Fire Program for Training Purposes. Tommy Underwood, Fire Chief
- b. Consideration of a Request to Approve the Purchase of a 2018 New Life Knuckleboom Loader Truck. Paul Dishmon, Municipal Services Director
- c. Approval and Adoption of Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation. Erin Gilley, City Attorney
- 14. Reports From Staff:
  - a. City Manager's Report. Brad Corcoran, City Manager
- 15. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approval and Adoption of December 19, 2017 Minutes. Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk
- 16. Announcements:
- 17. Adjourn

## HOME OF REFUGE OUTREACH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Home of Refuge Outreach, founded by Mrs. Melissa Galloway and Mr. Tremaine Nunley of Reidsville, North Carolina, has been in operation since October of 2011 and was started to provide temporary shelter, food and essential clothing items, to promote the spiritual welfare of the homeless as needed, to raise the awareness of the issue of homelessness, and to increase the number of resource organizations working to prevent and end homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, Home of Refuge Outreach relies heavily on individual and organizational donors and volunteers to sustain its mission and has had an estimated total of 600-700 volunteers in all capacities since 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Home of Refuge Outreach has housed 332 persons, called "Neighbors", in Rockingham County since 2011, housed and transported to school and childcare 34 children between the ages of 2 and 15, and housed 8 veterans of the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Home of Refuge Outreach provides hot meals, transportation, a shower area and living quarters, a computer and employment resource area, clothing, weekly laundry service and SKAT bus passes; and

**WHEREAS,** Home of Refuge Outreach provides limited transitional housing that has served 5 families which have transitioned to their own home since 2015 and the most rewarding is seeing the Neighbors receive furniture for their homes; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proclamation is to educate the public and advocate with and on behalf of people experiencing homelessness and the many reasons people are homeless and to encourage support for organizations such as Home of Refuge Outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden recognizes that homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many individuals and families in Eden and it forces each of us to ask the hard question – what is ours to do?

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim that "Homelessness isn't just my problem, homelessness is a community problem, it's everyone's problem", and encourage our citizens to promote and participate in assisting our homeless population.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Eden, North Carolina to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Neville Hal
Mayo



# A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 15th TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that nothing could replace a kindness rendered by one human being to another and that a good society is a result of millions of such good small acts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., through his life and his work taught that freedom of choice and respect for fellow human beings are to be sought; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was tragically killed on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee while leading sanitation workers in a protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** January 15, 2018, marks the observance of the Federal legal holiday, established by Public Law No. 98-144, to honor the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not only for remembrance and celebration but for a Day of Service to strengthen communities, empower individuals and bridge barriers, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the City of Eden to support and contribute to community efforts in the observance of the Federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Neville Hall, Mayor of the City of Eden, hereby designate January 15, 2018 be set aside as

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

in Eden, North Carolina, and to recognize this day as "A Day On, Not A Day Off" and apply Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and teachings of community service to inspire others to serve.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

	By:	
	Neville Hall, Mayor	
	City of Eden	
ATTEST:	·	
Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC, MMC		
City Clerk		



## Planning and Inspections Department

308 East Stadium Drive, Eden, North Carolina 27288 Phone: (336) 623-2110 Fax: (336) 623-4057

#### **MEMO**

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Thru: Brad Corcoran, City Manager

From: Debbie Galloway

2018 Boards and Commissions Appointments Subject:

Date: January 4, 2018

City The following seats the Boards and Commissions on are qu appointment/reappointment in 2018. When making appointments, please consider whether these persons have the time or the ability (for whatever reason) to attend regular meetings and participate in the activities of the board or commission.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call.

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Cleveland Ellison Term Expires 2017 Ward 6 – Councilwoman Grogan Term Expires 2017 ETJ \*(appointment must be made by Terry Shelton Council and approved by County

Commissioners)

#### **Community Appearance Commission**

Raven Brown Term Expires 2017 Mayor

Sylvia Grogan

Ward 6 - Councilwoman Grogan Ward 7 - Councilman Ellis **Bonnie Fargis** Term Expires 2017

**Historic Preservation Commission** 

Term Expires 2017 Beth Pulliam Ward 3 – Councilwoman Hampton

**Planning Board** 

Steve Morgan Term Expires 2017 ETJ \*(appointment must be made by

Council and approved by County

Commissioners)



## Planning and Inspections Department

P. O. Box 70, 308 E Stadium Drive, Eden NC 27289-0070/Telephone 336-623-2110/Fax 336-623-4057

## **MEMO**

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**Thru:** Brad Corcoran, City Manager **From:** Kelly K. Stultz, AICP, Director

**Subject: Non-Residential Building Maintenance Standards** 

216 The Boulevard (Formerly Grand Theater)

Date: January 4, 2018

The original request for the authorization to demolish the building known as 216 The Boulevard was brought before the City Council at the November 2017 regular meeting. Council tabled the action until the January 2018 regular meeting.

Staff recommends that J. W. Saunders Construction, Inc. be awarded the bid for the demolition of the building with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$18,339.00.

Once the demolition is done at the City's expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments. Special assessments are a lien only on the property in question. That means the best remedy available to us is foreclosure. There is no guarantee that these funds can be recovered.

Prepared by and Return to: Erin B. Gilley

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF A PORTION OF THE BUILDINGS AT 216 THE BOULEVARD, EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

THIS ORDINANCE is issued pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §160A-426 and Chapter 4, Article VI of the Eden City Code.

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of June, 2004, the Director of the Planning and Inspections Department examined the structure formerly occupied by The Grand Theater and owned by Bryant D. Lemons and wife, Azile P. Lemons, at 216 The Boulevard, Eden, North Carolina and found it to be unsafe and defective, that said property is more particularly described as follows:

BEING AND CONTAINING a lot on which is situated the "Old Grand Theater" and Boulevard Shoe Repair Building", said lot being designated on Rockingham County Tax Map 221 in Block 1 as Lot 32 and further consisting of all those small tracts described in deed dated December 14, 1972, from Robert D . Price et al to Douglas L. Craddock and wife, recorded in Deed Book 685, page 616, Rockingham Registry, said lot being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron located in the Northeastern line of The Boulevard, said iron being located

S. 61° 00' E. 104 feet and S. 52° 58' E. 30 feet from the N. E. intersection of Oak Avenue with The Boulevard; thence continuing with the Northeastern linen of The Boulevard, S. 52° 58' E. 71.5 feet, more or less, to an iron, the S.W. corner of a lot now or formerly occupied by The Boulevard branch of the Leaksville Bank and Trust Company; thence with the Northwestern line of said Bank lot, N. 45° 07' E. 150 feet to an iron located in the Southwestern line of Wilson Alley; thence with the Southwestern line of Wilson Alley, N. 45° 07' W. 70.9 feet to an iron, the N.E. corner of a tract conveyed to Frank Joyce by deed recorded in Deed Book 456, page 415, Rockingham Registry; thence with the Southeastern line of said Joyce tract and with the Southeastern line of the lot now or formerly known as the "Floyd Hill Furniture Lot", S. 45° 07' W. 150 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. This conveyance includes transfer to the Grantee of all Wall rights and

hereditaments to the above described lot. (For reference see Deed Book 685, page 616, Rockingham Registry.)

The above described property being more commonly known as 216 The Boulevard, Eden, North Carolina, and being further identified by the Rockingham County Tax Dept. as PIN 7070-14-42-4813-00.

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of June, 2004, the Director caused to be issued a Condemned Building Notice and Finding of Unsafe and Condemned Building or Structure which was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail; that the certified mail was returned by the U. S. Postal Service; that the documents were posted on the subject property on the 30th day of June, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Director caused a Notice of Condemnation and Hearing to be issued on the 23rd day of November, 2004, calling for a hearing on the 15th day of December, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Notice was served on the property owners by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the 24th day of November, 2004, and by first class mail; and

WHEREAS, the hearing was held on the 15th day of December, 2004, and the Director subsequently issued an Order to repair or demolish the property; and

WHERAS, a copy of the Order was served on the property owners by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the 30th day of March, 2005, and by first class mail; and

WHEREAS, the property owners did not appeal the Order and, pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code, a copy of the order has been mailed to any organization involved in providing or restoring dwellings for affordable housing that has filed a written request for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the property was sold to Michael E. Hall by deed recorded on December 21, 2015, in Deed Book 1500, page 957 in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, the attorney for the new owner was notified on December 7, 2015, of the pending Non-Residential Structure violation and the new owner was given notice on March 30, 2016, that an Order to Take Corrective Action was issued on March 29, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Owners have had a reasonable opportunity to bring the property into conformity with Chapter 4, Article IV of the Eden City Code and they have failed to take any action to comply with the Director's Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden that the Director is hereby ordered to proceed to effectuate the purpose of the Non-Residential Building Maintenance Standards set out in Article VI of Chapter 4 of the Eden City Code with respect to the property described above by demolishing the structure formerly occupied by The Grand Theater located thereon.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina, and indexed in the name of Michael E. Hall in the Grantor and Grantee index.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amount of the cost of demolishing the dwelling by the Director shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred, said lien shall be filed, have the same priority, and be collected as the lien for special assessment provided by North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A, Article 10.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 16th day of January, 2018.

	CITY OF EDEN	
	BY:	
ATTEST:	Neville A. Hall, Mayor	
Sheralene Thompson	<del></del>	
CMC, MMC, NCCMC		
City Clerk		



## EDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

# **MEMO**

To: Honorable Mayor, Eden City Council through

**Brad Corcoran, Eden City Manager** 

From: Tommy Underwood, Fire Chief

Date: January 4, 2018

**Subject:** Donation Of Surplus Turnout Gear

The City Of Eden Fire Department has pulled from service 3 pair of Bunker Pants, 3 Turnout Coats, 7 Helmets, 5 pair of Gloves, 8 Nomex Hoods and 8 pair of Boots due to it reaching its 10 year age limit. We would like to deem this firefighting gear surplus due to us no longer being to use this gear as Structural Fire Fighting Gear and donate it to the Rockingham County High School Fire Program for training purposes only.

#### NOTICE OF RESOLUTION TO DONATE PERSONAL PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden Fire Department owns Turnout Gear that that has aged out of use for the Department consisting of 3 pair of pants and 3 coats, 8 pair of boots, 8 hoods, 7 helmets, and 5 pair of gloves, as shown on Exhibit "A", hereinafter referred to as "the property"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Fire Department has purchased new gear and has no further use for the property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden recognizes that the property has been rendered surplus, and unused; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to donate this aforementioned surplus and unused property to Rockingham County High School, its fire education program pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-280; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden in no way guarantees the quality, fitness of purpose or effectiveness of this property, and in no way does the City of Eden endorse this type or brand of gear, and the City of Eden has made this disclaimer known to the Rockingham County High School and has obtained a waiver of claims and liabilities from each institution; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Eden has caused a Notice of Resolution to Donate Personal Property to be posted at City Hall for at least 5 days prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Eden desires to comply with all obligations of North Carolina law and desires to restrict this donation of the property to a public use that will benefit the taxpayers of this jurisdiction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the used Turnout Gear consisting of 3 pair of pants and 3 coats, 8 pair of boots, 8 hoods, 7 helmets, and 5 pair of gloves, as shown on Exhibit "A", be deemed surplus and unused and that they be donated to Rockingham County High School for its fire education program so long as it is being used by the Rockingham County High School in a way that it will benefit the public. In the event that the property ceases to be used for the public benefit, it shall revert to the City of Eden.

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APPROVED, ADOPTED AND	DEFFECTIVE this day of January, 2018.
	CITY OF EDEN
	By:
	Neville Hall, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Sheralene Thompson, City Cler	k

The Rockingham County School System understands and agrees that the City of Eden and the City of Eden Fire Department (City), by Resolution dated January 16, 2018, are donating to it used turnout gear equipment, more specifically described in said Resolution.

The Rockingham County School System understands that the turnout gear equipment to be donated has outlived its usage and is past the recommended date for firefighting. Such equipment will serve for training purposes at Rockingham County School System. The Rockingham County School System also understands that the City of Eden in no way guarantees the quality, fitness of purpose or effectiveness of this equipment vests, and in no way does the City of Eden endorse this type or brand of equipment.

The Rockingham County School System, for in and consideration of this equipment do hereby fully and completely release the City, and all of their employees, officers and agents from any and all personal injuries, including death and property damages and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, causes of actions, suits, costs, expenses, attorney fees and interest, known or unknown, which it may now have or hereafter have arising directly or indirectly out of or related to the City's donation of the turnout gear equipment.

The Rockingham County School System, for in consideration of this equipment does hereby promise to use this turnout gear equipment for the benefit of the public and agrees that at any time the turnout gear ceases to be used for the public benefit, ownership will revert to the City of Eden.

By: Josh Evan Date:

Date: 1-5-18

Josh Evans

Program Coordinator for Fire/Rescue Services, Rockingham County School System

Exhibit

### PPE Removed From Service 12/22/2017

#### Pants

	Pants		
<u>Brand</u>	Serial #	<u>Size</u>	Reason
FireMaster	2000PW904KA53LL	46R	Out of date
FireMaster	2000PW714KA53LL	385	Out of date
FireMaster	2000PW905KA53LL	40R	Out of date
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Fire Mandage	Coats	466	Out of data
FireMaster	2000CZW711KA53LL	46S	Out of date
FireMaster	2000CZW902KA53LL	44R	Out of date
FireMaster	2000CZW710KA53LL	48R	Out of date
	Helments		
Cairns 1010	Black		May-07 Out of date
Cairns 1010	Black		Jun-07 Out of date
Cairns 1010	Black		Aug-06 Out of date
Cairns 1010	Black		Jun-07 Out of date
Cairns 1010	Black		Jul-17 Out of date
Cairns 1010	Red		Mar-07 Out of date
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	Gloves		
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	Nomex Hoods		
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	Boots		
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APPROVED, ADOPTED AND	EFFECTIVE this day of January, 2018.
	CITY OF EDEN
	By:
	Neville Hall, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Sheralene Thompson, City Clerl	<u> </u>

#### CITY OF EDEN - MEMORANDUM

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THRU: BRAD CORCORAN, CITY MANAGER

FROM: RODNEY CARTER, SOLID WASTE SUPERINTENDENT

PAUL DISHMON DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

**DATE:** JANUARY  $5^{TH}$ , 2018

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 NULIFE KNUCKLE

BOOM LOADER TRUCK

The City's Solid Waste Division is requesting the purchase of a 2018 NuLife Knuckle Boom loader truck through the NC Sheriffs Association for a total price of \$145,575.55 which includes a 2018 Freightliner chassis for \$70,986.13 and a NuLife loader and dump body for \$74,589.42.

Both the Freightliner Chassis and NuLife loader were competitively bid out by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, a valid cooperative purchasing program. The North Carolina General Statutes allow cities to make purchases without following the state competitive bidding requirements when it utilizes a group purchasing program. Staff has verified in accordance with N.C.G.G.§143-129 (e)(3) that the North Carolina Sheriff's Association is a valid cooperative purchasing group utilizing competitive purchasing methods and that they are used by 2 or more public agencies. Staff has also verified that these contracts/products, were awarded in a competitive fashion by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association as well.

This purchase would replace Knuckle Boom truck 50-G that is a 2007 Model and has 113,000 miles on it. Back in December of 2017 this unit, 50-G, had a mechanical breakdown where the main boom broke away from the pedestal part of the boom. (Please see attached pictures). Jason Barnard, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent, has received a quote from Palfleet to repair 50-G at a cost of \$47,420.31. This price does not include installation and all of these parts will come out of Canada, with delivery being approximately 90-120 days. If the repair is made you still have a unit with 113,000 miles on it. The NuLife Knuckle Boom loader is made in the USA in Easley, SC. All parts for the unit are made in Easley, SC. Therefore, we recommend the purchase of the 2018 NuLife Knuckle Boom loader truck.

We also recommend this purchase be financed over a period of five years. This is similar to what we do for other large solid waste replacement needs.



December 18, 2017

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City of Eden City of Eden **Customer Name Customer Name** 

308 East Stadium Dr. 308 East Stadium Dr. **Address Address** 

Eden Eden City City

NC, 27288 NC, 27288 State / Zip State / Zip

Jason Barnard Jason Barnard Contact Contact

336-613-4317 jbarnard@edennc.us 336-613-4317 jbarnard@edennc.us Phone / Email Phone / Email

**FOB Point** PalFleet Tiffin, OH **Terms** Net on Delivery

**How Ship** Customer pick up Upon Completion When Ship

20% Downpayment Jason Jankowski Representative

60 days **Quote Expiration** 

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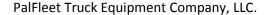
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Equipr	nent	
1	PK 11.001 SLD 3	PALFINGER PK 11.001 SLD 3  Maximum lifting moment 10.3 mt (74,780 ft-lbs). Boom length 19' 0" (5.8m) via 1-hydraulic extension.  Classification HC1 HD4/S2 in EN12999 (non-CE). Paltronic Overload Protection. Single linkage at outer boom. RS210 control valve. Rotation 400 degrees. Outriggers manually extendable to 16' 0" (R2). Fixed hydraulic stabilizers (STZS3). Dual operator control stations. Bubble level at both outrigger control stations. Load holding valves on main, outer and extension boom cylinders (LHV13). Return oil utilization. High pressure filter installed. 5.4 metric ton (11,900 lbs) capacity load hook. Hour counter with service intervals. 12VDC power. RAL3020 "Traffic Red"
		ENGLISH Documentation Package
1	BRI-8	8-Bolt mounting hardware kit. ** Standard **
		Mounting parts (8x bolts M24x1.5x1000; incl. 4x holder plates)
1	KT065	Oil Tank - Mounted
		Crane base mounted oil tank. 17.2 US gal.(65 l). Includes return filter, breather and level gauge.
1	Α	2 Section Hydraulic Boom Extension
		2 section hydraulic boom extension to <b>25' 6"</b> (7.8m)
1	A4	2 Function Hose Kit
		Equipment for two additional hydraulic functions including control levers and hydraulic lines. Note: Does not include port relief. Operates at full system pressure unless port relief valves are ordered.
1	GRDRU	Port Relief Valve - Grab Function (1st function)
		Port relief valves for additional hydraulic function, fitted on A and B side of control valve section. Price is per valve section. (2 function hose kits may require this option be ordered for the second valve section)  Pressure setting options: 175, 190, 210, 230, 250 (bar)

Port Relief Valve - Rotator Function (2nd Function)

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4151 West State Route 18 Tiffin, OH 44883 (419) 448-8156



1	BEL	LED marker lamps on stabilizer legs.
		LED wrap-around lights on each stabilizer cylinder. LED lights on main control panel and opposite side.
1	R3X	R3X telescopic outriggers
		Hydraulically extendable telescopic outriggers with a spread of 18' 4" (5.6m).
1	TOQU	Dead Center Over Outrigger
		Rotation stop positioned over top of outrigger beam. Must be specified at time of order.
1	CNDI8059AJI	Control Valve - 2 Function - Common Return (US2-3)
		2 section control valve with common return connection. Includes handles, high pressure carry over valves EV4495 & EV1021, JIC fittings and non-return valve. (valve has P,T, 2x A and 1x B ports)
1	EP1432	F1-41-R PARKER Voac Piston Pump
		SAE version piston pump. CLOCKWISE ROTATION. Oil flow of 10.0 US gpm (38 L/min) at 1000 rpm pump speed. Max. pressure 5,075 psi (350 bar). <b>DOES NOT INCLUDE</b> a suction fitting. Mounting flange / shaft SAE J744, "B". (Rotation change possible. Instructions included)
1	Misc Materials	Additional materials for stand up controls, cat walk, swivel bulkhead fittings for hoses, 2,800psi diverter valve, etc.
Accesso	ries	
1	Valve Bank	Additional 6 function crane control valve bank
Freight		

#### Freight

Delivery to customer site

#### Special Instructions / Comments

Crane to be set up just like older PK10000A that was purchased back in 2006 with dual Standup controls and cat walk across back of outrigger side of crane. Dead spot to be re located to outrigger beam side of crane so full working area is over balance facing rear of truck when installed.

Palfinger warranty: 1 year complete, 2 year structeral in grab application. Lead time on crane is approx 90-120 days ARO

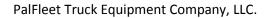
Customer to reuse his old grapple.

Pricing below is for ship out only and does not include crane installation on customers truck and does not include any applicable sales tax

Package Sale \$47,420.31 Package FET \$0.00 \$47,420.31 Package Total

- Quotation is good for 60 days while equipment is available
- Additional charges will apply if any unforeseen truck modifications are necessary
- A 50% Cancellation Fee of total sale amount will apply if the order is terminated by the Buyer or if full payment is not received by the Seller in accordance with the referenced agreement and terms constituting a cancellation of the order
- Applicable taxes are additional unless otherwise stated within quotation
- Applicable shipping charges are additional unless otherwise stated within quotation
- Buyer must take delivery of purchase within 5 business days of completion or daily interest at current prime rate of total sale amount will accrue at the Buyer's expense commencing 5 days after completion which must be paid in addition of total sale amount before the release of the purchase
- PalFleet makes no warranties, express or implied, and makes no warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose
- Any trade value given is contingent upon the equipment, chassis, body, and any accessories being in the same condition as when the trade value was given, less normal wear items such as tires, brakes, normal body use, etc. Upon final receipt, an additional inspection will be completed and any extraordinary damage, required repairs, or work that must be completed to restore the trade to the original condition at the time the trade value was given will be the responsibility of the original owner (trader).

Name (print)	 
Signature	 
Date	



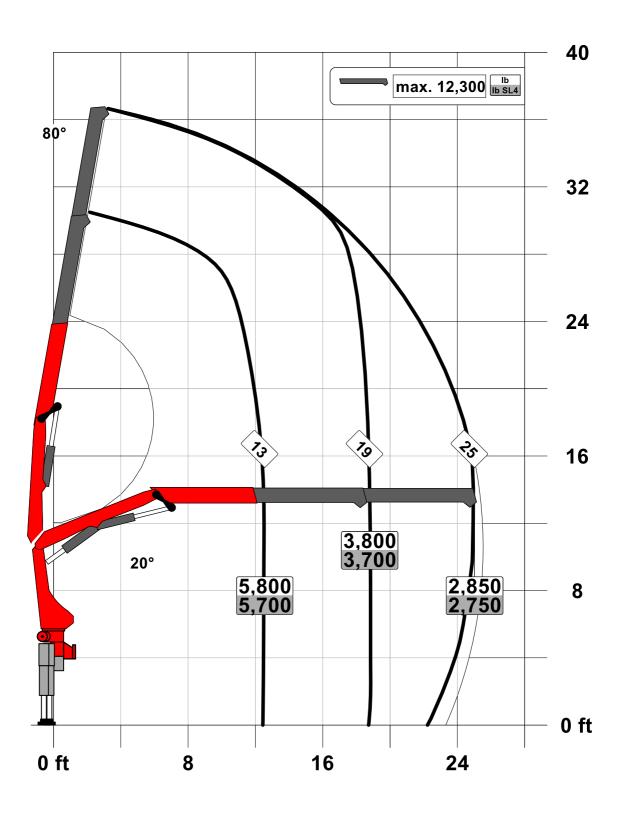




Lifting capacity diagram PK 11.001 SLD A

Subject to change, production tolerances have to be taken into account.

Symbolic crane figure











#### CITY OF EDEN - MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THRU: BRAD CORCORAN, CITY MANAGER

FROM: ERIN GILLEY, CITY ATTORNEY

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2018

**SUBJECT:** AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF ANNEXATION

Attached you will find a proposed "Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation" and a Resolution to Adopt and Approve the Execution and Performance of the Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation. The City and Thoroughbred Resources, LLC have operated under a similar agreement for approximately 20 years. This Agreement prohibits the City from annexing the manufacturing property for 10 years, but it also obligates Thoroughbred Resources to make payments to the City in the amount of 50% of the assessed value for these same 10 years.

Staff believes that this Agreement is a fair compromise between the parties given the current state of the annexation law and the tax burden imposed upon Thoroughbred Resources, LLC.

In order to comply with North Carolina law, this agreement requires the General Assembly to enact a Local Bill authorizing the City and Thoroughbred Resources, LLC to perform the terms herein. If this Agreement is adopted by City Council, we will send the Resolution and Agreement to our local representatives to the General Assembly for introduction and support of a local act authorizing the performance of the Agreement.

I recommend that you adopt and approve this Agreement, as well as the Resolution. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION AND PEFORMANCE OF AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF ANNEXATION

**WHEREAS**, Thoroughbred Resources, LLC owns a manufacturing site in Rockingham County which facilities are located outside the corporate limits of the City of Eden; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Thoroughbred Resources, LLC desire in the interest of fairness to its citizens, to pursue in lieu of annexation, alternative methods to generate revenues that are more sensitive to the present economic climate while attempting to protect the city's current economic base; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden desires to execute and perform the terms set forth within the attached "Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation" and is seeking approval and authorization from the North Carolina General Assembly in the form of a Local Act; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the execution of the "Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation" is hereby adopted and approved.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the City Council for the City of Eden that it is seeking approval and authorization of the "Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation" from the North Carolina General Assembly in the form of a Local Act.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 16th day of January, 2018.

CITY OF EDEN

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#### AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF ANNEXATION

THIS AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF ANNEXATION is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2018 by and among the City of Eden, a municipality incorporated and existing under the laws of the state of North Carolina ("Eden"), and Thoroughbred Resources, LLC, ("Thoroughbred") a corporation with offices in Eden, North Carolina.

#### **RECITALS:**

Thoroughbred owns a manufacturing facility in Rockingham County, North Carolina which facility is located outside the present corporate limits of Eden and which is situated upon the lands which are more particularly described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein and such real estate shall be referred to herein as the "Thoroughbred Property." Eden is currently evaluating whether to annex various areas contiguous to its present boundaries, one of which areas includes all or a portion of the Thoroughbred Property. Several issues concerning annexation exist, including the issue of whether the annexation of all of the Thoroughbred Property is authorized by N.C.G.S. Chapter 160A Article 4A, Part 7. In addition, because annexation of the Thoroughbred Property would impose upon Eden the responsibility to make city services available to the Thoroughbred Property, as such services currently are provided inside the municipal limits, and would impose upon Thoroughbred a tax burden that would not be commensurate with the value of the additional city services that would be received by it, Thoroughbred and Eden do not believe that annexation of the Thoroughbred Property would be in the best interests either of Eden or Thoroughbred.

Eden and Thoroughbred desire to select by agreement an alternative to annexation that serves the best interests of Eden and Thoroughbred.

Thoroughbred desires to continue to be a responsible and constructive corporate citizen of the extended Eden community and to make reasonable and appropriate contributions to the enhancement and growth of Eden and the surrounding areas.

Eden has a need for additional revenues and, in the interest of fairness to its citizens and all area residents, has elected to pursue, in lieu of annexation, alternative methods to generate revenues that are more sensitive to the present economic climate while attempting to protect the city's current economic base.

Thoroughbred purchased the Thoroughbred Property from Parkdale America, LLC and pursuant to an Agreement dated July 17, 2007 with the City of Eden, agreed to be bound by the Agreement between Eden and Parkdale America, LLC dated August 4, 2003, that addresses these concerns of the parties and provides for payments in lieu of annexation (the "Current Agreement"). The parties entered into that agreement pursuant to the provisions of "An Act to Allow the City of Eden to Negotiate Annexation Contracts" Session Law 2003-316, Senate Bill 408 (the "Act"). The Act authorizes Eden to enter into certain contracts pursuant to which it will

agree not to annex certain properties, if the owners thereof agree to make payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

To achieve the objectives described in the above recitations, Eden and Thoroughbred have, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, agreed that the City will again request the North Carolina General Assembly to enact a Local Bill to extend or replace the Act. Subject to the enactment of said Local Bill, the parties hereby agree that Eden shall not annex the Thoroughbred Property for a period of approximately ten (10) years beginning on the date hereof and ending February 1, 2028 and that, Thoroughbred, in lieu of the ad valorem property taxes (both real and personal) that would be due to Eden if the Thoroughbred Property were annexed, will make to Eden the payments provided for herein during such period. Eden and Thoroughbred desire by this Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Annexation to evidence their various agreements with respect to such payments and with respect to Eden's agreement to refrain from annexing the Thoroughbred Property.

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Eden and Thoroughbred hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. Agreement Not to Annex Thoroughbred Property:

Pursuant to the Act, Eden hereby agrees that during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on February 1, 2028 (the "Term"), Eden shall not annex or permit the annexation of the Thoroughbred Property into the city boundaries of the city of Eden and that Eden will not undertake any steps or measures preliminary to the annexation of the Thoroughbred Property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time after February 1, 2026, Eden may, if the Thoroughbred Property then complies with the statutory requirements for non-consensual annexations, initiate annexation proceeding under then applicable statues, provided, however, in no event shall any annexation undertaken by Eden have an effective date prior to February 1, 2028. Thoroughbred shall be entitled to resist by all appropriate means any annexation efforts initiated by Eden pursuant to this paragraph and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to constitute a consent by Thoroughbred to any annexation of the Thoroughbred Property or of any portion thereof.

#### 2. Agreement to Make Payments in Lieu of Taxes:

(a) Subject to the fulfillment of the conditions precedent hereto as set forth in Paragraph 4 hereof, Thoroughbred, pursuant to the Act, hereby agrees that it shall during the Term hereof make to Eden an annual payment for each calendar year of the Term as provided for herein, said annual payment to be determined in the following manner (each an "Annual Payment"): multiply the assessed value of the Thoroughbred Property and personal property located at the manufacturing site times the applicable City ad valorem property tax rate, divide by 100, and then multiply the result by fifty percent (0.50). The "assessed value" is defined to be the assessed value of the Thoroughbred Property and personal property at the manufacturing site as finally determined for payment of Rockingham County property taxes for the Rockingham county fiscal year beginning on the July 1<sup>st</sup> immediately preceding the January Annual Payment to be made under this Agreement. The applicable City tax rate shall be the city's ad valorem tax

rate set by the City for the City's fiscal year beginning on the July 1<sup>st</sup> immediately preceding the January Annual Payment to be made under this Agreement. The above-described formula is:

Annual Payment = 
$$\frac{\text{Assessed value x rate}}{100}$$
 x 0.50

Since the city's ad valorem tax rate is currently applied per \$100 of property valuation, the formula uses 100 as a denominator. However, if there is a change in the method used to express the City's ad valorem tax rate, such as a change to a mill rate which has a rate per \$1,000 valuation, it is agreed that the formula will be amended to make an appropriate change in the denominator, as may be necessary to achieve the objective of the formula which is to calculate Annual Payments, based on the assessed value of the Thoroughbred Property and personal property located at the brewery site for Rockingham County tax purposes, that are one-half of the property tax payments that would be made by Thoroughbred to the City if the Thoroughbred Property were annexed into the City.

Each such "Annual Payment" shall be due on January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year for which the payment is made, with the exception of the first year's annual payment, which shall be due on May 1, 2018, or upon the North Carolina General Assembly enactment of Local Bill to replace the Act, whichever shall occur first. The second Annual Payment shall be due on January 15, 2019 and all succeeding Annual Payments shall be due on January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year for which the payment is made. The last Annual Payment being due on January 15, 2028. Such payments shall be in lieu of the ad valorem taxes that would be due during the Term to the City from Thoroughbred (both real and personal) in the event that the Thoroughbred Property or a portion thereof had been annexed in the presently proposed annexation.

The following example illustrates the foregoing formula and the computation of the Annual Payments. Assume that the Annual Payment being computed is the Annual Payment due on May 1, 2018. Assume that the assessed value of the Thoroughbred Property and personal property at the manufacturing site as of January 1, 2017 (which assessed value is the appropriate value to use in computing the Annual Payment due on May 1, 2018 because it is the assessed value for computing ad valorem property taxes due for the County's fiscal year beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017) is determined to be \$50,000,000. Assume that the City tax rate for the City's fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017 is 0.50 per \$100.00 of property tax valuation. Given these assumptions, the amount of the annual Payment due from Thoroughbred on May 1, 2018 would be \$125,000 computed as follows:

$$\frac{\$50,000,000 \times \$0.50}{\$100} \times 50\% = \$125,000$$

(b) In the event a disagreement arises between Thoroughbred and Rockingham County regarding the assessed value of the Thoroughbred Property and personal property at the manufacturing site which assessed value has been or will be used to compute the amount of an Annual Payment due from Thoroughbred hereunder and Thoroughbred appeals the assessed value to the Rockingham County Board of Equalization and Review or to the Rockingham

County Board of Commissioners sitting as the Board of Equalization and Review (or to any substitute body authorized to hear property tax valuation appeals) and the result of Thoroughbred's appeal is a decrease in the assessed value, then there shall be a decrease in the Annual Payment which has been or will be computed using such assessed value such that each such affected Annual Payment will be computed upon the decreased assessed value as established in Thoroughbred's appeal. If Thoroughbred has already made an annual Payment at the time a decrease in the Annual Payment is determined to be appropriate because of a decrease in the assessed value resulting from Thoroughbred's appeal, then Eden will refund to Thoroughbred the amount of any overpayment within sixty (60) days after the date the appeal of the assessed value becomes final.

- (c) In the event that a disagreement arises between Thoroughbred and Eden regarding the computation of any Annual Payment due under this Agreement (not including a dispute about valuation of the Thoroughbred Property and personal property at the manufacturing site by Rockingham County), then either party may institute an action against the other in the Superior Court of Rockingham County seeking a judicial determination of the correct computation of such Annual Payment. Upon the final determination of any such judicial proceeding, Thoroughbred shall pay any additional amounts as may be determined to be due and Eden shall refund to Thoroughbred any overpayments as may be determined to have been made with such payment or refund being due within sixty (60) days of the final decision in such judicial proceeding.
- 3. Thoroughbred Property Not Subject to Eden Ordinances: During the Term hereof, the Thoroughbred Property shall not be within the corporate limits of the City of Eden and it (and Thoroughbred as the owner of it) shall not be subject to any assessments or taxes levied by Eden or to ordinances and regulations of Eden, except such ordinances and regulations of Eden, which by their terms are applicable to properties located outside the corporate limits of the City of Eden and then only to the extent that such ordinances and regulations may permissibly apply extraterritorially. During the Term, Eden shall not be obligated or required to furnish municipal services to the Thoroughbred Property except such services as Eden has presently agreed, or may hereafter by contract expressly agree, to provide.
- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>: All of the following shall be conditions precedent to Thoroughbred's obligations under this Agreement and if all conditions precedent have not been fulfilled or waived by Thoroughbred prior to April 31, 2018, Thoroughbred at its option and in its sole discretion, may terminate this Agreement effective upon written notice to Eden:
- (a) The City Council of Eden by resolution duly adopted shall have approved the execution and performance hereof by Eden and a copy of such resolution shall have been provided to Thoroughbred; and
- (b) The City Attorney for Eden shall have delivered to Thoroughbred an opinion acceptable to Thoroughbred to the effect that (i) Eden has the power and authority to execute and perform this Agreement; (ii) Eden has authorized the execution and performance of this Agreement by all necessary action of Eden; (iii) Eden has duly executed this Agreement pursuant to such authority; (iv) this Agreement complies in all respects with the new local bill extending

or replacing the Act; and (v) this Agreement constitutes the legal, valid, and binding obligation of Eden, enforceable against Eden in accordance with its terms.

- 5. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>: Eden hereby represents and warrants to Thoroughbred as follows:
  - (a) Eden has the power, authority and right to enter into and perform this Agreement;
- (b) The City Council of Eden has the full power and authority to authorize the execution and performance of this Agreement on behalf of Eden and the City Council has by appropriate resolution authorized the execution and performance of this Agreement;
- (c) Eden intends for this Agreement to be in full compliance with the new local bill extending or replacing the Act;
- (c) This Agreement is fully binding upon the City of Eden and is in compliance with the new local bill extending or replacing the Act; and
- (d) Eden's execution and performance of this Agreement does not conflict with or violate the terms of the corporate charter of Eden, any statute or law applicable to Eden, or any contract or other instrument binding upon Eden or any of its properties.
- 6. Status of the Thoroughbred Property Upon Expiration of Term: Upon the expiration of the Term hereof upon any termination of this Agreement by Thoroughbred pursuant to any right of termination granted it hereunder, the Thoroughbred Property shall not be a part of the corporate limits of Eden but the Thoroughbred property shall be subject to annexation if, but only if and only to the extent that, it meets the then existing statutory requirements for a non-consensual annexation. The Thoroughbred Property shall not, however, be deemed annexed at any time unless and until Eden has completed the then statutory process for non-consensual annexations and has complied with the statutes governing such annexations to the extent required by law. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to be a consent by Thoroughbred to any annexation of the Thoroughbred Property or to any portion thereof and Thoroughbred reserves the right to contest by all appropriate and available means any attempted annexations of the Thoroughbred Property or of any portion thereof to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed and nothing contained herein shall be deemed to estop Thoroughbred in any respect.
- 7. Attempts By Third Parties to Abrogate the Agreement or The Act: If at any time after the execution hereof, any person or entity attempts through any means (including without limitation through judicial or legislative action) to annul, abrogate rescind, contest or modify this Agreement or the new local bill extending or replacing the Act, either in whole or in part, Eden shall resist and defend against all such attempts and shall pay all costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, including without limitation attorneys' fees. (Eden shall also promptly notify Thoroughbred of any attempts by any person or entity to annul, abrogate, rescind, contest

or modify this Agreement the new local bill extending or replacing the Act.) Thoroughbred may, but shall not be obligated to, join in the defense of any judicial action brought to annul, abrogate, rescind, contest, or modify this Agreement or the new local bill extending or replacing the Act but any fees or expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by Thoroughbred in such defense shall be paid by Thoroughbred. During the pendency of any attempts to annul, abrogate, rescind, contest or modify this Agreement or the new local bill extending or replacing the Act, Thoroughbred at its option, may suspend the making of Annual Payments by it hereunder pending the resolution of the attempt to annul, abrogate, rescind contest or modify this Agreement or the new local bill extending or replacing the Act. In the event any person or entity is successful in annulling, abrogating, contesting or rescinding or replacing the Act and such act results in the annexation of the Thoroughbred Property before the termination of this Agreement, then promptly following such annexation, Eden shall refund to Thoroughbred all payment previously made by Thoroughbred hereunder.

- 8. <u>Termination by Voluntary Annexation by Thoroughbred</u>: Should Thoroughbred pursue voluntary annexation under either Part I or Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 160 of the North Carolina General Statutes, this Agreement shall terminate upon the effective date of the voluntary annexation and the amount due under this Agreement will be prorated to the effective date of voluntary annexation. If Thoroughbred has already made an Annual Payment, then the City will refund to Thoroughbred the prorated amount of any overpayment within sixty (60) days after the effective date of voluntary annexation.
- 9. Breach by Thoroughbred: In the event that Thoroughbred shall wrongfully fail to make any Annual Payment required by it to be made hereunder when and as the same shall become due as provided for herein and such failure continues unremedied for a period of ten (10) days following written notice of such failure from Eden to Thoroughbred, then Thoroughbred shall be in default hereunder and Eden, at its option, may either: (i) seek to compel payment of the sums due by judicial action against Thoroughbred in which event Eden shall also be entitled to recover its costs, fees and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees; or (ii) terminate this Agreement. In the event that Eden terminates this Agreement because of a default by Thoroughbred hereunder, then: (a) both Eden and Thoroughbred shall be relieved of all further obligations hereunder; (b) the Thoroughbred Property shall thereafter be subject to annexation if, but only if and only to the extent, the Thoroughbred Property complies with the statutory requirements for non-consensual annexations; and (c) Thoroughbred shall be entitled to contest by all appropriate and available means any attempted annexation of the Thoroughbred Property or any portion thereof. The foregoing rights and remedies shall be the exclusive rights and remedies available to Eden with respect to a breach hereof by Thoroughbred.
- 9. <u>Breach By Eden:</u> In the event that: (i) Eden during the Term hereof attempts in any manner to annex the Thoroughbred Property or any portion thereof; (ii) any person or entity attempts in any manner to abrogate, annul, rescind, contest, or modify this Agreement or the new local bill extending or replacing the Act and Eden shall fail to resist such attempts as required pursuant to Paragraph 7; (iii) the Thoroughbred Property or any portion thereof is annexed into the City of Eden by any means during the Term hereof, including without limitation by act of the North Carolina General Assembly, then, in any of such events, Eden shall be in default hereunder. In the event that Eden is in default hereunder, Thoroughbred, at its option, may

terminate this Agreement in which event Thoroughbred shall be relived of all further obligations If Thoroughbred terminates this Agreement because Eden is in default, Thoroughbred shall be entitled to recover from Eden the following sums as damages: (a) an amount equal to all payments previously made by Thoroughbred hereunder together with interest at the legal rate from the date of payment by Thoroughbred until the date of repayment by Eden and (b) all costs, expenses, and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Thoroughbred in collecting such amounts. In addition, if the Thoroughbred Property or any portion thereof is annexed by any means either before a termination of this Agreement by Thoroughbred pursuant to this paragraph or after a termination of this Agreement by Thoroughbred pursuant to this Paragraph 9 but before February 1, 2028, then Thoroughbred shall also be entitled to collect from Eden as additional damages an amount equal to the difference, if any, between (x) the ad valorem property taxes (both real and personal) due from Thoroughbred to Eden for any year as the result of such annexation and (y) the amount of the payment that would have been due from Thoroughbred hereunder for such year. Thoroughbred shall be entitled to bring an action to recover such amounts each year following its termination of this Agreement or wait until February 1, 2028 and then bring an action to recover all damages due it hereunder. To the full extent that it may legally do so, Eden hereby waives any governmental immunity it may have and hereby consents to be sued by Thoroughbred in any action instituted by Thoroughbred to recover the amounts and damages provided for in this Agreement. The foregoing rights and remedies shall be the exclusive rights and remedies available to Thoroughbred for a default by Eden hereunder.

- 11. Entire Agreement; No Implied Agreement: This Agreement shall not affect the Current Agreement that is in effect. Except for the Current Agreement, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Eden and Thoroughbred with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior negotiations, understandings, and arrangements are merged herein and there are no other terms and conditions hereof. Nothing contained herein shall impose upon either Eden or Thoroughbred any implied obligations or duties of any nature or kind. Eden expressly acknowledges and agrees that the sole consideration for its agreements contained herein are the payments to be made by Thoroughbred hereunder, Eden's desire to avoid a judicial controversy concerning whether the Thoroughbred Property may be annexed, and Eden's desire to avoid the duty to provide all municipal services to the Thoroughbred Property and the expenses attendant thereto.
- 12. No Express or Implied Agreement with Respect to Operation of Manufacturing Facilities: Eden acknowledges and agrees that Thoroughbred has not represented or agreed in any way that Thoroughbred will continue to operate its manufacturing facilities at the Thoroughbred Property or that Thoroughbred will continue to provide employment at the facility at any level. Thoroughbred expressly reserves the right in its sole discretion to determine whether it will continue to utilize its manufacturing facility at the Thoroughbred Property and if so, at what level of production it will utilize the facility and the level of employment, if any, it will provide at the facility.
- 13. <u>Successors and Assigns:</u> This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Eden and Thoroughbred. Specifically, Eden and Thoroughbred agree that this Agreement shall run with the Thoroughbred Property and all

portions thereof and that it shall inure to the benefit of and binding upon all subsequent owners of the Thoroughbred Property or any portion thereof.

14. <u>Governing Law:</u> This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Eden and Thoroughbred Resources, LLC have executed this AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF ANNEXATION as of the day and year first above written.

	CITY OF EDEN		
ATTEST:			
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CITY CLERK	Neville Hall, Mayor		
	Date:		
	THOROUGHBRED RESOURCES LLC		
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	BY Jum & Hely M		
	Kennon G. Robertson, Member/Manager		
North Carolina Rockingham County			
personally came before me this day and acknowled Carolina municipal corporation, and that by author	County and State do hereby certify that Sheralene Thompson edge that she is the City Clerk of the City of Eden, A North rity duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing attested by herself as its City Clerk, and sealed with its common the common sealed with its common sealed with sealed with its common sealed with sealed w		
Witness my hand and notarial seal, this	day of, 2018.		
Notary Public	My Comm. Expires:		
State of Virginia County/City of Pithy Venia			

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he or she voluntarily signed the foregoing document for the purpose stated therein and in the capacity indicated:

#### Kennon G. Robertson, Member/Manager of Thoroughbred Resources, LLC

Date of Execution: 1 11 2018

Notary Public

My Comm. Expires: 4 30 2020



#### <u>City Manager's Report – January 2018</u>

#### Eden Receives \$997,000 Sewer Grant

We are pleased to announce that Eden has been awarded a \$997,000 grant from the North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (NCRIA) to upgrade its sewer system with a new pump station and gravity sewer line to serve the Gildan Activewear and Weil-McLain sites on New Street. The improvements will also increase system capacity, opening additional sites to future economic development. A special thanks to Ms. Pam Cundiff of Eden who represents Rockingham County and serves as a member of the fifteen-person RIA Board of Directors. The RIA is part of the Rural Development Division within the NC Department of Commerce. The grant announcements were made by NC Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland.

#### Update on Grants/Loans Received During the past 5 Years

Over the past 5 years the City has been very successful at applying for and being awarded grant funding, principal forgiveness type grants, and zero or low interest loans from a variety of different funding sources for improvements to our water and sewer infrastructure. The various funding sources have included: Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF), NC Rural Center, Golden Leaf Foundation, the Economic Development Administration (EDA), NC Rural Infrastructure Authority (NCRIA), Connect NC Bond, and NC Division of Water Resources Fund (NCDWRF). The following is a list of funding we have been awarded for water and sewer projects during the last five years. Grants and principal forgiveness are interchangeable terms for money that does not have to be repaid; the CWSRF and the CWMTF do not use the term grant. You will note that of the \$52,386,326 awarded to Eden a total of \$28,062,000 or 53.56% has been in the form of grants and principal forgiveness that does not have to be repaid.

			Total Funding
	Grant/Principal		Awarded Including
Project	Forgiveness	Source	Loan Amounts
Northern Smith River 2 & 3 and Dry Creek 2	\$ 1,742,000	CWSRF & CWMTF	\$ 2,897,118
Kuder Street Subsystem Sewer Improvements	\$ 1,000,000	CWSRF	\$ 2,969,397
Tanyard Branch Outfall Sewer Improvements	\$ 1,500,000	CWSRF & CWMTF	\$ 4,729,129
Upper Matrimony Creek Sewer Improvements	\$ 1,000,000	CWSRF	\$ 3,967,482
Tanyard Branch Outfall Evaluation	\$ 50,000	NC Rural Center	\$ 50,000
Upper Matrimony Creek Outfall Evaluation	\$ 40,000	NC Rural Center	\$ 40,000
Capacity Assessment Report & Remediation Plan	\$ 30,000	NC Rural Center	\$ 30,000
Mega Park Sewer Line	\$ 769,000	Golden Leaf Foundation	\$ 769,000
Covenant Branch/Meadow Greens Force Main	\$ 534,000	CWSRF	\$ 534,000
EPA Remediation Sewer Work	\$16,600,000	Connect NC Bond	\$16,600,000
New Street Sewer Improvements- MGM Property	\$ 997,000	NCRIA	\$ 997,000
Mega Park Water Line	\$ 2,000,000	EDA	\$ 2,000,000
Mega Park Water Line	\$ 1,800,000	NCDWRF	\$ 1,800,300
Mega Park Water Line	\$ 0	NCDWRF	\$15,002,900
Total	\$28,062,000		\$52,386,326

#### Audited Financial Statements for Period Ending June 30, 2017 – Brief Summary

The audit report for the financial period ending June 30, 2017 as prepared by our independent auditing firm of Rouse, Rouse, Penn and Rouse, L.L.P. has been approved by the Local Government Commission (LGC). Mr. Rex Rouse, CPA and Mrs. Judy Rouse, CPA will formally present their audit findings to the City Council during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting that will be held on January 16, 2018. A very brief summary of the audit report includes the following:

#### **General Fund**

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund.

The fund balance in the General Fund increased from \$8,592,146 to \$8,722,152, an increase of \$130,006 or approximately 1.51% from June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The fund balance on June 30, 2000, just prior to my arrival as City Manager in February 2001, was equal to \$4,157,472. This represents an increase of \$4,564,680 or 109.79% since that time.

After accounting for funds being reserved for specific purposes or otherwise restricted, the fund balance available for appropriations or called the "unassigned" fund balance equals \$6,558,570. This is an increase of \$1,012,845 or approximately 18.26% when compared to the June 30, 2016 total of \$5,545,725. This is due in part to the fact that \$645,900 is listed under "Subsequent Year Expenditures" for June 30, 2016 and \$0 for June 30, 2017. In addition, \$233,528 is listed under "Streets-Powell Bill" for June 30, 2016 and just \$93,207 for June 30, 2017. Furthermore, \$1,807,001 is listed under "Restricted – Stabilization by State Statute" for June 30, 2016 and was only \$1,726,840 for June 30, 2017.

As some of you may be aware, the City Council voted back in 1998-99 to keep an unassigned fund balance, equal to at least three months operating expenses. The total expenditures during FY 2016-17 for the General Fund amounted to \$15,136,237. One-twelfth of that amount is \$1,261,353. As such, three months operating expenses would equal \$3,784,059. The amount unassigned at June 30, 2017 of \$6,558,570 is actually \$2,774,511 over that threshold. This \$2,774,511 is the amount of money that would be available for use if desired by the City Council

In the current June 30, 2017 financial statements it indicates the actual current year taxes increased from \$5,544,425 for 2016 to \$5,934,185 for 2017, which is an increase of \$389,760 or approximately 7.03%.

As stated previously, the total expenditures during FY 2016-17 for the General Fund equaled \$15,136,237. This compares favorably with the total budgeted expenditures for the year, which

was \$15,733,400. This was a favorable variance of \$597,163 or approximately 3.80%. Overall, the expenditures for the General Fund were up from the prior year by \$352,645 or approximately 2.39% from \$14,783,592 in 2016 to \$15,136,237 in 2017. The main reason for this increase is in the Fire Department under "Capital Outlay: Vehicles". There was an increase of \$648,070 (\$46,930 to \$695,000) for the purchase of a new Ladder Truck that replaced an old Ladder Truck. Without this expenditure our total actual expenditures for the General Fund would have been less than the previous year.

I am very pleased to report that there was no department/division within the General Fund that exceeded the appropriated amount of funds.

## **Capital Project Funds**

Capital Project Funds are used to account for the proceeds and expenses of specific projects that are active/developed over the course of at least two fiscal years. The City had one (1) Capital Project Fund during FY 2016-17: Grogan Park Capital Project Fund. Information concerning the Grogan Park Capital Project Fund, which had a June 30, 2017 fund balance of \$0, can be found in the financial statements. This fund was officially closed out prior to June 30, 2017 since the project has been completed.

## **Special Revenue Funds**

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for special purposes. The City had one (1) Special Revenue Fund during FY 2016-17: Municipal Service District Tax Fund.

The Municipal Service District Tax Fund includes the tax that was voted on by the Washington Street and Draper Merchants and is designated for various projects within those areas. It had a June 30, 2017 fund balance of \$24,015, which is an increase of \$3,561 or approximately 17.41% when compared to the June 30, 2016 fund balance of \$20,454.

#### Water and Sewer Fund – Enterprise Fund

The Water and Sewer Fund is used to account for the City's water and sewer operation. The Water and Sewer Fund is an enterprise fund, which means the revenues being generated on an annual basis within the Water and Sewer Fund should be sufficient enough to pay for all of our annual expenses related to the Water and Sewer Fund.

The Fund Balance in the Water and Sewer Fund for the period ending June 30, 2017 was \$6,954,256. This is a decrease of \$2,384,228 or approximately 25.53% when compared to the June 30, 2016 total of \$9,338,484. However, some of you may remember that the City Council voted to transfer \$500,000 to the newly created Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and \$2,059,600 to the newly created EPA Administrative Order Consent (AOC) Sewer Project Fund during the course of FY 2016-17. The financial statements indicate a June 30, 2017 fund balance of \$415,215 for the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and a June 30, 2017 fund balance of \$1,254,055 for the EPA AOC Sewer Project Fund. Combined, the \$415,215 and \$1,254,055 on hand on June 30, 2017 equal \$1,669,270. If you take this \$1,669,270 and add it back to the \$6,954,256 that represents the fund balance in the Water and Sewer Fund for the period ending June 30, 2017 then the **total** water and sewer fund balance figure that includes the Water and Sewer Fund, the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund and the EPA AOC Sewer Project Fund would be \$8,623,526 or a decrease of \$714,958 or approximately 7.66% when compared to the June 30, 2016 Water and Sewer fund balance figure of \$9,338,484.

On June 30, 2011 the Fund Balance in the Water and Sewer Fund equaled \$11,333,437. Due to insufficient revenues to meet our ongoing capital improvement needs, including the EPA mandate placed on the City, we have used a total of \$2,709,911 in fund balance during just the past six years (\$11,333,437 down to \$8,623,526) within the Water and Sewer Fund and the two newly created Water and Sewer related project funds. This is a reduction of approximately 23.91% in the past six years.

The Income Statement for the Water & Sewer Fund indicates our "Total Operating Revenue" amounted to \$9,690,519 for FY 2016-17 compared to \$9,784,065 for the prior year. This was a decrease of \$93,546 or approximately 0.96%. This was due primarily to a reduction in "Water Sales" to MillerCoors.

Our "Capital Contributions" within the Water and Sewer fund decreased by 100% or \$2,884,232 due to a decrease in the number of grants and reimbursements the City received during the course of FY 2016-17. Our "Total Capital Outlay" expenses decreased by \$5,311,615 or approximately 86.74% from \$6,123,818 during FY 2015-16 to \$812,203 during FY 2016-17. Our Capital Outlay spending for various Water and Sewer related expenditures will be increasing significantly over the course of the next few years as a result of the work that must be completed to remain in compliance with the mandate from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in reference to the Administrative Order Consent (AOC) and our Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) as well as the proposed waterline extension to the Mega Park.

The "Debt Service" expenses within the Water & Sewer Fund increased by \$268,509 or approximately 16.08% from \$1,669,476 during FY 2015-16 to \$1,937,985 during FY 2016-17.

I am very pleased to report that there was no department/division within the Water & Fund that exceeded the appropriated amount of funds.

## Mega Park Waterline Project Fund

Information concerning the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund can be found in the audited financial statements. On March 21, 2017, City Council approved the creation of the Mega Park Waterline Project Fund. It was noted that the funding for this project at that point in time would include:

•	Drinking Water State Reserve Grant		\$ 1,886,700
•	Loan @ 0%		\$ 3,000,000
•	Loan @ 1.53% (maximum rate)		\$12,002,900
•	City of Eden Funds		\$ 1,600,000
		Total	\$18,489,600

As noted previously, the City Council voted to transfer \$500,000 to this newly created project fund and on June 30, 2017 it had an existing fund balance of \$415,215.

It should also be noted that Eden has recently been awarded a \$2.0 million dollar grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to help fund this waterline extension project.

## **EPA AOC Sewer Project Fund**

Information concerning the EPA AOC Sewer Project Fund can be found in the audited financial statements. On March 21, 2017, City Council approved the creation of the EPA AOC Sewer Project Fund. It was noted that as of January 31, 2017, a total of \$15,391,673 had already been spent on this unfunded mandate and the funding to date had included:

•	0% and low interest loans		\$10,961,507
•	Principal forgiveness loans		\$ 4,034,000
•	City of Eden Funds		\$ 396,166
		Total	\$15,391,673

It was also noted that the remaining work had a projected cost of \$33,725,600 at that point in time, and thanks to the NC Connect Bond, funding for the remainder of this work would come from the following:

•	NC Connect Bond grant		\$16,666,000
•	NC Connect Bond loan @ 0%		\$15,000,000
•	City of Eden Funds		\$ 1,600,000
		Total	\$33,725,600

As noted previously, the City Council voted to transfer \$2,059,600 to this newly created project fund and on June 30, 2017 it had an existing fund balance of \$1,254,055.

It should also be noted that we are currently making a combined principal/interest payment of \$1,251,000 on \$14,375,755 in loans that were taken out during 2007 and 2008 with an average interest rate of 3.73%. These loans will be paid in full at the conclusion of FY 2021-22. One of the funding strategies we identified several years ago and still intend to pursue, is to roll-over this existing \$1,251,000 in debt service payments that is already built into our existing rate structure and will become available for re-appropriation in FY 2022-23. This will cover the future debt service payments related to the NC Connect Bond \$15,000,000 loan at 0%.

## Self-Insurance Fund – Internal Service Fund

On July 1, 1995, the City began its self-insured insurance coverage program. The City carries a reinsurance policy for payment on all specific claims in excess of \$55,000 once the one-time aggregating specific corridor of \$155,000 has been met. Once the one-time aggregating specific corridor has been met, the reinsurance carrier reimburses any excess above \$55,000 claimed on any individual to the City unless the reinsurance carrier has assigned a pre-determined laser on a specific individual due to an existing condition. In the comparative balance sheet of the Self-Insurance Fund it indicates the retained earnings ("Fund Equities") showed an increase of \$133,783 or approximately 350.31% from \$38,190 in 2016 to \$171,973 in 2017. Insurance Claims increased during FY 2016-17 from \$2,475,641 in FY 2015-16 to \$2,549,078 in FY 2016-17 for an increase of \$73,437 or approximately 2.97% while Group Insurance Fixed Costs decreased by \$25,458 or approximately 4.96% from \$513,342 in FY 2015-16 to \$487,884 in FY 2016-17.

## <u>Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance – Actuarial Study</u>

The Law Enforcement Officers Special Separation Allowance is a public employee retiree system pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the City's qualified sworn law enforcement officers. The separation allowance is equal to .85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service.

As of December 31, 2016, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,902,543. This represents an increase of \$6,918 or approximately 0.36% when compared to the previous year total of \$1,895,625. The audited financial statements indicate that for the year ended June 30, 2017, the City recognized pension expense of \$122,801 for our retired police officers.

It is important to note that most municipalities fund their separation allowance on a pay as you go basis and this is what we have been doing. The City continues to be committed to funding this ongoing obligation on an annual pay as you go basis.

#### **Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary Funds account for assets held by the City in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. The City maintains one fiduciary fund: The Agency Fund - Runabout Travel Club Fund.

The Agency Fund – Run-About Travel Club Fund is custodial in nature and does not involve the measurement of operating results. The Run-About Travel Club Fund accounts for money deposited with the City of Eden Parks and Recreation Department for those individuals participating in the programs of its department sponsored club. The fund balance on June 30, 2017 equaled \$17,271, which is an increase of \$1,760 or approximately 11.35% from the amount on hand as of June 30, 2016, which was \$15,511. Again, this is merely a fund for its members who contribute monies for scheduled activities and trips.

#### **Long-Term Debt**

On June 30, 2017 the total outstanding principal debt for the City was equal to \$17,984,857. This is a decrease of \$1,185,319 or approximately 6.18% compared to the total of \$19,170,176 on June 30, 2016. The primary reason for this reduction is the additional debt service that has been retired within the Water and Sewer Fund during the course of the past year.

The information concerning specific installment purchases, capital lease purchases and other projects is also included in the audited financial statements and indicates that seven of the obligations with a total annual principal payment of \$163,681 will be paid off prior to June 30, 2018, four additional obligations with a total annual principal payment of \$53,634 will be paid off prior to June 30, 2019, and nine additional obligations with a total annual principal payment of \$230,128 will be paid off prior to June 30, 2020.

The legal debt margin for the City as of June 30, 2017 equaled \$70,903,339 up from \$66,250,808 on June 30, 2016. As you may be aware, the N. C. General Statutes limits the amount of general

obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to eight (8) percent of the total assessed value of taxable property located within the government's boundaries.

## **Analysis of Current Tax Levy**

The total property tax valuation for FY 2016-17 was \$886,291,739. This is higher than the total property tax valuation for FY 2015-16, which was \$828,135,104.

The current year tax collection rate increased slightly to 98.64% compared to the 2016 rate of 98.49%. The property excluding registered motor vehicles collection rate equaled 98.49% and is also up slightly from last year's rate that was 98.31%. Finally, the registered motor vehicles collection rate equaled a perfect 100% for the second consecutive year.

## **Interest Income**

The \$64,959 in interest income earned on investments during FY 2016-17 has decreased from last year's total of \$85,897 by \$20,988 or approximately 24.38%. Unfortunately, the total amount of interest income earned continues to be significantly less than it was several years ago due to the weakened economy. Just ten years ago our interest income earned during FY 2007-08 equaled \$744,987.

## **Construction Commitments**

Five years ago there was a new addition to the "Notes to the Financial Statements" entitled, *Construction Commitments*. A total of three (3) projects are highlighted within the audited financial statements with a combined total cost of \$52,786,163. Of this total, \$19,086,700 will be received in the form of grants and an additional \$18,000,000 will be received in the form of a 0% interest forgiveness loan. This leaves a balance of \$15,669,463 to be funded through additional low interest loans and/or revenues from the Water and Sewer Fund. As of June 30, 2017 \$994,693 of the \$52,786,163 in identified costs had actually been spent with the remaining commitment being equal to \$51,791,470.

## **Detailed Synopsis**

As I traditionally do, I have prepared a more detailed synopsis of the audited financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2018 for use by the Mayor and City Council in an effort to assist them with their annual review. If anyone would like a copy of this synopsis please email me at <a href="mailto:bcorcoran@edennc.us">bcorcoran@edennc.us</a> and I will be glad to share a copy with you.

#### <u>Positively Eden Strategic Plan – Update</u>

Work continues on our implementation of various strategies related to the *Positively Eden* strategic plan. The overall responsibility for working towards the fulfillment of each strategy is now being handled by Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections and her staff within the Planning and Inspections Department. A brief update on a couple of initiatives includes the following:

#### Eden Strategic Plan Strategy 2 - Broaden the Impact of Downtown

## **Branding Study**

An RFP (request for proposals) from Arnett Muldrow & Associates for a branding study to develop a Downtown Eden Branding and Marketing Strategy, with associated brands for Eden's defined small areas (Leaksville, Draper, Spray, designated historic areas) was approved by City Council. Data gathering has begun and various community stakeholders from the Strategic Planning process meetings are being invited to assist in the process. The kickoff schedule has yet to be determined.

The firm hired to assist us with the branding and marketing strategy has been asked to develop sub-brands of smaller commercial areas and assets that can be used as destination points in our branding and/or marketing strategies.

#### Murals

The restoration of the two Coca-Cola murals in the Draper section of town was completed in December. Additional "ghost" sign restoration efforts at the Fieldcrest Road pocket park were slowed due to the record freezing temperatures. The signs are Moore's Café and Roger's Jewelry Co. Our artist will continue work on the signs when temperatures hold consistently above 40 degrees. Scaffolding is in place for this project.

## Eden Strategic Plan Strategy 4 - Integrate Recreation & Health

## Freedom Park Dog Park

The Mayor and City Council approved the construction of the Freedom Park Dog Park at its October 17, 2017 City Council meeting as part of the Eden Strategic Plan. The cost for this facility will be approximately \$35,000. Purchase orders for equipment and materials for this project has been completed, and the fencing should be installed in the next few weeks, weather permitting. The benches, water fountains, trashcans, and pet waste containers should be delivered in the next 4-6 weeks. City staff is planning to install the water lines for the water fountains in the next month. This project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2018.

## Freedom Park Nature Trail

Staff has met at the Freedom Park Nature Trail and discussed the improvements that will be made to the trails that include additional stone and granite dust, additional picnic tables, and the installation of 10 RV pads. We plan to begin applying new stone and granite dust and working on the RV pads in January 2018. This project is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2018 as per the grant agreement.

## Matrimony Creek Greenway

The Matrimony Creek Greenway project is moving forward. Stoltzfus Engineering Inc., the Engineer for the project, has provided the City with the completed engineering drawings and this information has been reviewed by NCDNR. They have approved the erosion control plan. A request has been sent in to NCDOT for a curb cut for the parking lot at this site.

The City Attorney continues to work on completing all of the easement property transfers to the city for this project and hopes to have this completed in the very near future. We plan to begin work on the parking lot and trail areas sometime in January 2018, weather permitting.

## **Eden Strategic Plan 5- Engage Citizens**

We are working with both WGSR and CTT Productions to complete 3 (2 to 3 minute) segments highlighting Economic Development, Code Enforcement, etc. Our first 5 of 25 "Did You Know" segments are completed and are already running. Representatives of WGSR are working with us to set up a 15 to 30-minute program that will air monthly.

Please check out the links below to see some samples of what is now available to our citizens and will be coming in the near future:

https://youtu.be/dm33iuM0K\_o

https://youtu.be/gv06tPtCXEI

Finally, it is anticipated that a detailed update on our implementation efforts to date will be given to the members of the strategic plan steering committee on February 9<sup>th</sup> and then to the members of City Council and the public at future dates and times that will be announced and advertised in the future. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the strategic plan please feel free to contact Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections at <a href="mailto:kstultz@edennc.us">kstultz@edennc.us</a>.

## Orientation for Councilwoman Sylvia Grogan

An all-day orientation with various members of City staff was held with Councilwoman Sylvia Grogan on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Councilwoman Grogan was appointed by the members of City Council and sworn into office during their meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to fill the unexpired Ward 6 City Council seat that was vacated by Mayor Hall as a result of his election as Mayor during the November election.

#### Annual Budget Retreat

The annual budget retreat for the Eden City Council and staff has been tentatively set for Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Eden Room of the Eden Municipal Building. The topics to be discussed will be based on priorities for FY 2018-19 that is submitted by the Mayor and each member of City Council.

## **Economic & Tourism Development Department**

#### UNC Rockingham Healthcare

This is the new name that was announced for the former Morehead Hospital on January 2, 2018. The name is consistent with other UNC owned hospitals and signifies a health care system that serves the entire county, not just Eden.

#### **Industry Bus Tour**

This bus tour has been approved and scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> with Morehead High School teachers, guidance counselors and its college advisor touring multiple Eden facilities and then finishing at RCC where the community college's workforce training facilities will be showcased. This will familiarize staff with the potential career possibilities of high school students.

## **Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner**

UNC Health System President Chis Ellington has been secured as the keynote speaker at the 2018 Annual Chamber of Commerce Leadership Recognition Dinner to be held on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Ball Room.

#### Lidl Supermarket

The City approved the interior construction plans for this new store in early December. The company is currently accepting bids from contractors and construction should begin in January or February based on the most recent information received.

#### Daniel's Furniture

Due to the retirement of the owner, this retail store will close soon. It plans to launch a three-month going out of business sale to liquidate its inventory. Watch for the banners and signs in front of the Van Buren Road store if you are interested.

#### Berry Hill Regional Mega Park

This park is designed to accommodate a large, game-changing industry, such as an automotive plant or chemical facility. It has received over \$30 million from the Virginia Tobacco Commission and is one of three Virginia mega parks. It has been in development since 2001, and it is designed to attract a major industry, such as an automaker. In December of 2017, the City was informed that Berry Hill was the #3 site considered for the Toyota-Mazda plant that was ultimately narrowed to mega parks in Greensboro/Randolph County and Alabama. It shows how favorable this park is in the eyes of site consultants to be considered so highly among some of the most attractive sites in the U.S. This project enables a rural area, such as south side Virginia and the northern Piedmont Triad to compete with larger, more urban areas.

The Mega Park is a 3,500-acre site located on Berry Hill Road between Eden and Danville, VA. The City of Eden has worked with representatives with the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (RIFA) to supply water and sewer to the park because of our available capacity. In 2013, a sewer line was run from Eden to the Virginia state line with \$769,000 in grant funding being received from the Golden Leaf Foundation. The RIFA of Danville and Pittsylvania County is running the line from the NC state line to the park. The City will get to treat the first million gallons per day of wastewater from the park and possibly up to three million gallons per day as development continues.

Currently, there is water capacity of 750,000 gallons per day from an existing water line that Danville has already run to the park. When the Mega Park begins developing and there are significant water users, we will be called upon to provide water to the Mega Park site. If there are large water users or those requiring a redundant source, we will be required to upgrade the sizes of our existing trunk mains in our distribution system to support higher volumes of water moving to the east side of the City. The City has been awarded \$3.8 million in grants and over \$15 million in loan offers for the water extension project based on a 30" line that would be required to accommodate large water users. One project that seems to be moving forward is Project Lignum. This is a project that will include an investment of \$120 million and will create 80 jobs paying more than \$41,000 per year. The City Council for Danville, Virginia approved a resolution in support of this project at a meeting on Tuesday, December 5th. The resolution also supported a \$2.6 million grant from the Virginia Tobacco Commission that the RIFA was seeking to fund a buildable construction pad and rail spur for the project.

A formal groundbreaking took place at the park in March of 2017 and three tracts have since been cleared. RIFA has contacted the respective environmental agencies to seek permission to clear larger tracts since much of the interest it has gleaned from site consultants and potential clients has been for larger tracts. Local economic developers are now receiving requests for information about this park at least once a week.

In December of 2017, Danville and Pittsylvania Economic Developers reiterated a need to show regional cooperation with Eden and Rockingham County. They wish to develop regional marketing materials that include the workforce, workforce training and infrastructure assets of their NC neighbors.

## 50th Anniversary Synopsis & Wrap-Up

We had a great time celebrating Eden's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the course of the past year. Much thanks and appreciation to Ms. Cindy Adams, Coordinator of Tourism & Special Projects/Events for her leadership and work related to each of our efforts throughout 2017. Below of some of the exciting things that took place to commemorate our special year:

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo was developed and stationary created for use throughout the year.
- Banners were placed on Poles at City Hall featuring the logo and Large Statics were placed on City Buildings & Fire Stations.
- A very special kick-off event was held in conjunction with the Eden Chamber of Commerce at their Annual Dinner.
- The Chamber of Commerce Directory Cover Featured the 50<sup>th</sup> Logo on a Cake by Brenna Yates at Sweet Revenge Bakery.
- Staff conducted 2 Tree Dedications that were held at:
  - 1. Freedom Park, and
  - 2. John E. Grogan Park Invited Central 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders A reception with the kids was held to celebrate Earth Day.
- "Welcome Race Fans" Banner was placed on Hwy. 14 & Stand Up Welcome Boards were placed in Hotel Lobby's featuring the 50<sup>th</sup> Logo.
- Staff held an "Old Timers Game" where softball players from years past were brought back for a fun afternoon of reminiscing. They were presented 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts.

- Historical Pictures and Articles were placed on Social Media.
- A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Section was featured in the News & Record/Rockingham Now.
- A Chamber Coffee was hosted by City of Eden that featured businesses that had been here 50 years. They had booths setup that showcased some of their items through the years. Some of the specific businesses featured included: Dyers, Eden Drive-In, WLOE, Kings Chandelier and others. Even the refreshments had a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme.
- The Eden Historical Museum featured a very special window filled with lots of great historic items from the last 50 years. A fun Unveiling Ceremony was conducted just prior to RiverFest. The Museum also "did it up big" during RiverFest to continue the celebration.
- A fantastic book entitled "Celebrating 50 Years" was assembled by Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk. It is 165 pages full of wonderful and fascinating information about consolidation and the years after. It is for sale to the public for \$15 and can be purchased at Eden City Hall.
- We had a great Celebration at RiverFest with special introductions, recognitions and cakes commemorating the anniversary.
- City Employees wore apparel featuring the logo and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts were sold to the public.
- The *Positively Eden* Strategic Planning process was completed and its initial implementation signifies the beginning of the next 50 years.
- A time capsule will be put in place at City Hall on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. that will be opened on our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2042. We have secured a time capsule that will be placed in a special feature inside a wall inside the Eden Municipal Building instead of the earth. This new method better preserves the materials inside the capsule.

## "Did You Know" Ads

Our first five "Did You Know" ads are running on WGSR/STAR NEWS. When the project is completed we will have 25 produced. Also, coming soon will be 3-minute segments featuring our economic development efforts, code enforcement, and other important subjects. This is an effort that is part of our Strategic Planning Process.

## Text Message Marketing

We will soon be launching our text message marketing effort to better inform our citizens about upcoming meetings, involvement opportunities, event information and so much more. Anyone interested in receiving the information should email your text number to Cindy Adams at <a href="mailto:cadams@edennc.us">cadams@edennc.us</a> or call 336-612-8049. As an alternative, you can text us with your name and the fact that you would like to <a href="mailto:opt in">opt in</a> at 336-552-6132 and we can get your number via the text. <a href="Citizens have to opt in">Citizens have to opt in</a>. No one will just be added to the list. This will be a great way to stay informed, but we promise not to overload you with text messages.

#### 2018 Major Event Dates

Mark your calendars now! We have a fun line-up of 6 major events slated to take place in 2018. They are the following:

• May 12 Oink & Ale

June 2 Piedmont Pottery Festival
July 21 Shaggin' on Fieldcrest
August 9 Grown & Gathered
August 25 Touch-A-Truck

• Sept. 14 & 15 RiverFest

Watch <u>www.ExploreEdenNC.com</u> and our Explore Eden Facebook page for other small events such as "Movies Under the Stars", Downtown Events and so much more!

## Mama Crockett's Donuts

We have nearly 6,500 people following our Explore Eden Facebook Page. A very popular food trailer based out of Lynchburg, VA saw our page and liked what they saw and decided to give Eden a try! We were actually the first North Carolina stop for Mama Crockett's Donuts! They set up in the municipal parking lot on Henry Street and sold donuts and cider out of their awesome food trailer on January 10<sup>th</sup>. They love small towns and had a successful day here.

## **Boulevard Merchant's Association**

The Boulevard Merchant's Association is planning a food truck rodeo Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. They had a successful Christmas campaign and are inviting residents of the Boulevard to attend their meetings.

## Eden Downtown Development Corporation

The Eden Downtown Development Corporation began their new calendar year installing four new members, Faye Shelton, Peggy Wyatt, Rhonda Price and Terrie Penn. New subcommittee members have been identified from their attendance at the September 5<sup>th</sup> Main Street meeting with Liz Parham, Director of the North Carolina Main Street Program.

## **Building Rehabilitation Grant & Façade Grant Programs**

We continue to work with individual businesses concerning the Building Rehabilitation Grant and Façade grant. Currently three projects can benefit from its creation. Two other building owners have requested the BRG information in anticipation of construction.

## **Engineering Department**

#### Street Resurfacing Projects - Update

Construction on the FY 2017-18 Street Resurfacing Contract will resume in April or May weather permitting. We have approximately \$300,000 remaining in our loan proceeds to finish resurfacing the remaining 11 streets on the contract. The remaining streets consist of sections on the following: Hale Street, Center Street, Delaware Avenue (2 sections), Eisenhower Court, High Street, Hundley Drive, Mill Avenue, Ridge Avenue (2 sections) and Woodrow Avenue.

Staff is currently in the process of finalizing the street list for the FY 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Contract. The bid documents should be completed by the end of the month. The contract will be let out for bid sometime in February.

NCDOT has sections of the following state roads in the Eden city limits scheduled to be resurfaced in 2018: Aiken Road, Summit Road, Friendly Road, Short Union Street, Lincoln Street, Northridge Drive and Wilshire Drive.

## Waterline Replacement Projects Update

Crews from Sam W. Smith, Inc. continued to install a 6" ductile iron water main along W. Arbor Lane in the Bear Slide subdivision, with an additional 531 feet of pipe installed during the past month (through January 4<sup>th</sup>). During the past week, no pipe has been installed due to the workers making water main repairs at industrial sites in the county. Tees have been installed for future fire hydrant leg connections, and a tee and 2" valve was installed at the intersection with Wildflower Lane. An additional 170 feet of 6" ductile iron pipe is to be installed along W. Arbor Lane, as well as about 450 feet of 2" PVC water main along Wildflower Lane as part of this project.

A bid opening is set for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for the Sunset Drive 2" Waterline Replacement project. The Public Water Supply Section of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality is reviewing plans and other documents prepared by Stoltzfus

Engineering, Inc. About 800 feet of 6" ductile iron pipe is to be installed after receiving plan approval and an authorization to construct, in the Grand Oaks subdivision between Conover Drive and Knollwood Drive.

## Fire Department

## **Expansion of Training Grounds**

The City of Eden has secured a tract of land from the Rockingham County School Board. The land is located behind Station 4 on East Stadium Drive. The City acquired the land in exchange for a 1987 model fire truck that was decommissioned and taken out of service. The fire truck will be used in the high school firefighter program that is being taught at Rockingham High School. The land is in the process of being cleared and will be used to further expand the training grounds behind the fire station. The fire department kicked off its fund raising efforts in the month of December for the burn building to be built behind station 4 on E. Stadium Drive. Pine State Group located on New Street donated \$4,570.00 to go toward the construction. This will be a state of the art building, which will give firefighters live fire training in a controlled environment. The building will not only give live fire training, search and rescue, ventilation, and a large variety of other training opportunities can be utilized in the building. The Eden Fire Department is very excited about the fund raising efforts to try and achieve this excellent training facility.

#### July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 Statistics

The City of Eden Fire Department ran a total of 291 calls from July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Fire related calls totaled 198 calls with EMS related calls making up the other 93 calls. The fire department received automatic aid from neighboring fire departments a total of 98 times and gave automatic aid 58 times. The average pre fire incident value of the properties we responded to was approximately \$2,967,200 and the fire loss was approximately \$95,400. The average response time for the Fire Department from the time the call is dispatched to the time a unit arrives on the scene is approximately 5 minutes. This time does reflect responding mutual aid with county fire departments 210 and 220. The average on scene time for the fire department for the past 6 months is 32 minutes.

## Information Technology Department

#### Security Issues

With the recent announcements of a serious virus outbreak as well as the Meltdown and Specter vulnerabilities, the IT department wants to ensure our citizens that we take the security of your data seriously. We routinely send specially crafted phishing emails to our users to verify that they are applying security best practices. Any users who click links or open attachments in the

emails that we send are enrolled in additional training to help them identify the red flags associated with phishing email.

The City of Eden is also a member of the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC). The mission of MS-ISAC is to improve the overall cyber security posture of the nation's state, local, tribal and territorial governments through focused cyber threat prevention, protection, response, and recovery. Through them we receive security bulletins, up-to-date security best practice techniques, and training opportunities on identifying and mitigating emerging cyber security threats. They offer these services as well as after-incident forensic analysis of computers and servers free of charge to government agencies.

## Parks & Recreation Department

## **Community Accents Program**

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE radio on December 20<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> and will be participating in additional broadcasts on January 17<sup>th</sup>, and February 9<sup>th</sup>. We use these opportunities to update our residents and others about the Parks and Recreation programs that are happening during the months of January and February.

## Santa Visits/Calls & Christmas Parties

Staff conducted Santa Visits and calls for the residents of the City through December 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition, staff conducted Christmas parties at the Bridge Street Recreation Center and Mill Avenue Recreation Center on December 20<sup>th</sup> for the participants who use these facilities on a daily basis.

## Dixie Youth Baseball State Meeting

Staff will attend the NC Dixie Youth Baseball State meeting on January 19-20, 2018 and provide attendees with information about the NC Dixie Youth Baseball Ozone State Tournament that will be held in Eden at Freedom Park on July 13-20, 2018.

## Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with be Healthy Rockingham. They attended the be Healthy Rockingham meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup> and will attend the next meeting that is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Public Meetings - Matrimony Creek Greenway Project

The Parks and Recreation Department conducted public meetings on January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> to provide updates on the status of the Matrimony Creek Greenway Project and get feedback from those in attendance.

## Playground Repairs - Freedom Park

You may have visited Freedom Park and noticed the yellow warning tape and wood at the children's playground. This is to keep people off of this one area at the playground until the new replacement slide that has been ordered can be delivered and installed. If you have any questions concerning this work please feel free to contact Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks and Recreation at jfarmer@edennc.us.

## **Planning & Inspections Department**

## Ashton Way Apartments

Wynnefield Development has officially purchased the property on E. Harris Place from Osborne Investments and anticipates beginning construction on the Ashton Way Apartments in the near future.

## Police Department

## Swearing-In Ceremony

A swearing-in ceremony for Greg Light, Police Chief and Clint Simpson, Deputy Police Chief was held at City Hall on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to congratulate both of these fine men if you see them.

#### **Police Department Promotions**

Anthony Welch, Police Sergeant II, a 17-year veteran of the Eden Police Department and Paul Moore, Police Sergeant II, a 14-year veteran of the Eden Police Department have been promoted to the position of Police Lieutenant I within our Patrol Division. In addition, David Lamberth, Police Sergeant I, a 14-year veteran of the Eden Police Department has been promoted to the position of Police Lieutenant I within our Investigations Division. Please congratulate all three of these fine men if you see them.

## Project Safe Rockingham County Initiative (PRSC)

Project SAFE Rockingham County (PSRC) is a countywide coalition between the community and law enforcement, conducted to call-in violent offenders. At the meeting, held semi-annually in

Wentworth, felons with firearms convictions hear a resounding message: Put down your guns or face the wrath of the entire criminal justice system. A law enforcement panel, consisting of local, state and federal criminal justice leaders, present the offenders with a stern warning that crimes committed with firearms will not be tolerated. Initially, PSRC was supported by state grant funding with local financial assistance from the Reidsville Area Foundation. However, during the past few years the anti-gun crime effort has been funded entirely by the six law enforcement departments around the county. PSRC is one of eleven Project SAFE Neighborhoods (PSN) initiatives in the federal middle district of the state. The call-in is the signature, or high profile, event of PSN efforts, and Rockingham County has enjoyed a high degree of success with them so far. With the experience of thirteen (13) call-ins to its credit, 156 offenders have been notified to attend and 154 offenders have attended. Of the 154 offenders that attended, 28 have been charged with a serious felonious crime since being notified. Another important fact of the call-in is the third segment of the meeting. Community volunteers, led by Project Re-Entry, sit down one-on-one with the offenders and discuss needs assessment sheets, which they complete prior to the meeting. Strategies are discussed concerning how to best serve the offenders as they mainstream back into the community.

## Mental Health Services - Involuntary Commitments - UNC Rockingham Healthcare

In 2008 Governor Mike Easley signed the Mental Health Reform Act, which essentially pushed the responsibility for treating individuals with mental illness back into the communities. A strategic plan was developed to reduce the number of state beds available for inpatient treatment of those individuals with Medicaid or indigent. As a result of these actions by the Easley Administration, over the years, we have observed an increase in the number of involuntary commitment patients that we have been required to attend to at UNC Rockingham Healthcare (formerly Morehead Hospital).

Calendar Year 2008	86 Commitments	Calendar Year 2012	134 Commitments
Calendar Year 2009	91 Commitments	Calendar Year 2013	101 Commitments
Calendar Year 2010	141 Commitments	Calendar Year 2014	129 Commitments
Calendar Year 2011	143 Commitments	Calendar Year 2015	119 Commitments
Calendar Year 2016	116 Commitments	Calendar Year 2017	122 Commitments

We continue to work closely with other law enforcement agencies and mental health service providers within the county to address the issues surrounding the involuntary commitment process. We have collaborated with all the other law enforcement agencies in the county to establish guidelines for involuntary and emergency commitment situations, as well as developed a Memorandum of Understanding, which has been agreed to by the local law enforcement entities and the Rockingham County hospitals. This continues to be an issue that taxes law enforcement and healthcare resources throughout the state.

## **Public Utilities Department**

## The New Street Sewer Improvements Project

The owners of the MGM Warehouse property have formally asked that the city provide sewer to their warehouse facilities on New Street. This is due to the inoperable condition of the old Fieldcrest Mills wastewater treatment plant on the MGM property. Because this property is in the City, we are obligated to provide sewer service to this property. The city staff developed a scope of work where we plan to develop a pumping station on the property of adequate size to handle the MGM workforce operations, Gildan's workforce operations, prepare for limited growth on the adjacent potential industries development sites, and consolidate the Weil McLain pump station into the new larger pumping station.

The city staff began working to securing a funding source for this project late last summer. A funding application was submitted to the North Carolina Department of Commerce in October of 2017. As noted previously, the city was formally notified in December of 2017 that the project had been funded with a \$997,000 grant. Design work on the project will begin soon and the construction should begin in early summer.

## 1600 KW Generator - Water Filtration Plant & Wastewater Treatment Plant - WATCH Event

The 1600 KW generator for the water plant and wastewater plant located at the water plant is on a Power Share Program with Duke Energy. During weather extremes such as have been experienced the first week of January we are placed on WATCH status for the possibility of a load curtailment event for large business demand response. When these events occur the water plant staff are notified by Duke Energy of the need for a load curtailment. At that time, the water plant staff switches the generator to Peak Shave; the switchgear system will automatically transfer the electrical load of both the water plant and the wastewater plant to the generator unit. The staff is notified once the demand on Duke Energy reserve is lessened and we are able to switch back to Duke Energy power. This WATCH event ran from January 2-7, 2018 because of the extreme cold conditions. On January 2, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and again on January 7, 2018 from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. notice was given to curtail load and on both days the generator carried the electrical demand of the water plant and wastewater plant. During the extreme recent cold the water plant basins and filters are covered with ice. This makes the operations of the plant more challenging and freezes the water in the stilling wells associated with the levels on the basin and in the lake. Breaking ice up is a daily effort to ensure proper operations.

# <u>Did You Know? – Why is there a Sewer Odor at Times Near the Intersection of Edgewood/Stadium at Freedom Park?</u>

This has been an ongoing problem since the City of Eden lost the industrial flow to the Railroad Pump Station from Hanes Brands. The odor comes from an air relief valve on the sewer force main coming from this pump station located in front of 702 E Stadium Drive. The sewage being carried has changed from mostly industrial waste to mostly domestic sewer, which digests more readily in the piping before reaching the wastewater treatment plant. In the course of this digestion all available water-soluble oxygen is used up and the bacteria begins to go after chemical oxygen readily found in the sulfates contained in the sewage. This creates the odor causing sulfides. Until a more permanent solution can be found (hopefully, an increase in industrial flow from future industries) the City has been feeding a calcium nitrate solution for the bacteria to feed on instead of the sulfates so as to prevent the odiferous sulfides from being created. We realize that it's not always a perfect solution as there are times when the odor still occurs. The annual cost of this chemical has been approximately \$80,000.

#### Did You Know? – Eden Has Plenty of Water & Sewer Capacity for Potential Large Users

The City of Eden Water Filtration Plant is rated at 20.6 million gallons (MGD) a day. However, during the month of December 2017 the water plant averaged treating 3.74 million gallons of raw water per day and distributed an average of 3.02 MGD. The Mebane Bridge Wastewater Treatment Plant is permitted for 13.5 MGD, but since the closure of Hanesbrands, the plant has only been averaging between 2.5 and 4.0 MGD. As you can see, Eden has plenty of water and sewer capacity for potential large users.

#### CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor: Wayne Tuggle, Sr. Council Members: Bernie Moore

Jim Burnette Angela Hampton Jerry Epps

Darryl Carter

Mayor Elect: Neville Hall

Jerry Ellis

City Manager: Brad Corcoran

City Clerk: Sheralene Thompson

City Attorney: Erin Gilley
Deputy City Clerk: Deanna Hunt

Representatives from Departments:

News Media: Justyn Melrose, Rockingham Now

Roy Sawyers, RCENO

#### 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 6:00 p.m. and works from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

#### **INVOCATION:**

Council Member Jerry Epps gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **RECOGNITIONS:**

a. Quality Cleaners 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition

Mayor Tuggle asked Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development, to come forward. Mr. Dougherty asked Mr. Paul Dishmon and Ms. Cindy Adams to join him along with Mayor Elect Neville Hall. Mr. Dougherty asked Mr. J.T. Hale and Ms. Doris Edwards to come forward for their recognition and provided a brief history. He then recognized the Hales for reaching a milestone and celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quality Cleaners.

## RESIGNATION & DECLARATION OF VACANCY OF WARD 6 CITY COUNCIL SEAT:

Mayor Tuggle explained that he had received a resignation letter from Ward 6 representative Mayor Elect Hall and he then declared that Ward 6 City Council seat was vacant.

#### 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 Mayor and City Council Members.

He then declared that the Mayor's seat was now vacant and seats from Ward 3, 4 and 5 were also vacant

- a. Swearing in of newly elected Mayor Neville Hall.
- b. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Angela Hampton Ward 3
- c. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Jerry Epps Ward 4
- d. Swearing in of newly elected Council Member Darryl Carter Ward 5

## RECOGNITION:

Mayor Hall asked former Mayor, Wayne Tuggle, to come forward. He pointed out that he wanted them to think about all the names Mayor Tuggle had been called.

As a "Son", he was proud of his beginnings here in this county. The way he was brought up and the lessons he had learned as a young boy.

A "Soldier", this man fought for their country, he went to Vietnam, he served, he risked his life so that they have the freedom to live like they do and the ability to have and express their opinions like they do.

A "Husband", first to Jane, one of the sweetest ladies he had ever known, until she passed away, and now to his lovely wife Debbie.

A "Father" to 3 very successful boys and of course now a grandfather, and a very active one.

A "Coach", he coached a lot of athletes throughout the years at the Boy's Club.

A "Teacher" and they all know the stress that comes with that title.

A "Principal", and he would say he was the leading paddler in Rockingham County, he did not have many repeat visitors.

A "Councilman", this man served 10 years on the Eden City Council.

A "Mayor", he moved into the role as mayor where he served 4 years.

An "Advisor and Mentor", to so many people, including himself, he would shoot straight without judgement and always reaching back to bring somebody up.

And finally a "Friend". It had been a pleasure to grow from a young boy, who "was scared of him in his camo clothes", who had played ball with his boys and was friends with them and to also become a friend with him he was honored to call him his friend.

Mayor Hall then presented him with a plaque in recognition of his service of 10 years as a City Council Member and 4 years as Mayor for a total of 14 years. He thanked him for all he had done for the city and may God bless him and his family as he began the next chapter in his life.

#### APPOINTMENT TO WARD 6 CITY COUNCIL SEAT AND OATH:

a. Appointment to fill the Unexpired Term as Council Member Representing Ward 6 and swearing in of newly appointed Council Member.

Mayor Hall explained that a public notice was sent out upon his notification of being elected as mayor. The notice included instructions as to how to apply for the vacant seat. Six people submitted letters of interest for the remainder of the Ward 6 seat term set to expire in December of 2019. All six were legal residents of Ward 6. The information that was submitted was hand delivered to the City Council for review and consideration on December 5<sup>th</sup>. He thought that everyone had received the information and had a chance to review it. At this time Mayor Hall entertained a motion to appoint one of these individuals.

Council Member Carter stated that he liked the idea that a letter of interest was submitted. He did however wish that there had been one more step involved in it. He did talk with each individual and he appreciated their interest. After talking with the City Attorney, he accepted the rules but it did not mean you had to like it. He just wished there had been one more step.

Mayor Hall explained that their City Manager and City Attorney had researched it and they followed the normal protocol for filling a vacant seat. He agreed it was a hard decision and they had a lot of qualified people and it was a blessing to have people who were willing to do that.

Council Member Burnette commented that these six people expressed an interest on being on the City Council and being involved in city government and as the mayor said, only one of those people could take this seat. He certainly hoped the other five would stay involved in city government, serving on boards that the city had as well. With that said, he would like to make a motion to appoint Ms. Sylvia Grogan to the empty Ward 6 seat.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the nomination of Ms. Sylvia Grogan to represent Ward 6. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

Honorable Judge Wilson administered the oath of office to Ward 6 Council Representative Ms. Sylvia Grogan.

## SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

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

#### MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

#### ABC Board Chairman

Mayor Hall re-appointed Mr. Tommy Flynt to serve as chairman on the ABC Board.

#### ABC Board

Mayor Hall re-appointed Ms. Lisa Duncan to serve a three-year term on the ABC Board.

Rockingham County Solid Waste Committee

Mayor Hall re- appointed Council Member Bernie Moore to the Rockingham County Solid Waste Committee.

Piedmont Triad Regional Council

Mayor Hall 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 Ellis to approve the Mayoral appointments. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

## SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Moore to set the meeting agenda. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No public hearings were scheduled at this time.

#### REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Hall wanted to explain this section of the agenda and stated that he would hit on some of the highlights. He explained that the purpose for it was for members of the public to present any matter pertaining to City business or items on the City Council's agenda. This period shall not serve as a forum for debate with the City Council. He explained that any speaker who wishes to speak must sign up to do so before the meeting starts on the sign-up sheet located at the table outside the entrance to the Council Chambers. Remarks shall be addressed directly to the City Council and not to staff, the audience or media. Any speaker who wishes to speak shall approach the podium and not speak from his/her seat. Each speaker shall clearly state his or her name and physical address when he/she reaches the podium. Any citizen desiring to present any matter concerning the services, policies, and affairs of the City of Eden shall be allotted three minutes. Citizens will be allowed to yield their time, on a specific topic by utilizing one more attendees time. This would allow no more than six minutes.

Speakers appearing before the City Council will not be allowed to discuss any matter relating to city personnel, campaign for public office, promote private business ventures, or use language of a personal nature which insults or demeans any person or which, when directed at a public official, is not related to his or her official duties.

He added that in lieu of their oral statement that they could also submit written statements to the City Manager.

a. Ms. Larietta Hairston, 546 Morgan Road and owner of Hairston's Total Designer addressed the City Council:

Ms. Hairston explained that she would just like to get some clarification. Back in the summer when they were doing work on the road, lights were put up at all of the businesses except her business. At that time, they said that they would come back and put some lights up also at her business. Last week they came and put parking lanes in front of all of the businesses and they skipped her business again. So that was why she was there, to get some kind of clarification on why she was always being skipped over.

Mayor Hall asked Ms. Hairston to get with the City Manager about corresponding with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Mr. Corcoran commented that he would get in touch with Ms. Hairston after the meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No Unfinished Business at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Consideration of COPS Hiring Program Grant Award – City of Eden.

Chief Reece Pyrtle explained that earlier this year staff submitted a grant application to the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for 2 Police Officer positions. The intention was to replace the two officer positions (that were previous COPS grant positions from years ago) that were eliminated by the closing of MillerCoors and the implementation of their workforce reduction plan.

The first officer would be assigned to their Patrol Division to utilize community policing strategies in their business areas, which will support their Main Street Program and all business districts. This officer would work straight days Monday through Friday. The second officer would be assigned to their Detective Division to utilize community policing strategies, while primarily investigating violent crime in and around their business districts. This officer would work the same schedule as all other detectives.

According to the award notification letter "the estimated amount of federal funds to be awarded to your jurisdiction over the three-year award period is \$250,000. Your local cash match will be \$96,180.00". In addition, "award recipients must retain all sworn officer positions funded under the 2017 CHP award for a minimum of 12 months following the 36-month federal funding period". As such, the total commitment from the COPS grant over the four-year period would be \$250,000 and the total commitment from the City over the four-year period would be \$211,573.92. The COPS grant budget reflects the following:

<b>Year</b>	Federal Share	<b>Local Match</b>
1	\$103,851.83	\$ 11,541.65

2	\$100,966.00	\$ 14,427.07
3	\$ 45,182.17	\$ 70,211.72
4	\$ 0.00	<u>\$115,393.48</u>
	\$250,000.00	\$211,573.92

The Police Department would like to proceed with accepting this COPS grant award if there is no objections.

Council Member Burnette asked what his thoughts were about community policing.

Chief Pyrtle explained that it was just basically the strategy of getting the officer out of the car and into the community that he serves. Getting to know them and connecting those individuals with more than just police resources. That other resources were available through the city and the county, whatever it may be. It was getting back out of that police car and touching base with their community.

Mayor Hall asked Chief Pyrtle to talk about how this was a very competitive grant and how he had mentioned that they were very fortunate to have received this grant.

Chief Pyrtle stated that they were very fortunate and they have great staff. Sergeant Sam Shelton worked diligently at crafting this grant and he has done a marvelous job for us. Also to his knowledge they were the only ones in the county to receive two officers.

Council Member Moore asked how soon this would go into effect.

Chief Pyrtle replied that it would be immediately. They were just waiting on the electronic signatures.

Council Member Ellis questioned if it was not their first time to pursue this grant to which Chief Pyrtle replied it was not. They have received it in the past and have kept it for that fourth year but through Miller closing and the city-wide work force reduction plan, they eliminated two positions. He thought this was just an excellent opportunity to seek this funding, the staff did a great job writing the grant and they were successful.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the COPS Hiring Program Grant Award. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

 b. 2018 Boards and Commissions Appointments. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Charles Johnson Ward 5 – Councilman Carter

#### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Louise Price Ward 4 – Councilman Epps Marianne Aiken Ward 5 – Councilman Carter Everall Peele Ward 1 – Councilman Moore

**Planning Board** 

Fred Ramsey Ward 4 – Councilman Epps

Barbara Martin Ward 3 – Councilwoman Hampton

Tree Board

Mike Coram Ward 1 – Councilman Moore
Jim Ivie Ward 2 – Councilman Burnette

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

c. Consideration of Appointment to EDDI.

Mr. Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager, explained that because the EDDI amended its by-laws to operate from a calendar year, it is advantageous City Council make its appointment to the EDDI Board in December to be effective the calendar year 2018. He explained that Council Member Jim Burnette was the previous appointee and would normally have completed his term through April 2018.

Mr. Hunt respectfully recommended that the City Council appoint Councilman Burnette to continue to be its representative to the EDDI Board for the calendar year 2018.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Grogan to appoint Council Member Burnette to serve another year on the EDDI Board. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

d. Consideration and approval of poolroom application for Tina Lawson. Reece Pyrtle, Chief of Police

Ms. Tina Lawson applied for a poolroom application. The Eden Police Department has completed an electronic Criminal History Check for North Carolina and a Nationwide check through TLO and found no felony convictions on the applicant. The building located at 111 N. Hundley Dr. also meets the requirements of Article VIII, Division 1, Section 7-285 of the Eden City Code for pool rooms.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the poolroom applicant, Ms. Tina Lawson, a license to operate a poolroom. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

#### REPORTS FROM STAFF:

## <u>City Manager's Report – December 2017</u>

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I would like to wish each of you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Christmas and my hope for you and yours is that the New Year brings peace and happiness. Enjoy the season!

## North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Plans to Resurface 24 Miles of U.S. 29

The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$4.9 million contract to mill and resurface a 24-mile section of U.S. 29 between U.S. 158 in Rockingham County and the Caswell County line. "The contract entails milling and resurfacing of the asphalt as well as the replacement and painting of pavement markings; which will ultimately create a smother and safer ride for drivers traveling between Rockingham and Caswell counties and the Virginia state line," said NCDOT Division Engineer Mike Mills. Work can begin as early as July 2018, and completion is anticipated by November 2019. Sharpe Brothers Inc. of Greensboro is the contractor for this project.

## <u>Positively Eden Strategic Plan – Update</u>

As previously noted, the recently adopted *Positively Eden* strategic plan outlines five different strategies. Within each strategy are various goals designed to help achieve the given strategy. In addition, each goal has a corresponding "idea box" section that includes various ideas that could assist us in working toward the achievement of the specific goal. The ideas included in the "idea box" are merely suggestions and are designed to serve as a starting point. It is anticipated that additional ideas will be generated and implemented in order to fulfill the corresponding goal and related strategy. While implementation of this plan is a team effort that will include elected officials, city staff and members of the community, the overall responsibility for working towards the fulfillment of each strategy is now being handled by Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections and her staff within the Planning and Inspections Department. We believe it is important to have one member of staff and department that is responsible for the overall implementation of this plan. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the strategic plan please feel free to contact Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning and Inspections at kstultz@edennc.us. As you are probably aware, the City Council has already approved the allocation of funds for some specific initiatives related to this plan and work is continuing on each of those initiatives. It is anticipated that a detailed update on our implementation efforts to date will be given to the members of the strategic plan steering committee during the latter part of January or the first part of February and then to the members of City Council and the public shortly thereafter.

## Economic & Tourism Development Department

## Berry Hill Regional Mega Park

Project Lignum is a project that will include an investment of \$120 million and will create 80 jobs paying more than \$41,000 per year. The City Council for Danville, Virginia approved a

resolution in support of this project at a meeting on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The resolution also supported a \$2.6 million grant from the Virginia Tobacco Commission that the Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (RIFA) is seeking to fund a buildable construction pad and rail spur for the project.

## New Street Sewer Line Project

A \$997,000 grant application was submitted to the NC Department of Commerce to complete a sewer system upgrade for New Street where both Gildan Activewear and Weil-McLain have facilities. There are also two prominent greenfield sites located in the area. The proposal will be considered in mid-December.

#### **Industry Bus Tour**

An Industry Bus Tour is tentatively being planned for April 30, 2018 since this is a teacher workday. Teachers, guidance counselors, administrative staff and the college advisors from across the county will be invited to visit area industries and then travel to Rockingham Community College for lunch and a tour of their technical training facilities. The purpose of this bus tour is to familiarize Rockingham County Schools teachers and counselors with the opportunities available to students at local industries. This will be a pilot program that will be expanded to other parts of the county if successful.

#### Sibonga Hair Salon

This is the former Sarona Salon that used to be located across from the Eden Goodwill store, moved to the mall and now has located in the Rockingham Insurance Agency complex on Van Buren Road

#### Bird's Eye View Vintage

This is a new business that has opened at 980 Westerly Park Road in Eden. It is located in the big red barn on this property. They have vintage gardening, antique furniture and jewelry.

#### ACI Physical Therapy

This company has moved into the former Hand Rehabilitation Center facility on King's Hwy across from Dayspring Family Medicine.

## **Wyrd Armouries**

The partners in this business have moved to Eden from High Point, NC and will operate their joint businesses in the former Habitat for Humanity location at the corner of Irving Avenue and

The Boulevard. Nathanial Wilson does metal fabrication and Cynthia Abernathy does sewing and leatherwork.

## Donna's Kitchen

Donna and Dennis Proctor have opened this restaurant at 1405 Washington Street next to the Eden Drive-in. They serve home cooked meats and vegetables, steaks, seafood, burgers, soups, salads, wraps, homemade cobblers and other desserts.

## Get Fit Rockingham

Based on the success of the Get Fit Eden program, the communities of Reidsville, Stoneville, Madison, Mayodan and Wentworth will join forces to expand this program to their communities with the help of a Kate B. Reynolds grant. A proposal will be submitted in January of 2018 to the organization to fund this effort. It will be called Get Fit Rockingham.

## **Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner**

UNC Health System President Chis Ellington has been secured as the keynote speaker at the 2018 Annual Chamber of Commerce Leadership Recognition Dinner to be held on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Ball Room.

## **Draper Murals**

The two Coca-Cola murals have been completed. Charles Ewing of Fox 8 produced a news story that was featured December 6<sup>th</sup>. The artist has been approached to restore the signage at the Draper pocket park. The painting will be completed this year as weather permits.

#### Merchants Association Meetings

Both the Boulevard and Leaksville merchant associations met during the past month to discuss plans for the holiday season. The Boulevard merchants association has changed its meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month. The Draper merchants association will be meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **EDDI Update**

Directors reviewed their biographical description on the City website to insure accuracy. The next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Chamber of Commerce. Nominations to fill vacancies were submitted

## **EDDI Subcommittees**

Design, Promotion, Organization and Economic Vitality subcommittees met to review goals that were put in place in April. New strategies were discussed to obtain those goals.

## 622 Washington Street

UNC School of Government Graduate Students presented their findings for rehabilitation of the building. Creative solutions are needed for it to be an economic success, but it is a feasible project. We will receive additional resources that support their findings.

## **Building Rehabilitation Grant**

Several businesses have expressed interest in the city's building rehabilitation grant. Photo process documentation is needed to grant the first request.

## WGSR TV Campaign Update

A great deal of work is taking place to get ready for the upcoming WGSR TV campaign. Meetings to gather ideas have taken place both at City Hall and Municipal Services with staff. Representatives of CTT Productions have been working on scripts with voice-overs as well as filming footage.

## **Engineering Department**

## Street Resurfacing Projects - Update

Waugh Asphalt has completed work on the first 25 streets on the FY 2017-18 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 3 and all of the pavement markings have been reinstalled. The remaining 11 streets on Contract, No. 3 will be resurfaced in the spring of 2018.

## Southwood Drive Upgrade - Update

Waugh Asphalt has completed work on Southwood Drive behind Walmart and the centerline was installed on November 27<sup>th</sup>. This road is now open to the public for use.

#### Waterline Replacement Projects Update

Shiloh Utilities, Inc. completed the installation of new water taps at six locations along Victor Street on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The old 2" galvanized water main between Grove Street and Flynn Street was cut and abandoned the next day. Asphalt patching for the project was completed on December 5<sup>th</sup>, with the crew completing final cleanup over the next two days.

A crew from Sam W. Smith, Inc. started the installation of 6" ductile iron water main along W. Arbor Lane on December 6<sup>th</sup>, after spotting several underground utility lines within the project corridor. About 254 linear feet of new water main has been installed through December 12<sup>th</sup>, with progress slow due to trouble locating some of the marked utility lines and services between the intersections with Sycamore Court and Wildflower Lane. An additional 700 linear feet of 6" water main pipe will be installed along W. Arbor Lane over the next couple of months, and also about 450 linear feet of 2" PVC water main along Wildflower Lane.

A signed Application for Approval, and water system information for the engineer's report have been provided to Stolzfus Engineering, Inc. for the Sunset Drive 2" waterline replacement project. Those items along with the final design plans should be sent to the NC Public Water Supply Section, Division of Water Resources in Raleigh for review and approval by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The review process normally takes about 30 days. Bid documents are being prepared, with a tentative bid opening date set for January 11, 2018.

## Fire Department

## **Expansion of Training Grounds**

The City of Eden has secured a tract of land from the Rockingham County School Board. The land is located behind Station 4 on East Stadium Drive. The City acquired the land in exchange for a 1987 model fire truck that was decommissioned and taken out of service. The fire truck will be used in the high school firefighter program that is being taught at Rockingham High School. The land is in the process of being cleared and will be used to further expand the training grounds behind the fire station. Fire Chief Tommy Underwood is currently in the process of launching a fundraiser to help raise funds that could be put towards the cost of constructing a new two-story burn building for training.

## Parks & Recreation Department

#### Community Accents Program

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE radio on December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be participating in additional broadcasts on December 20<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup>. We use these opportunities to update our residents and others about the Parks and Recreation programs that are happening during the months of December and January and the upcoming winter season.

#### Santa Visits & Calls

Staff has been busy providing Santa Visits and will continue to do so through December 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition, staff will be assisting Santa with his calls to local residents on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. For additional information please contact Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks and Recreation at jfarmer@edennc.us.

#### **Dog Park Update**

The City Council voted on October 17<sup>th</sup> to proceed with the construction of a dog park in Freedom Park for both small and large dogs. City staff is currently obtaining quotes in order to issue purchase orders for the equipment and materials that will be needed for this project. In addition,

City staff is planning to install the water lines for the water fountains within the course of the next month. This project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2018.

## Be Healthy Rockingham County

Parks and Recreation staff attended a Be Healthy Rockingham County meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the upcoming meeting scheduled for January 3<sup>rd</sup>. This group is continuing to work on a survey and plan for the County to determine what the needs of the County are as it relates to recreation and health related activities offered in the County. They are using the recently completed City of Eden Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan as a guide.

## Freedom Park Nature Trail Improvements Project Update

Staff is planning to begin work on upgrading the Freedom Park Nature Trail with additional stone and granite dust, additional picnic tables, and the installation of 10 camping site pads for RVs at the back of Freedom Park. We expect to begin applying the additional stone and granite dust within the next 60 days and starting work on the RV pads so the sites and will be ready for use in the Spring of 2018.

## Matrimony Creek Trail Project Update

The Matrimony Creek Trail project is moving forward. Stoltzfus Engineering Inc. has provided the City with the engineering drawings for this project and this information is being submitted to the NC Department of Environmental Resources (NCDENR) for approval of the erosion control plan. In addition, a request has been submitted to the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for a curb cut for the parking lot at this site. In addition, the City Attorney continues to work on completing all the easement property transfers to the city for this project and hopes to have this completed in the near future. City staff hopes to begin work on the parking lot and trail areas sometime in within the next 60 days, once approvals from NCDENR have been received.

#### **River Access Points**

The City of Eden has submitted a letter of inquiry to the Duke Energy Water Resources fund for a \$100,000 grant to replace the Draper Landing access point and to add another one at the end of Klyce Street. The city should be notified in a few weeks if the projects have been accepted for a full application to be submitted.

## **Planning & Inspections Department**

## **Code Enforcement and Inspections Update**

We mailed 79 statements to property owners with an outstanding balance and we continue to monitor the Register of Deeds' online site for any ownership changes or foreclosures. In addition, since our last monthly report, 10 notices have been mailed by certified mail and first class mail. 5 for junk and 5 for violation of the Minimum Housing Code. During the course of the next month we will be following up with the Facility Maintenance Division on abatements that have not been completed and returned to our office.

## GIS – (Geographic Information Systems)

We provided maps on proposed greenway areas, the properties being donated by The Wright Company and their affiliated companies and we assisted the Finance Department with locating water meters.

## Ashton Way Apartments

Wynnefield Development has officially purchased the property on E. Harris Place from Osborne Investments and anticipates beginning construction on the Ashton Way Apartments in the near future.

## **Boards and Commissions Updates**

## **Planning Board**

At their October meeting, the Planning Board decided to table a request for I-3 zoning on Friendly Road. The applicant was agreeable to the action. Staff had recommended denial of the request. The Board wanted us to look into a different way to deal with recycling operations. At the December 5, 2017 the Planning Board again asked staff to look into other issues and possibilities for a text amendment. We anticipate the amendment coming to City Council in February

#### **Board of Adjustment**

The Board did not meet in December

The Historic Preservation Commission, the Tree Board and the Community Appearance Commission do not usually meet in December.

#### Lidl

We just received the final plans for LIDL and construction is scheduled to begin after the first of January 2018.

#### Police Department

## <u>Retirement of Reece Pyrtle – Chief of Police</u>

After 27 years of service to the citizens of Eden, Reece Pyrtle, Chief of Police will be retiring on January 1, 2018. Reece has done a tremendous job for the citizens of our community and will certainly be missed. If you see Reece between now and January 1<sup>st</sup> please take the time to thank him for his service to our community and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement.

#### **Police Department Promotions**

Mr. Greg Light, a 25-year veteran of the Eden Police Department, including the past eight plus years as Deputy Police Chief has been named the new Police Chief effective January 1, 2018. Mr. Clint Simpson, a 22-year veteran of the Eden Police Department, including the past eight plus years as Detective Lieutenant has been named the new Deputy Police Chief effective January 1, 2018. Please congratulate both of these fine men if you see them.

## **Public Utilities Department**

## EPA Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) to Stop Sewer System Overflows Update

At this time, we are on or ahead of schedule for our projects and our documentation submittals to the EPA and water infrastructure for our grant and loan funding. Our design work on all the mandated projects has been started by W. K. Dickson Engineering and is currently on schedule for submittal by May 1, 2018. In addition, our first semi-annual progress report was mailed on November 16<sup>th</sup> to the EPA as part of the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). This report was comprehensive and listed our Sanitary Sewer Overflows for the last six months, their causes, what we have done to stop them, and our overall progress to comply with the AOC within the five-year timetable that we have.

#### Chloramine Project Update

The chloramine project has been operational since August 14<sup>th</sup>. The chloramine disinfection residential system has been protecting our water distribution system from bacteria continuously now for the past four months. This system replaced our free chlorine residual system to lower Trihalomethanes in our drinking water.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

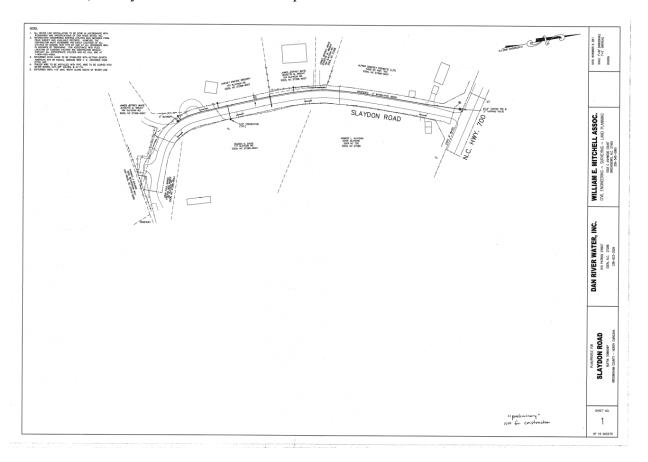
- a. Approval and adoption of minutes: November 21, 2017.
- b. Consideration of Proposed Water Main Extension by Dan River Water, Inc., along Slaydon Road.

Mr. Mike Lemons, Utility Supervisor for Dan River Water, Inc., is requesting that City Council grant approval for the proposed installation of approximately 815 LF of 2-inch diameter PVC water main along Slaydon Road. Preliminary layout plans for the proposed project have been

prepared by their engineering firm, William E. Mitchell Associates. Approval of the proposed improvement is being requested in accordance with the water purchase agreement between the City of Eden and Dan River Water, Inc.

The improvements are intended to serve four of the five existing houses located on Slaydon Road, which is located off NC 700, about 1.5 miles south of the city limits. There is not an existing water main on this road.

The Engineering Department recommends that the proposed water main improvements to the Dan River Water, Inc. system be allowed to take place.



c. Consideration of City Hall Heating & Air Upgrade - Financing for 5 years.

In the 2017-2018 Budget, City Council approved the upgrade of the heating and air system at City Hall and it has been set up in the budget to be financed. On November 28, 2017, staff requested bids from local banks for the financing and received the following quotes:

United Financial (Home Trust) 2.28%

The only quote we received is from United Financial at 2.28%. The first payment will not be due until next fiscal year (2018-2019) and the annual payments will be \$62,561.53 for five years. Staff respectfully asked that Council approve United Financial (Home Trust) as the successful bid.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

Mayor Hall stated he was pleased to announce that Eden has been awarded a \$997,000 grant from the North Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) to upgrade its sewer system with a new pump station and gravity sewer line to serve the Gildan Activewear and Weil-McLain sites on New Street. The improvements will also increase system capacity, opening additional sites to future economic development.

A special thanks to Ms. Pam Cundiff of Eden who represents Rockingham County and serves as a member of the fifteen-person RIA Board of Directors. The RIA is a part of the Rural Development Division within the NC Department of Commerce.

Council Member Jim Burnette wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked the City Council for re-appointing him as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Council Member Grogan thanked everyone for their confidence in appointing her to Ward 6.

Council Member Ellis thanked everyone for coming out and to be positive. He thanked all of the applicants who sent in their applications for Ward 6. He closed by stating that his grandson Forest Matthew King had just turned one year old.

## ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Unanimous Consent to adjourn. All Council Members present voted in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted	
Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC City Clerk	ATTEST
	Neville Hall, Mayo