

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Bernie Moore
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Jerry Epps
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Ellis
	Sylvia Grogan
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
Representatives from Departments:	
News Media:	Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update
	Susie Spear, Rockingham Now

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall 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. He recognized Rockingham County Commissioner Reece Pyrtle and Stoneville Town Council Member Johnny Farmer as being in attendance.

INVOCATION:

Council Member Ellis gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Hall said Item 4a Recognitions and Proclamations would be moved to Item 14 on the agenda to allow extra time for all of the participants to arrive for the swearing in of the Youth Council. There was an addition under New Business 10e Resolution for Authorization of Upset Bid Process.

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

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. (1) Consideration of a zoning map amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property at 904 Irving Avenue from Residential-6 to Business-General.
- (2) Consideration of a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed map amendment request to rezone property at 904 Irving Avenue from Residential-6 to Business-General.

Mayor Hall declared the public hearing open and called on Planning & Inspections Director Kelly Stultz.

Ms. Stultz explained this request was to rezone a .2 acre parcel from R-6 to Business-General. The R-6 residential district was established as a district in which the principal use of land was for single family, two family or multi-family residences. Regulations of the district were designed primarily for the developed residence area where dwellings already existed on small lots creating relatively high density neighborhoods. B-G was the most liberal business zoning district. The property did adjoin B-G properties on several sides. The property was located on the fringe of a residential district and a commercial district and there was no development pressure either way. The current owners would like to use the property for a use that would be allowed in B-G. Ms. Stultz stated a B-G zoning for the property was a much better outcome for the neighborhood than an empty house would be. It would be one of the first times that Planning and Inspections would recommend something that did not agree with their land use plan, which was 11 years old. There would be times when they would find themselves in that type of situation before they got around to updating the land use plan. Ms. Stultz asked that if the Council decided to approve the rezoning request, that they would also approve to amend the land use plan and adopt the consistency statement.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition.

Council Member Burnette said as long as the neighbors would not have a problem with the rezoning he would not either. The property was adjacent to B-G with one across the street as well. The only question was that with the property being so small if it would be able to comply with the buffer and parking requirements.

Ms. Stultz replied it would comply because with B-G there were no real required setbacks so there would be plenty of room to do those things.

Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to approve the zoning map amendment request and adoption of an Ordinance to rezone property at 904 Irving Avenue from Residential-6 to Business-General and to adopt a Resolution adopting a statement of consistency regarding the proposed map amendment request to rezone property at 904 Irving Avenue from Residential-6 to Business-General. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that, after having fully complied with all legal requirements, including publication of notice of a public hearing and the holding of a public hearing relative thereto, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Eden is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1 - Change from Residential-6 to Business-General the following parcel:

BEGINNING at an axle found in the southern right of way line of Irving Avenue, said iron marking the northwest corner of the Doris M. Hixson property as described in Deed Book 721 at page 95, said beginning point also being located North 87 deg. 00' West 114.00 feet from the intersection of the southern line of Irving Avenue and the western line of Hamilton Street, from the point of beginning with the western line of that property described in Deed Book 721 at page 95 South 3 deg. 00' West 103.21 feet to an existing iron stake in the northern line of Jimmy A. Tate (Deed Book 855, Page 695); thence with Tate's northern line South 78 deg. 40' West 82.57 feet to an axle found in the eastern line of that property described in Deed Book 809 at page 1792; thence with the eastern line of the property described in Deed Book 809 at page 1792 North 3 deg. 00' East 123.65 feet to an existing iron stake in the southern line of Irving Avenue; thence with the southern line of Irving Avenue South 87 deg. 00' East 80.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.208 acres, more or less, as per plat of survey for Charles Howard Price, III, Leaksville Township, Rockingham County, North Carolina, September 3, 1992 by C. E. Robertson & Associates, R.L.S., Eden, NC.

The above described property being commonly known as 904 Irving Avenue and identified by the Rockingham County Tax Department as PIN 7070-18-20-6828 and Parcel Number 107031.

Section 2 - The Official Zoning Map of the City of Eden is hereby amended to conform with this Ordinance.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 21st day of August, 2018.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville A. Hall, Mayor

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY REGARDING
A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF EDEN ZONING ORDINANCE
CASE NUMBER Z-18-05
MAP AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 160A-383, prior to adoption or rejection of any zoning amendment, the Eden City Council is required to adopt a statement as to whether the amendment is consistent with the Land Development Plan and why the City Council considers the action taken to be reasonable and in the public interest;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the Eden City Council adopted the Land Development Plan. Plans such as the City of Eden Land Development Plan are not designed to be static but are meant to reflect the City of Eden's needs, plans for future development and to remain in compliance with North Carolina State Law and the City of Eden's ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Planning Board received a request to rezone property at 904 Irving Avenue from R-6 to BG;

WHEREAS, On July 24, 2018, the City of Eden Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the zoning map amendment to rezone property located at 904 Irving Avenue from R-6 to BG.

STATEMENT OF NEED:

The subject parcel is located on the fringe of a residential district and a commercial district. The residential area is composed of older, small- to medium-sized residential properties, containing both owner-occupied and rental properties. The commercial area contains established retail and other businesses. There has been no development pressure in the area and the residential/commercial mix of uses has not changed in many years. The request is to rezone a residential property which adjoins existing BG property. Staff is of the opinion that rezoning the subject parcel to BG would not be detrimental to the neighborhood and would be in harmony with the surrounding area.

STATEMENT OF CONSISTENCY:

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The goals of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended, are to make smart growth decisions by carefully managing growth to:

- A. Strategically locate new land development in the most appropriate places.
- B. Maintain and enhance Eden's community character and heritage.
- C. Use infrastructure investments as effectively as possible.
- D. Attract new jobs and a more diverse tax base.
- E. Protect natural, cultural and historic resources and open space as we grow.

WHEREAS, The Eden City Council has considered the written recommendation of the City of Eden Planning Board and has held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, and the Council desires to adopt a statement describing why the adoption of the proposed amendment is consistent with the City of Eden Land Development Plan, and why the City Council considers the proposed amendment to be reasonable and in the public interest;

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

1. The Eden City Council finds that the proposed amendment to the City of Eden Zoning Ordinance is not consistent with the goals and recommendations of the 2007 City of Eden Land Development Plan, as amended; however, conditions warrant an amendment to the Land Development Plan and approval of the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.
2. At no time are land use regulations or plans of the City of Eden or any jurisdiction in the State of North Carolina permitted to be in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes.
3. Therefore, based upon the foregoing information, the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is reasonable and in the public interest.

Approved and adopted and effective this 21st day of August, 2018.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

- b. Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation of owner occupied dwellings and demolition of abandoned/vacant dwellings.

Mayor Hall declared the public hearing open and called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz explained that last month they had the first required public hearing for the grant. For non-entitlement communities like Eden, the Community Development Block Grant program had a series of requirements before they could even make an application. She was excited about the grant. Housing was an egregious need in the community, both to rehab it for owner occupied residences and to aid them with demolition of those that were deterrents or negative impacts in neighborhoods. She would be happy to take the names of anyone in the audience if they were interested in getting their name on a list for the grant assistance. She asked the Council for approval to make the application for the grant.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition.

Council Member Hampton was excited about the grant because she felt it would help Eden out with all of the homes in the area that needed work. People on fixed incomes or with low incomes just could not do repairs and their houses were run down. If the City received the grant, she would appreciate the things they could do to help residents.

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Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Stultz for the work to get the City of Eden on the map for the grant. He explained the two public hearing were just part of the process to allow Planning and Inspections to apply for the funding.

Council Member Hampton asked how much money the grant was for.

Ms. Stultz replied the amount would be \$750,000. It seemed like a tremendous amount of money but it would allow them to do eight to ten demolitions and fewer rehabilitations. She explained that when they did rehabs on houses in this type of project, they had to bring the houses completely up to code and safe for people.

Council Member Epps remembered a small house on Flynn Street that took \$30,000 to remodel.

Ms. Stultz replied that it was actually more expensive than \$30,000. At that particular time, the City could not get people to agree to get their houses remodeled and the grant was for a specific area. She stated that was one of the saddest days of her working career because she had to give money back to the State. She hoped this current grant would go much better.

Council Member Burnette asked Ms. Stultz when would she expect to hear back about the grant.

Ms. Stultz replied after the first of the year.

Mayor Hall asked if people in need should come in and apply through the Planning and Inspections office.

Ms. Stultz replied yes. Piedmont Triad Regional Council would be the consultant. State law would allow them to choose the agency without having to do an advertising process and they were always cheaper. Piedmont Triad Regional Council had several people working there who were experts which left more money to help people and less money spent on administration.

Mayor Hall stated he wanted to make sure that those wanting to apply for funding knew the applications were available through the Planning and Inspections office.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to approve the application for the Community Development Block Grant for housing rehabilitation of owner occupied dwellings and demolition of abandoned/vacant dwellings. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Mayor Hall asked City Attorney Erin Gilley to read the City's policy for the speakers.

Lori Thorn, 308 Mark Road, Reidsville, said she was a member of Good Stewards of Rockingham County and wanted to speak on the potential Mountain Valley Pipeline Southgate. She had lived in Rockingham County over 35 years and had a bachelor of science degree in environmental science. She was an environmental health specialist at the County health department for five years. She cared about

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the County and the environment. The gas coming through the pipeline would be fracked. She thought fracked gas was ridiculous. She attended the meeting in Reidsville held by the pipeline and she learned no one in the County would be using the gas. Duke Energy reduced their forecasted load growth in half for the next five years so she was not sure there was a need for the gas pipeline. The United States exported double the amount of the previous year's natural gas so the oil companies were making the profits using Rockingham County. The pipeline had a contract with the federal government that for every dollar they put into the pipeline they would get up to 14% return on their money, which taxpayers would pay. It could potentially hurt the County economically. Ms. Thorn said there was a moratorium against fracking in the past and they were afraid this might be their foot in the door. Rockingham County had \$71 million in tourism in 2016 and the City of Eden sign said Land of Two Rivers which they did not want to damage. Duke Energy damaged the Dan River with the coal ash spill and the pipeline would go under the Dan River so there was a potential of another type spill. She was already paying \$14 a month to clean up the coal ash spill and didn't want any other fees to pay in the future. She drafted a resolution that she hoped the Eden City Council would consider signing. She understood the resolution did not carry a lot of weight but if Good Stewards of Rockingham County went to the State with all of the municipalities and the County behind them it would look better to say Rockingham County did not want the pipeline to zigzag through it and possibly damage everything they had. She thanked the Council for their time.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Thorn for her comments.

Preston Allen, 1723 Maryland Avenue, said he been a resident in Eden all of his life. He complained about the City's curbing and drain pipes. The sidewalks had grass growing through them and the drain pipes were stopped up. Last week when there was a bad rain storm, one of his neighbors had to use a shovel to clean out the drain pipes. Mr. Allen took pride in their little town, but with grass growing through the sidewalks and curbing it looked a mess. With his sales manager job he traveled and other towns seemed to look good but there should be work done on their town. The ordinance regarding furniture and junk on front porches needed to be enforced so these areas would be clean. He asked if they would be getting sidewalks in the Draper area. He wanted to know if the sidewalk project was being worked on or waiting on proposals. He thanked the Council for their time.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Allen for his comments.

Brandy Reavis, 410 Kuder Street, said she had come to a Council meeting before with the group Humane-ity to have some revisions made to the humane ordinances in the City. Many of their suggestions were accepted and they really appreciated it. Her main concern now was Ordinance 3-73 Cat Subject to Impoundment, a and b. She would like to see a revision made to that ordinance to protect cats better. With nuisance calls, any cat that went into a shelter could exhibit signs of being feral and possibly put to sleep. Ms. Reavis had a meeting with the shelter director trying to find ways that she could personally help the shelter and the cats in the community. Feral cats were the first animals to be killed in the shelter. Feral cats were not given a chance to be adopted out. Even ear-tipped cats, which were trapped feral cats that had been spayed or neutered and vaccinated, were being put down. There was an ear-tipped cat at the shelter that was scheduled to be put down and she rescued it. Ms. Reavis said even domesticated pet cats in a high-stress environment were subject to be euthanized. She explained that if a person's cat were picked up and taken to the shelter and freaked out it could be euthanized because the workers would think the cat was feral. She wanted consideration given to the

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ordinance to be worded differently. She had worked all summer in different areas of town that were highly populated with cats and met one lady who could barely feed herself; however, she was feeding neighborhood cats with the food that she had gotten from the food pantry. Ms. Reavis started to take food to the lady for the cats and was able to get all of the cats spayed and neutered so they would no longer reproduce and be suffering. A food pantry had been created for people who needed pet food and supplies. The pet food pantry had become popular with residents in town. She would like to see a mandatory spay and neuter law in the near future as that would be the only solution to the problem that they had with the increasing feral cat population.

Council Member Grogan asked Ms. Reavis what she wanted to be mandatory.

Ms. Reavis replied a mandatory spay and neuter law.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Reavis for her comments and stated that he had met with her a couple of times. He appreciated all the group was able to do.

Brooks Miller, 8212 Brann Road, Browns Summit, stated that he was in opposition to the proposed pipeline going from Rockingham to Alamance County. He asked why the City would want the MVP LLC pipeline. LLC stood for limited liability company and the company was building a pipeline. The company started building pipelines in 2014 so they had only been doing it for a couple of years. The only thing they would bring was the unknown. He went to a pipeline meeting with the previous speaker, Ms. Thorn, and was told the pipeline would be used in the year 2030 for the City of Cary. The pipeline was just coming through Rockingham and Alamance counties but they couldn't even tap into the line as it was only for Cary. Mr. Miller asked why would they need to put the pipeline in the ground in 2020 when it was not needed until 2030 for Cary. It made no sense to him, especially when one thought about regulation changes in the last five to ten years. He said to think about the regulation changes that could take place if they put the pipeline off or not even did it at all. He suggested putting the pipeline off until 2025 and then move forward on it if they needed it for 2030. Mr. Miller said it would put a scar on the County with the pipeline running through it. Eden would get a double whammy because there would be a compressor station also that would put pollutants into the air. It was beautiful with the rivers in Eden and the pipeline would cross the creeks and streams 81 times. Mr. Miller thanked the Council for listening.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Miller for his comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of a request to award the contract for the Freedom Park Splash Pad project and authorization to proceed with seeking bids on the bathhouse/shelter for the Freedom Park Splash Pad project.

Mayor Hall called on Director of Parks & Recreation Johnny Farmer.

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Mr. Farmer wanted approval on a contract for the Freedom Park splash pad and also to seek approval to go out for an RFP to get bids on a potential bathhouse at the park. The splash pad had been discussed for over a year. During the budget retreat and budget hearings, there was a discussion on what they wanted to do and the City included \$500,000 in the general fund budget for the project. They have been working with Vortex, one of the premier builders of splash pads across the country and world. They were able to enter into a contract with Vortex at a discount through a corporate purchase agreement with a national purchasing partner which they were a member of. Mr. Farmer showed an aerial layout of Freedom Park and stated the splash pad would be between the first shelter and the volleyball court. The splash pad area would be around 4,000 square feet according to Vortex. It would be one of the largest municipal splash pads in the State and very similar to the one in the City of Burlington. Mr. Farmer said he and the City Manager went to look at splash pads at several places when they were coming up with numbers for this project. The splash pad would be a great amenity for Eden and Freedom Park. The amount of the contract for the total project would be roughly \$500,000 for the splash pad, additional picnic tables, lounge chairs, umbrellas, and fencing. Mr. Farmer asked the Council to award a contract to Vortex for the construction of the splash pad in the amount of \$308,745. Mr. Farmer said Eden was very fortunate during the State legislation that they were awarded \$500,000 for the development of the splash pad. Mr. Farmer said Mayor Hall, the City Manager and a lot of people worked very hard with State representatives to get the funding. After the splash pad construction they would have extra money to possibly construct bath houses with showers at the splash pad. Mr. Farmer showed a drawing by Cirrus Construction of the proposed bathhouse for the splash pad area. Cirrus Construction tried to model something very similar to what they had at the Mill Avenue Pool. Mr. Farmer said the Mill Avenue Pool set up had about 1,200 square feet. Mr. Farmer said to make sure that they met the ADA requirements the facility would be about 1,500 square feet. The bathhouse would include a shelter area because when Mr. Farmer went to Burlington they had a shelter attached to their restroom type facility and it was very utilized on the day that they were there. This shelter would be an additional amenity for the patrons that were utilizing this facility. Mr. Farmer stated that he was not asking for money for the bathhouse but would ask for permission to seek a proposal for a design bid to be brought back to Council with costs to build the bathhouse.

Council Member Grogan told Mr. Farmer that it was a great idea to show the splash pads because not a lot of people knew what splash pads actually looked like unless they had been to Disney World or somewhere similar. The addition of the bathhouse was a great idea and it was particularly valuable to those who came to Freedom Park for softball and were staying for tournaments. The splash pad would be a valuable incentive to bring people to the City.

Mr. Farmer said that splash pads were the number one amenity that people were building. The City of Jacksonville was building two or three splash pads a year. Jacksonville had built smaller splash pads in their local neighborhoods. Splash pads cost less to operate than a municipal pool and it was less costly to provide supervision. The splash pad would be a component of the aquatic facility because they would continue to open the Mill Avenue Pool, so it would be an extension of what they currently had.

Council Member Ellis complimented Mr. Farmer on the outstanding work. The splash pad would be great for Eden and they were lucky to have received the funding for the project. He had been to the splash pad in Burlington and it seemed large. Mr. Farmer had said the splash pad in Eden would be larger.

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Mr. Farmer replied the one in Burlington was about 2,800 to 3,000 square feet and the one to be built in Eden should be about 4,000 square feet.

Council Member Burnette asked Mr. Farmer what warranty would come with the splash pad.

Mr. Farmer replied he had an RFP from the Nation Purchasing Group with all of the warranties, discounts and insurance information.

Council Member Ellis asked if the bid included the pump system and drains for the splash pad.

Mr. Farmer said one of the things that they could do because Eden had such a good supply of water was use a flow through system that saved about \$75,000 since the water would not have to be treated with any chemicals. They would use the water that flowed out of the faucet and would go down the drain to flow through the sewer system.

Council Member Ellis asked if they would use any chemicals.

Mr. Farmer replied the system would not use any chemicals at all. The flow system was one of the things they liked because they were able to save money with their abundant water supply and not needing the water recycle system.

Council Member Grogan said if the City could ever get another flush of money then maybe the swimming pool would come next, which the bathhouse would be used for as well.

Mr. Farmer said one of the things he had them do for the conceptual plan for the bathhouse was to have them allow to add anything that would be needed if a pool was added.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Farmer for his presentation. The amenities went back to a quality of life issue for the citizens. The idea of the splash pad had been discussed for many years and he was glad to be on the cusp of moving forward with plans.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to award the contract with Vortex for the Freedom Park Splash Pad Project. Council Member Ellis seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to allow Mr. Farmer to seek bids for the bathhouse/shelter for the Freedom Park Splash Pad Project. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consideration of Our State Magazine Proposal: Strategic Plan.

Mayor Hall called on Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events Cindy Adams.

Ms. Adams said she was presenting a digital content proposal. Brandy Rogers with Our State magazine brought the proposal to her and she felt it was a great value. It would be very beneficial for all of the efforts that were being done through the City to bring more people in. Ms. Adams brought the proposal

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to Council a month early due to the timing of events like Grown and Gathered on Thursday and RiverFest in September. She would like to get the contract signed Wednesday morning so they would provide videographers, photographers and writers if it was approved. Ms. Adams showed a slide of the Eden Drive-In which was a video and an article as an example of Our State magazine's work. The magazine's work was an extension of all of the other advertising that was being done. Our State would write the articles, enhance events and collaborate with the City on ideas, directions and details but the content was up to the City. The articles and videos were full of information including river information, drive-in, downtown, products made in Eden, and whatever they wished to be in that article. The paid content would include the video and article production, organic and paid promotion on Our State's social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram), sponsor messages and display add on their dedicated webpage for an entire year (which was the most impressive part), an Instagram story to promote the video and the article, a presence on their homepage for two weeks after the video launch, and inclusion in Our State magazine travel and events newsletter. Our State.com's year-to-date total page views were 2,368,848 with 1,074,056 total visitors. The magazine had a very loyal following, a very engaged audience and a commitment to high quality. Their demographics were evenly matched with ages 18-24 was a lower number at 5.92%, 25-34 was 15.73%, 35-44 was 16.56%, 45-54 was 19.58%, and 55-64 was 23.97%. Their digital analytics were very impressive with Facebook followers at 169,552, Instagram followers 73,700 and Twitter followers 43,100. It was hard to find numbers like that anywhere. Our State magazine did documentary style videos on Facebook and she gave examples of products and the number of viewers, like Walker Banjos with 244,196 views. Some of their newsletter analytics were 43,000 subscribers to the home and garden, 37,500 subscribers to the travel and events, 38,000 to recipes of the week and it went on and on with impressive high numbers of viewers. The referral traffic that they got would be referred back to ExploreEden NC.com page so they would have control of that and the video and the article they would own so they could put it on their websites and social media. The project would come from money already dedicated through the strategic planning process with a total cost of \$8,200. The Strategic Planning Commission unanimously approved Ms. Adam's request Friday morning at their quarterly meeting and they were looking at a late October rollout of the product. Ms. Adams asked for the Council's approval to spend \$8,200 with Our State magazine.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Adams and asked if anyone had questions for her.

Council Member Grogan said she had been in the marketing business for some time and this was a great deal. The viewership of the magazine was unbelievable. The City had so many things like Grown and Gathered coming up that could be a part of the advertising. It was a wonderful opportunity. She referred to the 1800 article on the Eden Drive-In and how everyone talked about it. She said that would be nothing compared to what being in Our State magazine would do for advertising Eden. She was very much in favor of it.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan to approve funding for the Our State magazine project. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

c. Consideration of an Amendment to City Code Chapter 8: Miscellaneous Offenses.

Mayor Hall called on Police Chief Greg Light.

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Chief Light stated that in July, he received a request by Mayor Hall to obtain information for implementation for Urban Archery and an amendment to Eden City Code § 8-1 that regulated discharging a bow and arrow as defined by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. A committee was formed to research the request and the committee members were Deputy Chief Clint Simpson, Capt. John Edwards, Ms. Gilley, Director of Finance and Personnel Tammie McMichael and himself. Before the committee met, he contacted Capt. Brian Oakley with the Reidsville Police Department since the City of Reidsville had recently passed the amendment to allow hunting deer inside the City of Reidsville. The committee met with Capt. Oakley who provided a two-year study that he had conducted for the City of Reidsville on the matter. Capt. Oakley also provided the municipalities he contacted during this study. Police Chief Light stated his committee re-contacted the municipalities to determine if they had received any complaints, accidents or any additional information since the implementation of the changes.

Chief Light spoke with Capt. Lee with the City of Concord who said there was not enough participation in the program to notice a positive outcome. Hunters that took advantage of the program were the ones who wanted to harvest a deer before the season ended. The only problems with hunters that were noted were permission issues. Hunters had to carry written permission on their person from the landowner, and there were issues with hunting on city property, which was not allowed in the ordinance. In the Town of King, they spoke with Sgt. Hill who said there had been no issues with hunters related to their Urban Archery program. The town had seen a reduced population of deer inside town limits and a reduction in traffic crashes due to deer within the town. Sgt. Hill was a big proponent of the program. In the Town of Pineville, they talked to Lt. Copley from the Pineville Police Department who stated that initially they had problems with hunters setting up stands on private property and they had to tear a few of them down. Once they got the hunters together and educated them, no further problems existed. In the Town of Chapel Hill, they spoke with Jim Orr, the Parks and Recreation Director, who advised that over the past several years there had been a small number of hunters that had taken advantage of their Urban Archery program. Chapel Hill did not keep statistics and there was no requirement for reporting of deer that were harvested in the program. There had been no noticeable reduction in traffic crashes or deer population within the town.

Chief Light said committee members met with North Carolina Wildlife Officer Darryl Southern on August 6. Officer Southern was at the meeting if anyone had questions for him. Chief Light said Officer Southern had worked in several locations across the State where Urban Archery was allowed and only received a couple of calls related to the program. He has not investigated any injuries due to the implementation of this program.

Chief Light stated that during the study they researched traffic accidents inside the City. From January 2017 until July 2018, there had been 42 deer-related traffic accidents with estimated damage in excess of \$87,000 including City vehicles. Ms. McMichael had contacted the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the City's property and liability insurance provider, and found out that if the ordinance were to be approved it would increase their annual premium by \$450.

Chief Light said that the Urban Archery program was from January 12 through February 20 but it would not be allowed in 2019 because they would have to file the paperwork with the Wildlife Commission prior to the year. Therefore, Urban Archery would not be in place until 2020 if the amendment was approved. The staff drafted a proposed ordinance amendment to Eden City Code § 8-1 for Council's

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review. The committee recommended the adoption of the Amendment to Eden City Code § 8-1 and that Urban Archery be allowed within the city limits of Eden. Chief Light read the ten requirements to be met for Urban Archery.

Mayor Hall noted number two had been changed to “areas of consent must be a minimum of five contiguous acres in area and may be comprised of one or more parcels of land.”

Mayor Hall thanked Chief Light for going to the extent to get all of the information and it appeared to be very well researched.

Council Member Ellis asked when the City of Reidsville changed their ordinance.

Chief Light answered about four months. He thanked Capt. Oakley and Chief Hassell with the Reidsville Police Department for sharing all of their information.

Mayor Hall said that Reidsville had started hunting inside the city limits recently because he started getting calls to see if Eden could do it as well.

Council Member Burnette said this was well thought out and prepared much better than when it was discussed years ago. The amendment had safety measures built into it. He asked if there were any costs the hunter would have to pay when they came to get the permit.

Chief Light answered it was a no fee permit.

Council Member Burnette said they were doing it for several reasons including additional safety and protection of the property within the City. His wife would be happy about the amendment due to the deer eating her flowers. The Police Department should keep the statistics on how effective the ordinance was in Eden.

Chief Light replied that they would continue to collect that data.

Council Member Ellis verified that the hunter would have to come to the Police Department to obtain the permit to hunt.

Chief Light replied they would get the permit through the Police Department and have permission of the property owner to hunt on their land if they did not own the property. They would have to abide by the stipulations in the ordinance. The information would be kept on file in the Police Department.

Council Member Grogan said that the ordinance would really need to be publicized. If someone saw a person deer hunting then they may think it was OK for them to hunt also.

Chief Light said the ordinance information could be shared on the City’s and Police Department’s websites and they could do a public service announcement.

Council Member Moore said they had almost a year and a half to get people educated about the Urban Archery.

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Mayor Hall stated the ordinance amendment presented was regarding hunting inside the City limits and the Urban Archery would be applied for in April of 2019 for the 2020 hunting season. The amendment would go into effect immediately and on September 8, hunting season would start.

Council Member Carter asked Chief Light how far someone had to be from a dwelling to hunt.

Chief Light replied 500 feet.

Council Member Burnette asked if the hunting land had to be registered anywhere.

Chief Light replied no registration was required but it had to be at least five acres.

Ms. Gilley stated the hunting land address would appear on the permit.

Chief Light agreed and said that permit would be on file in the Police Department.

Council Member Grogan said there would be a lot of explaining the procedure to hunters.

Ms. Gilley asked if there were 50 municipalities that participated in the Urban Archery program.

Chief Light replied that about 60 municipalities currently participated.

Council Member Ellis asked how many counties participated in Urban Archery.

Officer Southern said about 50 counties.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to amend Eden City Code § 8-1 to allow bow and arrow deer hunting inside the City of Eden. Council Member Epps seconded the motion. Council Member Epps, Council Member Moore, Council Member Grogan, Council Member Ellis, Council Member Burnette, and Council Member Hampton voted in favor. Council Member Carter voted in opposition.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

WHEREAS, Eden City Code § 8-1 as currently written prohibit the discharge of a bow and arrow within the corporate limits of the City of Eden; and

WHEREAS, deer interference (vehicle crashes and crop damage) have negative impacts on the lives of Eden residents; and

WHEREAS, deer bow hunting has been found to be cost effective, quiet, and discreet method to control the deer population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that § 8-1 of the Eden City Code is amended to include the addition of § 8-1(G) as follows:

CHAPTER 8: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES

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Section

8-1 Discharging of weapons

8-2 Posting signs prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons on certain municipal property

8-3 Enforcement

8-4 General penalty for violation of Chapter 8

8-5 Civil penalty; nonexclusive

§ 8-1 DISCHARGING OF WEAPONS.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge an air rifle, air pistol, air gun, slingshot or any like instrument used to eject a pellet or projectile or to discharge a pistol, rifle, shotgun or other gun within the corporate limits except a police officer in the performance of his duty.

(B) This section shall not apply to firearms discharged by members and instructors of the Morehead High School Reserve Officers Training Corps in a firing range maintained by the Rockingham County Consolidated Schools as a part of its ROTC program.

(C) This section shall not apply to firearms discharged by members of the Eden Gun Club in the firing range maintained by the Rockingham County Consolidated Schools as a part of its ROTC program so long as the firearms discharged are .22 caliber or less.

(D) This section shall not apply to the discharge of firearms on any firing range owned by the city.

(E) This section shall not apply to city employees assigned to protecting the city's infrastructure from damage caused by animals burrowing on city property.

(F) This section shall not apply to the discharge of firearms by any person who is in possession of a valid City of Eden Depredation Permit, and is acting within the scope of the permit as set forth below.

1. A city of Eden depredation permit is intended to allow the permittee to destroy, by use of a firearm, wildlife injurious to agriculture or personal property. Any person desiring a depredation permit must submit an application on a form approved by City Council on file with the Eden Police Department. Such permit shall be issued by the Chief of Police or his designee when all of the following conditions are sufficiently met to the satisfaction to the Chief of Police. Such permit is subject to revocation by the Chief of Police if any condition herein is violated.

(a) Applicant shall possess a valid North Carolina hunting license.

(b) Applicant shall demonstrate significant damage to agriculture, personal or real property caused by the wildlife on property to which the permit will be issued.

(c) Upon issuance, the permit shall specify the individual authorized to execute the permit, the real property whereupon the individual shall execute the permit, and the specific wildlife to which the permit applies.

(d) Applicant must be the owner of the real property or have the written permission of the property owner to which the permit will be issued.

(e) Property to which the permit is issued shall be a minimum of ten (10) contiguous acres.

(f) Any discharge of a firearm pursuant to this section shall be no closer in proximity than 500 feet to any dwelling. Shotguns, excluding rifles and handguns, are the only permitted firearms to enforce this permit. The use of slugs is prohibited. When using buckshot shot gun shells, weapons must be fired from a downward angle.

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(g) A permit granted hereunder shall be valid for ten (10) consecutive business days and shall be executed during the hours of 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

(h) If the real property to which to which permit is issued contains a business located thereupon, such business shall be closed during the execution of the permit.

(i) Prior to execution of the permit, the applicant shall contact the Eden police department communication center.

(j) Disposal of wildlife shall be in compliance with state and federal wildlife regulations.

(k) All federal or state depredation permits, if required, must be obtained prior to application of City permit.

(G) This section shall not apply to Deer hunting by bow and arrow as defined by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Deer hunting by bow and arrow as defined by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is permitted on private property during the Central North Carolina deer season as established by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, including any urban archery season approved by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. A person may engage in deer archery on his or her own property if he or she has on his or her person a valid North Carolina hunting license (or qualifies for an exemption from licensing by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission), or on the property of another in their absence if he or she has on his or her person both a valid North Carolina hunting license (or qualifies for an exemption from licensing by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission) and written permission from the property owner or the property owner's authorized agent or manager. Parcels or tracts of land that are either owned by a person engaged in deer archery or for which that person has been given written permission to hunt shall be referred to as "areas of consent." Deer archery may only occur within areas of consent when the following requirements are met:

1. Deer archery must be conducted from a permanent or portable elevated platform of at least ten (10) feet above the ground; and
2. Areas of consent must be a minimum of five (5) contiguous acres in area and may be comprised of one (1) or more parcels of land; and
3. Hunters are required to obtain a permit from the Eden Police Department, documenting the parcels being hunted; and
4. No arrows shall be discharged within 500 feet of any residential dwelling, school, church, commercial building, governmental property, occupied structure, street, park, or other recreational area, nor shall any arrow be discharged within 500 feet of the perimeter of the area of consent; and
5. No arrow shall be discharged from or onto any City of Eden owned property included any water or sewer right-of-way; and
6. Hunters shall make every reasonable effort to track wounded deer for the purpose of completing the harvest and recovering the carcass; and
7. There is a valid hunting season in effect for which the hunting license applies at the time the bow is discharged; and
8. The hunter adheres to all applicable State and Local regulations; and
9. The person discharging the bow exercises reasonable regard for the safety and property of other persons.
10. The use of crossbows is prohibited.

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('89 Code, § 8-1) (Am. Ord. passed 12-11-90; Am. Ord. passed 11-16-99; Am. Ord. passed 6-17-08;)
Penalty, see § 8-3 et seq.

Cross-reference:

Possession of alcoholic beverages on property used for firing range prohibited, see § 13-191

Statutory reference:

Authority to regulate discharge of firearms, see G.S. § 160A-189

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 21 day of August, 2018.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna F. Hunt, City Clerk, CMC

- d. Consideration of a contract with the N.C. Department of Transportation for the Stadium Drive sidewalk.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz. Mayor Hall stated this would be an exciting project.

Ms. Stultz said it was her night for happy projects. During budget time, they talked about the potential for the sidewalk to be constructed. The most recent numbers from DOT were if the City would pay about \$98,000, then DOT would pay the remaining \$493,000 cost of the project. The project would be administered by City staff. Once Council approved the contract and it went through all of the processes with DOT, the City would go out for bids for a contractor and get to work. She was really excited about the project and hoped Council would agree and sign the contract.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Stultz and said the project went back to the City's connectivity, safety and sidewalks. The sidewalk would go from Pierce and Stadium to Edgewood and Stadium. Stadium Drive was a high traffic area and the sidewalk had been needed for many years. It was great that the State was paying for 80% of the expense for the sidewalk.

Council Member Epps said the sidewalk was needed badly due to people walking in the street.

Council Member Grogan said the new sidewalk was an extension from the one on Pierce Street where people could get from Freedom Park to the library.

Ms. Stultz said most of the property needed for this sidewalk was public property which made the project easier.

Council Member Burnette stated that people may not realize the sidewalk was part of the Greenway Master Plan. The sidewalk was another leg to be added to the Greenway and the connectivity was great.

Ms. Stultz replied it was part of the Greenway Plan and the Pedestrian Plan, which she had started the process to update.

Council Member Ellis said there was a Youth Council member who was a rising freshman who walked from his home on Edgewood to Morehead High School and this sidewalk would be a plus for him.

Ms. Stultz replied that possibly by his sophomore year the sidewalk would be completed.

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Council Member Burnette asked what the time frame was for the sidewalk project.

Ms. Stultz replied once the Council approved and signed the contract and DOT sent the paperwork through their process, the City would go out for bids to get a contractor, which would take about 60 to 90 days. Once the bids were completed and DOT released the funds, the City would get started on the sidewalk.

Council Member Burnette asked if work would start in the spring.

Ms. Stultz replied probably in spring due to concrete trucks not pouring during cold weather but a lot of the work behind the scenes could be done during the fall and winter.

Council Member Burnette said he read the contract from the DOT and he was very impressed at how restrictive the contract was. He said in the contract it stated there would be a person responsible for the contract. He asked if Ms. Stultz was that person.

Ms. Stultz replied she was guessing it would be her and she was the person responsible for the sidewalk along Kings Highway when it was built. Ms. Stultz said they would have a consultant to help and also the City engineering staff.

Council Member Grogan stated the Kings Highway sidewalk was heavily used.

Council Member Burnette mentioned that one of the things he found interesting about the contract was that even though DOT was turning the project over to the City, the DOT still maintained 10% of the funds for oversight.

Ms. Stultz replied DOT had to any time there were Federal dollars spent. They were required to make sure the standards were met. The City was very fortunate considering the super urban areas in their division of DOT to have a shot at some of the money.

Council Member Burnette asked if any of the City staff money would come from the DOT money.

Ms. Stultz replied no, the City would be paying her just like normal.

Council Member Ellis said at that meeting a citizen had made comments about neighborhood sidewalks and he was probably thinking about the City's purchase of 200 acres on New Street which also could use sidewalks in that area.

Ms. Stultz replied during the budget retreat she had some cost estimates for sidewalks in the New Street area and Grand Oaks. Ms. Stultz said these were large cost estimates that they could not afford in the budget. The City was able to consider the Stadium Drive sidewalk because DOT would fund the majority of the cost. She hoped they would be eligible for more grant money once the Bike Ped Plan was updated. That application was due November 2.

Council Member Burnette said he hoped the New Street land could bring in some industries to help pay for some sidewalks.

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A motion was made by Council Member Epps to approve the DOT contract for the Stadium Drive sidewalk. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

e. Consideration to adopt a Resolution for Authorization for an Upset Bid Process.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Gilley.

Ms. Gilley said the City was the owner of property at 622 Washington Street and they desired to sell the property. North Carolina statutes had a process for the sale of City property. There was an offer and upset bid process that she would like the Council to authorize for the City to use. Ms. Gilley read a resolution that described the process which stated the City had an offer on the property received late the previous week. The process stated once an offer was made it would be advertised in the newspaper for a 10-day period for any sealed upset bids. At the end of that 10-day upset bid period, staff would open up the sealed bids and if there were a new upset bid it would become the new high bid and the process would continue until there was not an upset bid. At the end of that period, the offer would come back to Council for acceptance or rejection. Ms. Gilley asked for permission to use that upset bid process as the City proceeded with the sale.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton to adopt a Resolution for Authorization for an Upset Bid Process. Council Member Burnette seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING UPSET BID PROCESS

WHEREAS, the City of Eden owns certain property, 622 Washington Street, Eden, NC; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269 permits the city to sell property by upset bid, after receipt of an offer for the property; and

WHEREAS, the City has received an offer to purchase the property described above, in the amount of \$14,000, submitted by Frank B. Wyatt, III; and

WHEREAS, Frank B. Wyatt, III has paid the required five percent (5%) deposit on his offer;

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDEN RESOLVES THAT:

1. The City Council authorizes the City Staff to use the upset bid procedure for the property described above pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 160A-269.
2. The city clerk shall cause a notice of the offer to be published. The notice shall describe the property and the amount of the offer, and shall state the terms under which the offer may be upset.
3. Persons wishing to upset the offer that has been received shall submit a sealed bid with their offer to the office of the city clerk within 10 days after the notice of the offer is published. At the conclusion of the 10-day period, the Director of Planning and Inspections shall open the bids, if any, and the highest such bid will become the new offer. If there is more than one bid in the highest amount, the first such bid received will become the new offer.
4. If a qualifying higher bid is received, the city clerk shall cause a new notice of upset bid to be published, and shall continue to do so until a 10-day period has passed without any qualifying upset bid having been received. At that time, the amount of the final high bid shall be reported to the City Council.

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5. A qualifying higher bid is one that raises the existing offer by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first \$1,000.00 of that offer and five percent (5%) of the remainder of that offer.

6. A qualifying higher bid must also be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid; the deposit may be made in cash, cashier's check, or certified check. The city will return the deposit on any bid not accepted, and will return the deposit on an offer subject to upset if a qualifying higher bid is received. The city will return the deposit of the final high bidder at closing.

7. The terms of the final sale are that the City Council must approve the final high offer before the sale is closed, which it will vote to do within 30 days after the final upset bid period has passed, and the buyer must pay with cash, cashier's check, or certified check at the time of closing.

8. If no qualifying upset bid is received after the initial public notice, the offer set forth above shall be voted upon by City Council for acceptance or rejection.

9. The city reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale at any time before the final high bid is accepted and the right to reject at any time all offers/bids.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 21st day of August, 2018.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mark Your Calendars for Our 15th Annual RiverFest Celebration

Wow!! This year's RiverFest celebration is going to take you both days to see and hear it all!! Our 15th Annual RiverFest celebration is set for September 14 & 15 and will be full of exciting and interesting things to hear, see and do! Headline bands will be Pizazz for Friday night and The Ultimate Eagles Tribute – On The Border for Saturday night along with two stages of live music from local and regional artists all day long on Saturday.

Some of our special features will include the following:

- Virtual Kayak Experience
- River Excursions with Three Rivers Outfitters
- Carolina Raptors with Bird Release
- Butterfly Encounter
- Amusements
- Gravity Ball
- Knockerball, Archery and Giant Dartboard
- Chainsaw Carver
- Beer Garden
- 125 plus artisans, crafters & civic groups
- Face Painting
- Sand Art
- Race Car Simulator

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- Characters & Photos
- Beard & Mustache Contest
- Fashion Show
- Delicious Food
- So much more!

Admission to the festival, concerts and shuttles are free! Make sure you bring your lawn chair for the concerts. So, mark your calendars now for Friday, September 14 from 5 to 10 and Saturday, September 15 from 10 to 10. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Citizens Academy Update

The 2018 Citizen's Academy is scheduled to get underway on August 16. We have 16 individuals that will be participating in the 2018 academy. They include: Karen Williams, Chris Burns, Nicole Burns, Michael Hutchinson, Andrea Fox, Jon Land, Sherry Hall, Tanya Harris, Clara Ann Williams, Carol Bailey, Norma Purcell, Heather Castle, Angela Fowler, Carla Rodgers, Jeffrey Starnes and JeSie Morris.

The schedule for the 2018 academy is as follows:

August 16:	Welcome, Historical Background, Consolidation, Form of Government, City Structure & Roles of Mayor, City Council and Appointed Staff, & Eden Youth Council
August 23:	Police Department and Information Technology Department
August 30:	Fire Department
September 6:	Public Utilities, Water Filtration Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant
September 13:	Municipal Services Department (Streets, Solid Waste, Fleet Maintenance, & Collection & Distribution) and the Engineering Department
September 20:	Economic & Tourism Development Department
September 27:	Parks, Recreation, Facilities & Grounds Department
October 4:	Planning & Inspections Department & Positively Eden Strategic Plan
October 11:	Finance & Human Resources Department
October 16:	City Council Meeting - Graduation

Economic & Tourism Development Department

Berry Hill Regional Mega Park

The Economic Development Administration gave final approval to the scope of work change for the water line project securing the \$2 million grant they had previously approved. In addition, in the recently approved state budget the NC General Assembly included \$1 million in funding for Eden to use for water line extension work. This \$1 million in grant funding will be used to help extend a waterline to the Berry Hill Regional Mega Park. This brings the total amount of grant funding for this initiative to more than \$4 million for the estimated \$7.5 million project. Special thanks to Senator Phil Berger for his efforts and support in obtaining these funds for our community.

Since being ranked the #3 location for the Toyota-Mazda project that ultimately went to Huntsville, Alabama, the interest in the mega park has increased dramatically. It should be noted that the Alabama site where Toyota-Mazda located was in development for more than twenty years before landing this

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project, so sometimes it takes time to land a large company. Currently, several projects are considering the various sites within the mega park. In addition, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is working to improve access to the park since transportation is such an important element in attracting companies.

Area Companies Hiring

Gildan, KDH Defense Systems, Loparex, Lowe's Home Improvement, Glass Dynamics (they need CDL drivers and other employees) Hampton Inn, Di'Lishi Frozen Yogurt, Cook Out, and Papa John's are all now hiring. Please stop by these locations to learn more about the available jobs.

Industry Bus Tour

Gildan, Loparex and Weil-McLain have all agreed to host Morehead High School teachers and counselors for an industry bus tour on a regularly scheduled teacher work day. RCC will end the tour with a luncheon and discussion of the workforce development programs available now and those coming with the development of the workforce center. This is being done to familiarize teachers and counselors with the available career opportunities at Eden companies.

Commercial Prospects

We are early in the process, but there are at least three companies considering locating in Eden. More will be reported as the process continues and additional information can be released.

Elite Driving School

This Eden driving school is now offering CDL license training. They are located at 202 N. Van Buren Road. If interested, you can call them at 336-623-6800 for more information.

Gildan Sock and T-shirt Sale

A tentative Gildan Sock and T-shirt sale is being scheduled for mid-October. The location has yet to be decided but will be announced soon along with a firm date.

Traffic Island between Taco Bell and Ruby Tuesday

The Streets Division has removed the traffic island and has filled in the site with asphalt. Thanks to the Streets Division employees and Josh Woodall, Landscape Specialist/Code Inspector for their work in making this project happen. Numerous motorists had run over the island over the years and it was not very attractive for visitors who had to drive by it to reach Eden's motels. Wal-Mart Realty and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) worked with the City to expedite the approval process to remove the island.

Grown & Gathered

On Thursday, August 23 one hundred and twenty people will experience a delicious farm-to-fork summer supper by the picturesque Canal at the Spray Mercantile at our inaugural Grown & Gathered event. This event will showcase local farmers and producers. Chef Alex Seymour has crafted an amazing menu with seasonal vegetables and local beef, chicken and pork. This twenty-five year seasoned chef has a resume listing the regions finest restaurants and caterers. Live music, wines and beverages are also on the menu for the evening.

Touch-A-Truck

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OK kids (little and BIG) get ready for Touch-A-Truck on Saturday, August 25 from 10 to 1 along Henry Street in Historic Downtown Eden!! We have over 40 vehicles and pieces of equipment lined up for you to learn about, sit in, blow the horn and talk with the operator. We have the Scooby Doo Mystery Machine blow up for you to jump around in, the Bookmobile, a Race Car Simulator for you to drive in and all your favorite characters will be there to take your picture with!! Refreshments will include Pizza Hut, Kona Ice along with popcorn, cotton candy and other sweet treats. Admission is a food item for the Kids Backpack Food Program through Rockingham County Schools. So grab your parents and join us for a fun morning downtown. We look forward to seeing you there!

Text Messaging

Make sure you are in the know! Text the keyword EDENNC to 51660 and stay up to date on meetings, events and opportunities for our citizens.

“A Few Minutes with The Mayor”

Tune in to WGSR Star News the last Thursday of every month at 6:15 p.m. and spend 15 minutes with Eden’s Mayor Neville Hall.

Explore Eden Facebook Page

Please join our Explore Eden Facebook page as another way to stay up to date on what to do in Eden! We have over 7,139 followers!

Bridge Street Parking

The paving crew finished paving the lot on Friday, July 13. A request to the Home Trust Endowment from the Eden Downtown Development Corporation was accepted to pursue a grant that would provide funding for landscaping, parking lot striping and benches for this newly renovated parking area. We should learn the results of the grant request by October 15.

622 Washington Street

Welders have rehabilitated the main front beam and have kept decorative items in place. A new sub floor was built on the second floor. Frequent rains have delayed the completion of the roof replacement.

Fieldcrest Public Space

A technique of “dustless blasting” was used to safely remove plaster from the stucco walls in mid-August. Plaster removal was necessary before the large decorative sign from the newly implemented branding study can be mounted. When the sign is attached to the wall, lighting can be installed to highlight it.

EDDI

The 2018 Main Street statistical report was compiled and for the second straight year Eden has seen an investment of over a million dollars into its Main Street community. The Eden Downtown Development Corporation began working to select our 2018 Main Street Champion. The Design sub-committee continues researching small scale public art installations. For more information, please contact Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager at rhunt@edennc.us

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Get Fit Rockingham

Get Fit Rockingham shirts and tracking cards are still available at the Eden Chamber of Commerce. If you or your family are interested, please join us.

Luther Hodges Exhibit @ City Hall

The Eden Rotary Club and Eden Preservation Society previously submitted a letter of interest to the Home Trust Endowment for the future Luther Hodges exhibit at city hall. They have received tentative approval and have moved on to the next step of the application process.

Cars and Coffee

The final Cars and Coffee for the year will be Saturday, September 29 at Family Video. It is scheduled the last Saturday each month through September. The July event was the largest yet, with over 30 vehicles. Carolina Dune Buggies filmed a segment of their television show there.

Historic Leaksville MSD

The Historic Leaksville Municipal Service District met to discuss funding RiverFest and other upcoming events. They voted to donate \$1,500 to Riverfest and agreed to research a pedestal for the Christmas tree purchased last year.

The Boulevard

The Boulevard Merchants Association met and has begun placing flower planters on the sidewalks. These were purchased with the proceeds of their Food Truck Rodeo and their Cars and Crabs event. The Cars and Crabs event was so successful they plan to host another one on November 10, a multicultural festival October 13, as well as a Halloween parade on October 31.

New Restaurant

The new owner of the former Buick dealership building on the corner of Patrick and Washington Street has nearly finished removing nonessential walls and material. Construction on the new restaurant should be able to start almost immediately.

Engineering Department

Street Resurfacing Projects - Update

Waugh Asphalt Inc. was delayed in starting the work on the FY 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 1 due to the frequent rain events that we have been experiencing. They were finally able to start work on this contract on August 7, 2018. Delta Contracting, Inc. completed the asphalt milling on the curb and gutter streets on August 9, 2018. Boone Masonry is working on the manhole and water valve adjustments and should complete the structures by Friday, August 17, 2018. Waugh Asphalt started working on the asphalt surface treatment and the street resurfacing on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Sections of the following streets are scheduled to be resurfaced over the next three weeks: Cedar Street, Haled Street, Price Street, West Avenue, Early Avenue, Ayden Road, Kendall Street, Spring Street, Sunset Drive, Arbor Lane, Oak Ridge Drive, Oleander Drive, Carolina Avenue and May Street. The completion date for this contract is August 31, 2018. The estimated cost for the project is \$488,000.00.

NCDOT/Highway 14, Kings Highway and Stadium Drive Interchange Improvements

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NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) is collecting preliminary data to decide what type of improvements if any are needed at the interchanges along NC14/Van Buren Road to support future transportation improvement projects. The preliminary surveying is being completed along NC 14, Kings Highway and Stadium Drive for the planning of possible improvements to the NC14/Van Buren Road interchanges at Kings Highway and Stadium Drive.

City staff spoke with the Engineer working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) on this project. The Engineer assured city staff that once the preliminary work is finalized, the city will be contacted to discuss a recommendation for the proposed improvements.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

After the hydrostatic pressure testing for the new 2-inch PVC water main along S. Byrd Street was passed on July 11, the crew from Sam W. Smith, Inc. was able to chlorinate the new pipe without any problems, then flush the pipe after the residual chlorine levels were checked. Samples collected for bacteriological testing were checked for total coliform and E. coli, with results received on July 16 indicating that the new water main was ready for taps to be made.

Preliminary plans for about 500 feet of 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main along Morehead Street between Glovenia Street and Hollingsworth Street were received on August 6. The plans prepared by Stoltzfus Engineering Inc. are being reviewed, with a draft memo being created with comments for suggested revisions.

Preliminary plans are being prepared by engineering department personnel to replace the existing 2-inch diameter galvanized water main along the short section of Ridge Avenue west of N. Hale Street. Some additional field work will need to be done before the plans can be finalized for the +/- 300 feet of proposed water main.

A contract has been signed for Stoltzfus Engineering Inc. to provide professional services related to the preparation of plans for the replacement of the existing 2-inch diameter galvanized water main in West Avenue from Central Avenue to the south end of the existing water main. Preliminary drawings are expected to be received around the middle of November for review.

Finance & Human Resources Department

Increase in Delinquent Payment Penalty for Delinquent Water & Sewer Accounts

Effective July 1, 2018 the City of Eden increased the delinquent payment penalty for delinquent water and sewer accounts from \$25.00 to \$40.00. Water and Sewer customers have 20 days to pay their water bill. A \$10.00 late fee is added to accounts that are unpaid by the due date. If the account is still delinquent 10 days after the due date, we now charge a \$40.00 delinquent payment penalty (increased from \$25.00 to \$40.00 effective July 1, 2018). We also pull or lock water meters, if the account is still delinquent 10 more days after the cutoff date and there is another \$25.00 fee charged to reestablish service. Due to the increase in delinquent accounts, the Billing & Collections Division will be applying the delinquent payment penalty of \$40.00 (instead of \$25.00) directly to the account when the cut off list is generated and \$25.00 directly to the account when the pull/lock meter lists are generated. Water and Sewer customers must pay their delinquent bill by 4:30 on the day prior to cutoff. A reminder notice will continue to be mailed out after the due date.

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The Finance Department offers several convenient ways for you to pay many of your city bills, providing you with new levels of convenience, cash management and benefits from credit card reward programs along with providing a safe, secure and proven way to reduce paperwork, speed transactions and eliminate errors.

- Option I: Electronic payments for water bills, recreation payments and other miscellaneous payments using all major credit and debit cards, via the Internet at www.edennc.us
- Option II: MasterCard, Visa, and debit cards at the counter or MasterCard and Visa cards by telephone (623-2110, option 1)
- Option III: Automatic bank draft - customers who prefer to pay by bank draft must come to the Finance Department to set up their account
- Option IV: Payment Drop Box is located in front of City Hall. Just drive up, fill out the envelope and insert your bill and payment. Finance Department personnel will be checking the box at 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each business day to collect the payments.
- Note: The City of Eden has no connection with DOXO.com.

We hope you will take the time to consider each of these payment options and hopefully one will work for you. The city does not charge additional fees for these payment types. Our employees are eager to provide both service and information to those who request it. If you do not find the information you seek within our website, please stop by the Finance Department at City Hall or call 623-2110, option 1 for a personal response to your inquiry.

Municipal Services Department

Klyce Street River Access and Draper Landing River Access

The City of Eden has been awarded a \$100,000 Duke Energy Water Resources Fund Grant for the development of a new river access at the Klyce Street and for improvements to the Draper Landing river access. We are currently in the process of preparing to reinstall the steps at the Draper Landing river access and are completing the necessary surveying work for the property at Klyce Street in preparation for this project.

Recycling Improvements

We are currently evaluating our recycling operations at the six (6) drop port sites as well as our recycling center. We hope to make some recommendations for City Council's review and consideration in the near future.

Bridge Street Washout

Staff is currently in the process of repairing the wash out on Bridge Street that occurred due to the heavy rains. Once all of the necessary repairs have been made the road will be reopened to traffic.

Fleet Maintenance Work Orders

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The Fleet Maintenance Division generated 191 work order for repairs and preventive maintenance to the fleet during the course of the past month. In addition, they are currently working on getting quotes for new equipment that was included in the FY 2018-19 budget and setting up demos with different vendors so the operators can decide which is the best brand for the job.

Parks & Recreation Department

Parks & Recreation Grant

In the recently approved state budget the NC General Assembly included \$500,000 in funding for Eden to use towards Parks and Recreation. This \$500,000 grant will be used to help build the new Splash Pad complex that will be constructed within Freedom Park. Special thanks to Senator Phil Berger for his efforts and support in obtaining these funds for our community.

Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program

Staff participated in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on August 10 will be participating in the same program on September 10. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on July 25 and will participate again on August 22 to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of September and October. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

Mill Avenue Swimming Pool

The Mill Avenue Swimming Pool continues to be open for the summer season and will remain open through Labor Day Weekend. For more information please call 336-623-2110 Extension 3030 or email Ms. Georgette Spence at gspence@edennc.us.

Concert in the Park Series & Cruise In

The next Concert in the Park/Cruise in event will be held on August 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Freedom Park. These events will be held on the last Saturday of each month through October 2018. For more information, please call 336-623-2110 Extension 3030 or email Ms. Georgette Spence at gspence@edennc.us.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham meeting held on July 17 and will attend the ones scheduled for August 21 and September 12.

Softball Tournaments

There are softball tournaments scheduled at Freedom Park on August 18 – 19, August 25 – 26, September 1 – 2, September 8 – 9, and September 15 – 16. These events bring visitors to our community who often end up spending money that helps our local economy.

Matrimony Creek Greenway Nature Trail

A Ribbon Cutting for the Matrimony Creek Greenway Natural Trail located at 1335 Washington Street was held on August 9, 2018 with approximately 100 people in attendance. This approximately one-

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mile greenway trail runs along the picturesque Matrimony Creek which flows into the Dan River. It begins on Washington Street next to Hampton Heights Baptist Church and ends at the beautiful Matrimony Creek waterfall located just south of Price Road. The greenway trail is adjacent to the Ellerbe Heights and Price Park neighborhoods which were developed in the 1950's and 1960's. Douglass Elementary School is also in close proximity to the greenway trail. A Duke Energy Water Resources Grant of \$100,000 funded 70% of the trail with the City of Eden providing the additional funding required to complete the project. The Duke Energy Water Resources Fund is \$10 million that has been allocated for projects that improve quality, quantity and conservation of waterways, enhance fish and wildlife habitats, expand the public use and access to waterways or increase citizens' awareness about their roles in protecting water resources since 2014. Eden has been fortunate to be the recipient of several of these grants.

Speakers at the event included Project Manager Johnny Farmer, Janet Silvers of Duke Energy, Angela Hampton of the Eden City Council, Nate Wood, Pastor of Hampton Heights Baptist Church, Martha Hopkins, Realtor and representative of the Wright Family, the donator of a significant amount of the trail land and Eden Mayor Neville Hall. In addition to Duke Energy and The Wright Family, Mayor Hall thanked the Eden City staff who did the preliminary work on the project and those who built the trail. Those people included: Kelly Stultz, Mike Dougherty, Erin Gilley, Josh Woodall, Johnny Farmer, Cindy Adams, Paul Dishmon, Darren Gatewood, Jamie Campbell, Patrick Willard, Chris Evans, Danny O'Neil, Don Hayes, Isaac Paschal, Travis Hutchens, James Fountain, Andrew Meeks, Christopher Mabes, Gary Doyer, Corey Dockery, Jeff Overby, Shawn Oliver, Darryl Tilley, J.R. Vernon, Mike Trantham, Jason Tilley, Steve Gammons, Mike Vernon, Richie Wagner, Jesse Carter, Shawn Carter, Stephen Corcoran, Quinton Lanier, Kevin Alexander, Byron Curry, Wayne Carter, Wayne Beville, Tony Evans and Jason Barnard. By completing this project with city staff we were able to save Eden taxpayers a considerable amount of money. Eden citizens are encouraged to visit this beautiful addition to the Eden greenway system.

Planning & Inspections Department

Strategic Planning Commission

The Strategic Planning Commission will be meeting on August 17 to receive an update on activities and projects related to the Positively Eden Strategic Plan that were carried out during FY 2017-18 as well as to discuss some of the activities and projects being proposed for FY 2018-19.

Police Department

Job Interviews for Vacant Entry Level Position as a Patrol Officer

The Police Department assembled an interview panel to evaluate applicants for the vacant entry level position as a patrol officer on July 31. As a result of the interview process, an applicant was selected and the background/hiring process is nearing the final phase and should be completed by the end of August 2018.

Community Outreach

The Police Department is preparing for the Citizens Academy on Thursday, August 23. Chief Light and the staff are excited to meet and welcome the citizens to our department.

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The Police Department will be participating in Touch a Truck on August 25. Officers within the department have participated in this event since its inception and have a great time with the citizens and children of the community.

North Carolina Domestic Violence Board

On August 24, Chief Light will be attending the North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission Board meeting in Raleigh. Chief Light has been a board member for three years. The board reviews policy and laws and constantly strives to update and strengthen North Carolina Domestic Violence Laws.

UNC School of Government Municipal & County Administration Course

Deputy Chief Simpson was selected to attend the UNC School of Government Municipal and County Administration Course. The course consists of one week a month for seven months. Deputy Chief Simpson's first week will be September 18th -21st 2018.

Public Utilities Department

Water Filtration Plant Receives Area Wide Optimization Program Award

Since 1998, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has developed several new regulations to help reduce the risk of biological contamination while limiting the risk from disinfecting chemicals and their byproducts. The Area Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) was developed to help water systems meet more stringent regulations and achieve higher levels of water quality. Achieving this goal means the water's turbidity levels were less than one third of the allowable limits 95 percent of the time. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness or haziness of water caused by individual particles that can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Microbes are microscopic particles that occur naturally, but can potentially include harmful bacteria and viruses. Target turbidity levels are 0.1 ntu (nephelometric turbidity unit), well below the regulatory limit of 0.3 ntu. Water treatment plants that consistently attain such a low level of turbidity achieve significant water quality benefits by removing particles that may harbor microbial contaminants. AWOP Awards are given each year to water systems that demonstrate outstanding turbidity removal, a key test of drinking water quality. While all drinking water systems have to meet strict state and federal drinking water standards, the systems that achieve this award met performance goals that are significantly more stringent. The Robert A. Harris Water Filtration Plant here in Eden has participated in AWOP since 2005 and recently received one of the state's highest honors in water treatment, the Area Wide Optimization Award for 2017. This is the ninth award and the sixth straight year of achieving this recognition. Of the 150 surface water systems in the state, only 69 received the award. Mr. Eric Hudson, North Carolina Regional Engineer with the Public Water Supply Section within the Department of Environmental Quality, presented the award June 14, 2018 at the North Carolina Water Operators Association meeting. Congratulations to Mr. Terry Shelton, Director of Public Utilities, Ms. Dena Reid, Superintendent of Water Filtration and the staff at the Water Filtration Plant for the excellent work they continue to do on a daily basis.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and Adoption of the July 17, 2018 Minutes.
- b. Consideration of a Resolution to approve the 2017 Local Water Supply Plan.

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The 2017 Local Water Supply Plan was prepared by Water Plant Superintendent Dena Reid and submitted to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources' Division of Water Resources for approval on March 26, 2018. The Division of Water Resources has completed their review of the plan and the review is considered complete.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVING LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 143355 (l) requires that each unit of local government that provides public water services or plans to provide such services shall, either individually or together with other such units of local government, prepare and submit a Local Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, as required by the statute and in the interests of sound local planning, a Local Water Supply Plan for the City of Eden, has been developed and submitted to the City of Eden Council for approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden Council finds that the Local Water Supply Plan is in accordance with the provisions of North Carolina General Statute 143355 (l) and that it will provide appropriate guidance for the future management of water supplies for the City of Eden, as well as useful information to the Department of Environmental Quality for the development of a state water supply plan as required by statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Eden that the Local Water Supply Plan entitled, Local Water Supply Plan 2017 dated March 26, 2018, is hereby approved and shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Eden Council intends that this plan shall be revised to reflect changes in relevant data and projections at least once every five years or as otherwise requested by the Department, in accordance with the statute and sound planning practice.

This the 21 day of August, 2018.
Name: Neville Hall, Mayor
Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

c. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment 1.

The budget amendment allocated grant proceeds from K B Reynolds Charity Trust for the Get Fit Rockingham Program and increased the Get Fit expenditure line item in General Fund Special Appropriations. Since this was a countywide grant with the City overseeing it, a portion of the funds would be directed to the Towns of Stoneville, Madison, and Mayodan and the City of Reidsville's recreation departments.

	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Get Fit Rockingham - Grant	10-3612-86600	\$ -	\$ 19,300.00	<u>\$ 19,300.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Get Fit Rockingham	10-9920-69983	\$ -	\$ 19,300.00	<u>\$ 19,300.00</u>

Appropriates grant funds received for the Get Fit Rockingham program for FY 2018-2019.

Adopted and effective this 21st day of August, 2018.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

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d. Consideration of Skid Steer financing for 5 years.

In the 2018-2019 Budget, City Council approved the purchase of a skid steer for the Street Department and it had been set up in the budget to be financed. On Aug. 1, Assistant Director of Finance Amy Winn requested bids from local banks for the financing and received the following quote: United Financial (Home Trust) 2.89%. The City was not required to get bids for this financing; however, the City does request bids from all the local banks. Since United Financial (Home Trust) was the only bank to submit a bid, Ms. Winn verified with the city attorney that the City could accept the bid. The total cost of the equipment was \$55,554.32 with annual payments of approximately \$12,092.47 which was within the budgeted amounts. Ms. Winn respectfully asked that Council approve United Financial (Home Trust) as the successful bid for financing.

e. Consideration to execute a settlement agreement with Duke Energy.

Staff identified and submitted unpaid costs associated with the installation and operation of the chloramine system to the Duke Energy Carolinas Court Appointed Monitor through the Bromide Restitution and Remediation Process. Duke Energy agreed to reimburse the City for the total costs that were not reimbursed by Duke Energy in the amount of \$145,000. Staff recommended approving the execution of the agreement. Once approved, it would be sent to the Federal Court Appointed Monitor for the Eastern District of North Carolina for approval.

f. Consideration and approval of economic development industrial high volume user rates.

One of the common factors in recruiting new industry was that the first probe into a new site involved sending out comprehensive surveys looking for the resources available in the community site for a proposed plant or mill.

One of the primary sections of the survey questions generally dealt with water and sewer utilities available to the site, capacities that could be delivered to the site, cost to improvement utilities to match their needs, and the cost per thousand gallons of water and sewer services. Currently, the City had to work with the economic development rates established by Council a few years back. The rates for high-volume water users under 5 million gallons per month were currently at \$4.25 per thousand for water and \$9.71 thousand for sewer. The rates appeared to be high in comparison with other industrial parks around the state. For example, recently on one project, they saw all rates offered by another park of \$2.82 per thousand for water and \$3.76 per thousand for sewer. As has been the custom for the City of Eden and the City Councils, they always included the statement that lower rates were available by negotiation for contracted rates.

To maximize efforts for economic development, the staff proposed the attached new economic development rates for high-volume industrial users that included eight rates covering various ranges of monthly use. The rates should allow Eden to be competitive with competition across the state and quite possibly outside the state. The rates were developed based on production costs, current debt service, and with consideration of rates for current and former high-volume water users. The rates would show perspective industries what their costs would be for water utilities. They would still include the caveat that would offer the opportunity to negotiate lower contracted rates with City Council's approval that included assurances for extended periods of service. The new rates were developed to leave the option for Council to approve lower negotiated contract rates for desirable industrial prospects. The old approved economic development rates had been adjusted to mesh with the new proposed rates coming in below the volume usage of the new proposed rates.

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The proposed rates shown below would give the City's Industry Recruitment Team solid numbers to "advertise" when requested and still leave room for Contract negotiated rates if requested.

DRAFT Rates Changes for Consideration

Proposed revision of the existing Economic Development Rates to one tier shown below with range of usage changes.

Economic Development Rate (Single Accounts- rate will be charged on any usage more than 750,000 500,000 gallons but less than 5,000,000 3,000,000 gallons per month)

	January 1, 2016	
	Inside City Monthly	Outside City Monthly
Per 1000 Gallons Usage Charge	Water \$4.25	\$8.50
Per 1000 Gallons Usage	Sewer \$9.71	\$19.42

Proposed Rates to consider and review These rates are proposed based to be more than rates for the Mega Park, Dan River Water, and MillerCoors. Karastan's usage will place them in the first tier of the new proposed rates.

These new water and sewer rates will be considered Economic Development rates that are non-contract. These rates are to be adjusted annually based on the audit as the contracted rates are each year.

Proposed Non-Contract Industrial High Volume Usage Economic Development Water & Sewer Rates**

To be effective October 1st.

Daily Usage Gallons per day	Monthly Usage Gallons per Month	Water per 1000 gallons	Sewer per 1000 gallons
100,000 - 167,000	3,000,000 to 5,000,000	\$2.78	\$3.56
167,001 - 250,000	5,000,001 to 7,500,000	\$2.68	\$3.31
250,001 - 375,000	7,500,001 to 10,000,000	\$2.38	\$3.16
375,001 - 500,000	10,000,001 to 15,000,000	\$2.48	\$3.01
500,001 - 750,000	15,000,001 to 22,500,000	\$2.38	\$2.91
750,001 - 1,000,000	22,500,001 to 30,000,000	\$2.28	\$2.81
1,000,001 - 2,000,000	30,000,001 to 60,000,000	\$2.19	\$2.71
2,000,001 - 3,000,000	60,000,001 to 90,000,000	\$2.09	\$2.61

** These rates run for 12 months (January to December) and the usage is assessed annually each November for the following coming year's billing rate (Beginning January 1st) based on the previous year's average monthly usage.

Lower Contract Rates are available based with terms and agreements of extended use for set periods of time. Contract rate requests must be made through the Economic Development Department for the Eden City Council's consideration and approval.

Background Information

Last Audit cost for Water & Sewer 16-17 Production Cost per 1000 gallons Water \$1.3832 Sewer \$1.3251 These numbers do not include debt service.

Current rates for Industrial Customers per 1000 gallons

Customer		Water	Sewer
MillerCoors	Contract*	\$1.79	\$ 20.40
Dan River Water	Contract*	\$1.94	\$N/A

*Contract rates adjusted each year based on audited costs

Karastan Rug Mill	Special Rate (ended 6/30/18)	\$2.46	\$3.54	Combined = \$6.00
Karastan Rug Mill	New Industrial Rates (10/1/18)**	\$2.78	\$3.56	Combined = \$6.34

replacing the expired Special Rate 6/30/18

**Karastan has not requested a contract rate from Council

Based on Karastan's usage averages 110,400 day or more and is about 3,300,000 gallons per month. Karastan would fit into the first tier of the new Economic Development Industrial Water Rate Structure.

In a recent industrial recruitment survey Eden was identified as a site for a potential industry; the following is an example of what we faced answering the survey questions about cost for water and sewer usage. For Comparison :

An Industrial Survey Site we saw Offered Water \$2.82 - Sewer \$3.76 per 1000 gallons based on Consumption of 4,950,000 per month.

In the current Rate Structure the Economic Development Rate for under 5,000,000 gallons per month is Water \$4.25 per 1000 gallons (roughly 50% higher than the other site) - Sewer \$9.71 per 1000 gallons (an astounding 258% higher than the other site). Also, we always state that Eden's City Council will negotiate contract water rates.

For your information:

(The UNC Rockingham Hospital and the YMCA are our next largest water users, but their usage is significantly less than what we would consider high volume users. The Hospital averages 1,663,000 gallons per month and the YMCA uses 138,000 gallons per month and they are not considered high volume users at under 3,000,000 gallons per month.) The Hospital and the YMCA both have special code rates that were set up for them years ago.

g. Consideration of an Amendment to City Code Chapter 12: Solid Waste.

An amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance was proposed that allowed contractors to place any yard rubbish that was less than 4 cubic yards at the curbside for City collection. Anything greater would have to be removed from the property. Currently, contractors were required to remove all yard rubbish. Staff felt this would better serve the community.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF EDEN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that Section 12-58 of the Eden City Code is amended as follows:

§ 12-58 CONTRACTOR TO REMOVE UPON COMPLETION OR TERMINATION OF WORK; CORRECTIVE ACTION.

(A) Any contractor working on the property of another person or owner shall, upon completion of the work undertaken or upon termination of the undertaking for any other reason, remove from the work site property all yard rubbish or trash in excess of 4 cubic yards that is on such property as a result of the contractor, its subcontractor, agent or employee working thereon, including but not limited to, yard rubbish or trash resulting from trimming trees, clearing land, excavating, bulldozing, cutting trees and site preparation for building. Any yard rubbish or trash described in this paragraph which

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constitutes a load less than 4 cubic yards shall be removed by the contractor and/or owner by placing it at curbside for pickup on established days. Any contractor violating this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(B) In addition to or in lieu of criminal charges being brought against the contractor or owner, the city may institute appropriate civil actions or proceedings to prevent, restrain, correct or abate the violation of this article. (Ord. passed 8-30-94; Am. Ord. passed 6-21-05; Am. Ord. passed 8-21-2018) Penalty, see § 12-90 et seq.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFECTIVE, this 21st day of August, 2018.

CITY OF EDEN

BY: Neville Hall, Mayor

ATTEST: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall announced the Grown and Gathered event would be on Thursday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets could be purchased from Ms. Adams. Touch-a-Truck would be in downtown Leaksville on Saturday, August 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. featuring over 40 vehicles. Participants should bring a food item for the food backpack program if they could. The City received two grants from the HomeTrust Endowment, one for the Luther Hodges Exhibit that would be placed in City Hall, and the other for the Bridge Street Municipal Parking Lot Beautification Grant. It was great news for Eden.

Council Member Epps appreciated the Youth Council Members who were at the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Hall explained the procedure for the swearing-in of the new members.

Council Member Burnette said it was always a pleasure to induct new members to the Youth Council. Probably the biggest impact they had was the second year. That Youth Council thought basketball courts were needed at Freedom Park. The Youth Council did a survey of high school students to prove the need for the courts and they worked with Mr. Farmer who got estimates for the cost to install the courts. The Youth Council went before the City Council with the proposal. The City Council agreed and budgeted the funds and there were basketball courts at Freedom Park. They were widely used. The Youth Council helped members gain additional leadership skills.

The following members took the oath of office for Eden Youth Council: Grace Blalock, Victoria Calderon, Felix Calderon, Michael Hall, Chris Hopper, Kylie Huffman, Ben Jones, Jadan Martin, Ainsley Pyrtle, Bay Twilla and Will Twilla.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan and seconded by Council Member Ellis to adjourn. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor