

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, December 18, 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
	Darryl Carter
	Jerry Ellis, absent
	Jerry Epps, absent
	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 met the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and worked from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

Rev. Colston Morris of St. John United Methodist Church gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Tommy Underwood.

RECOGNITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS:

- a. Recognition of Eden's Own Journal's 20th Anniversary.

Mayor Hall called on Director of Economic Development Mike Dougherty.

Mr. Dougherty said Lisa Finney Griffith moved to Eden when she was 24 years old and began work at the Eden Daily News in May 1986 stuffing newspapers. She soon began working in the newspaper's production department. She left the newspaper to work for RR Donnelley Graphics where she honed her computer skills that were invaluable when she returned to the Eden Daily News. She worked for six more years with Eden Daily News where she assisted in the newsroom

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and did graphic design. She had a dream to create a community newspaper for Eden that was focused on Eden only and would be free to the public. She needed the support of local advertising to make that happen and she called on many local businesses who continued to support the newspaper today. What began as an eight-page publication in December of 1998 had grown to 44 pages with many of them color. Eden's Own Journal has expanded to cover other municipalities including Reidsville, Wentworth, Madison, Mayodan and Stoneville. Ms. Griffith and her daughter Liza managed the newspaper and her husband David handled circulation and newspaper stand care. Eden's Own Journal published Mr. Dougherty's monthly business column, news from City Hall and the Eden City Manager's report. Ms. Griffith had always been willing to help the City get information out. He congratulated Eden's Own Journal's for celebrating their 20th anniversary and presented them with a plaque.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

Mayor Hall said two items would be added: 10c. Appointment of ABC Board Chair and 10d. Consideration to declare metal and meters surplus.

City Attorney Erin Gilley pointed out there was a revision due to a typo in item 12b.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

There were no Requests and Petitions of Citizens at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration to adopt a Resolution of Intent to annex property by the City of Eden.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Gilley since Director of Planning and Inspections Kelly Stultz was absent.

Ms. Gilley said in late summer, Council authorized the purchase of the Duke Energy East property off New Street. The purchase was complete and the next step of the process would be to annex the property into the City, which would bring in taxes including utility franchise taxes that may occur if any business or industry located there. Ms. Gilley asked Council to adopt the Resolution which included a call for a public hearing to be held at the January meeting.

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Mayor Hall said one of the main reasons for the purchase of the property was to have it voluntarily annexed into the City limits.

Ms. Gilley replied correct. The project was a County/City effort and once the property was annexed into the City, the County would become a co-owner and reimburse the City half of the property's cost.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to adopt a Resolution of Intent to annex the Duke Energy East property into the city limits of Eden. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consideration of 2019 Boards and Commissions appointments.

Board of Adjustment

Council Member Burnette nominated Will Flynt to continue for Ward 2. Mayor Hall nominated Jackie Hampton to continue as his appointment. Nominations for Wards 1, 3 and 7 were tabled.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton to appoint Will Flynt and Jackie Hampton to continue to serve on the Board of Adjustment. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Community Appearance Commission

Julie Talbert, 3028 Indian Ridge Court, was nominated as Mayor Hall's appointment. The nomination for Ward 1 was tabled.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to appoint Julie Talbert to serve on the Community Appearance Commission. Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Historic Preservation Commission

Council Member Grogan nominated Charles Yarbrough to continue for Ward 6. The nominations for Ward 7 and Mayor Hall's appointment were tabled.

A motion was made by Council Member Burnette to appoint Charles Yarbrough to continue to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Planning Board

Council Member Grogan nominated Jerry Holland to continue for Ward 6. Mayor Hall nominated Carol Helms to continue as his appointment. Mayor Hall said Matt Smith did want to continue for the ETJ and that would require approval from the County Commissioners.

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A motion was made by Council Member Moore to appoint Jerry Holland, Carol Helms and Matt Smith to continue to serve on the Planning Board. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Tree Board

Mayor Hall noted that although Council Member Epps was absent, Tree Board Member Paul Dishmon was present at the meeting and indicated he would serve again for Ward 4. Council Member Carter nominated Max Kirks for Ward 5. The nomination for Ward 3 was tabled.

A motion was made by Council Member Grogan to appoint Paul Dishmon and Max Kirks to continue to serve on the Tree Board. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

c. Appointment of ABC Board Chair.

Mayor Hall nominated Tommy Flynt to continue to serve as Chair of the ABC Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to appoint Tommy Flynt to continue to serve as Chair of the ABC Board. Council Member Grogan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

d. Consideration to declare metal and meters surplus.

Mayor Hall called on Director of Municipal Services Paul Dishmon.

Mr. Dishmon explained there was a surplus of old metal pipes removed for repairs, manhole covers replaced during construction, old playground equipment, dumpsters and brass water meters no longer used that could be sold for about \$8.50 per 100 pounds. The old materials took up a lot of space.

Council Member Burnette asked if the bids would be by the pound.

Mr. Dishmon replied they would and the company would make the estimate of weight. All of the metal was Class 1 and Class 2, which was currently the highest paid metal. The average manhole weighed 95 to 100 pounds. There were companies in Reidsville and Burlington that would bid on the metal.

Council Member Grogan asked if the City crushed the metal.

Mr. Dishmon replied the City did not. The contractor would haul the metal off and crush it. The City employees would not be responsible for handling the materials.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter to declare the metal and meters surplus and go out for bids. Council Member Hampton seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager’s Report.

Mr. Corcoran said each Council Member should have received a copy of the report. It was posted on the City’s website the previous week and submitted to the Eden’s Own Journal for publication. There were hard copies available for anyone wanting one. He would be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Hall thanked the departments that provided information for the City Manager’s Report. He realized it took a lot of work from all departments.

City Manager’s Report – December 2018

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Mayor, members of City Council and the city employees, I would like to wish each of you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed Christmas and our hope for you and yours is that the New Year brings peace and happiness. Enjoy the season!

Economic & Tourism Development Department

MillerCoors

In the fall of 2015, the news media publicized that Pabst Blue Ribbon had offered to purchase the Eden brewery from MillerCoors (MC) after the Eden MC brewery closing was announced. The public did not know the MC response until press reports surfaced the week of November 26, 2018. It was reported that Pabst had offered \$100 million but that MC had set a purchase price of \$750 million. Apparently, Pabst also offered to lease the Eden brewery but the lease rate was too high to make it financially feasible. Pabst does not have a brewery; it contracts out all of its production through MC facilities. Pabst claimed the Eden brewery closure and the unwillingness by MC to extend its brewing contract beyond 2020 were evidence the company was trying to put them out of business and they produced consultant documents to support this claim.

After two years of not setting a specific price on the Eden facility for other potential purchasers (besides Pabst) MC recently placed a price on the Eden facility that is a fraction of what Pabst offered the company in 2015. Some have speculated the \$750 million price tag initially placed on the facility was designed to discourage Pabst from purchasing it.

The Pabst lawsuit against MC was settled on November 29, 2018 but terms of the settlement have not yet been disclosed, including whether or not the Eden facility was a part of the settlement. Other companies have shown an interest in the site, and current indications are that MC wants to dispose of the property as soon as possible. Mr. Mike Dougherty, Director of Economic Development continues to work with his peers at both the County and State level to try and market this facility and property.

SGRTex

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The Bank of India has selected a Charlotte, NC Commercial Property Asset Recovery Company to serve as the Receiver for the SGRTex property located on Summit Road in Eden. This company is charged with selling the property as quickly as possible. Numerous commercial real estate brokers and yarn-spinning companies have been contacted about this available facility. In fact, three yarn spinning companies have looked at the plant in the last four weeks. Even if the equipment is sold off separately, a 181,000 SF building will be very marketable for a new user. The City and County have begun marketing the facility.

Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill

Significant activity has taken place at this park in the last 6 months. Some of these companies could produce significant jobs. VA and NC partners are working on a plan to jointly market each other's sites to present a regional approach to economic development. Some support companies of mega park tenants may not want to locate there, so they could look for sites in adjoining areas. Transportation improvements are key to this park's development. A December meeting has been scheduled with VA and NC elected officials to discuss ways to expedite transportation improvements. Eden is completing the engineering plans for the water line extension to the VA state line. Construction will begin next year. VA is extending the sewer line that Eden ran to the VA state line. More than half of the water line costs are covered by grants.

Data Centers

The City of Eden is purchasing a 204-acre site next to the MGM building on New Street. Several data center clients continue to consider the site because of its proximity to the Duke Energy facility.

Smart Flower Ribbon Cutting

The ribbon cutting for this solar energy unit took place on Thursday, November 19 at Central Elementary School. Representatives from the City, County, Cirrus Construction, Rockingham County Schools and Mohawk Industries (Karastan Rug Mill) spoke at the event. The Smart Flower was the second one Mohawk Industries has placed nationwide. It will help students from Central Elementary School, Holmes Middle School and Morehead High School learn how the solar flower harnesses solar energy. The flower unfolds in sunlight and retracts at sunset. Cirrus Construction of Eden installed the Smart Flower.

UNC Rockingham Health Care (From a press release issued by the hospital)

UNC Rockingham Health Care Again Earns Top 'A' Safety Scores from Leapfrog Group.

The latest hospital safety scores from the Leapfrog Group are out, and UNC Rockingham Health Care is one of six hospitals affiliated with UNC Health Care to receive top "A" grades for their work in protecting patients and delivering excellent care. UNC Rockingham Health Care in Eden, UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill, UNC REX Healthcare in Raleigh, Johnston Health in Smithfield and Clayton and Wayne UNC Health in Goldsboro all received top marks on Leapfrog's Fall 2018 report card.

Developed under the guidance of a National Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 28 publicly available safety measures to assign A-F grades to more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals twice per year. The Hospital Safety Grade's methodology is peer-reviewed and transparent, and

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the results are free to the public. Nationwide, 855 hospitals received A grades in the Fall 2018 report.

“Leapfrog’s Hospital Safety Grades recognize hospitals that focus on advancing patient safety. This ranking provides an important resource for patients, and a benchmark for hospitals, to determine how care at one hospital compares to others in a region,” said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. “Hospitals that earn an A Hospital Safety Grade deserve to be recognized for their efforts in preventing medical harm and errors.”

To see any hospital’s full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade.org or follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twitter and Facebook

Azure Women’s Apparel

This store is located at 238 W. King’s Hwy near Carolina Apothecary. A ribbon cutting will take place on Friday, December 14 at noon. Facebook feedback has been positive from customers who have patronized the store.

Microbreweries

Three individual business owners are working towards locating their microbreweries or production facilities in Eden. Two are in the Washington Street area and one is near the Spray Historic District. All projects look very promising.

New Restaurant

“That Little Pork Shop” is the name of a new restaurant that opened earlier this month at 629 Monroe Street, formerly Angelo’s Pizza Pub and Kitty’s. Donna Hopkins, formerly of Red River Grille, owns the restaurant. Donna has completed extensive renovations of the interior for her new restaurant. The food is excellent and the restaurant has a “rock and roll” vibe. You can find more information on their Facebook page.

622 Washington Street

At the October 16 Eden City Council meeting the Council chose to accept the standing high bid of \$15,573.50 from Mr. Frank Borden Wyatt, III for this downtown building. The sale of this building has now been completed. The City used a grant to help rehabilitate the building, which will now house a functioning business and return to the tax rolls. The new owner plans to refit the interior to house a meadery that will feature honey products, including honey wine and a tapas bar.

628 Washington Street

AAA Remodeling @ Decks has moved to this former women’s clothing store. This is the first business to move to this end of the street that will be able to take advantage of the newly paved Bridge Street parking lot that extends behind several buildings on the Eastern end of Washington Street. AAA Remodeling @ Decks can be also reached at 336-612-5362 as well as Facebook.

Fieldcrest Public Space

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This public space located at the corner of Mill Avenue and Fieldcrest Road in the downtown Draper area of Eden continues its renovations. Benches are the next scheduled improvement and are due to arrive late December. Lighting has arrived but inclement weather has delayed its installation. Corrugated metal sliding doors have been ordered for the rear interior walls and new industrial windows will be installed. At its November meeting, City Council voted to fund this part of the project from funds previously set aside for the Strategic Plan in the 2018-19 fiscal year budget.

Bridge Street Parking

The release of funds from a grant received by the Home Trust Endowment is expected any day. The grant will be used to complete the project by striping the lot and general landscaping. New signage to more effectively direct motorists to the municipal parking lot located next to Holland and Associates was supported by the Strategic Planning Commission and has been ordered.

Eden Downtown Development Inc. (EDDI)

The EDDI has issued a call for artists interested in a fire hydrant painting project for the City of Eden. If you are a resident Eden and/or Rockingham County, you can help make our city more beautiful and bring pedestrian traffic to the downtown districts by painting selected fire hydrants throughout the city. All paints will be provided. Interested artists should submit a rough sketch of their design to Mr. Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager. For more information, contact Randy at rhunt@edennc.us.

The Boulevard

The Boulevard Merchants hosted a Cars and Crabs event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on November 17, a combination car show and low country boil. The event drew cars, trucks and motorcycles from the local area as well as car clubs from Virginia. The Merchants plan to make this a yearly tradition.

Entrepreneurship Program/ SCORE

Volunteers are needed to help shape an Eden entrepreneurship program that could feed into a local SCORE chapter. SCORE is the Service Corp of Retired Executives who donates their time to help aspiring and existing entrepreneurs with their business needs. The program will contain many strategies of economic development recommended in the Positively Eden Strategic Plan that is being overseen by the Strategic Planning Commission. Efforts of the EDDI, Chamber of Commerce and local educators as well as local professionals are being coordinated to inform participants of best practices to build successful businesses in Eden. If interested, please contact Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager at 336-612-8034.

Eden Preservation Society

The Eden Rotary Club and Eden Preservation Society continue collecting artifacts for the Luther Hodges exhibit that will be coming soon to the Eden City Hall. Hodges was born in Cascade, VA but spent most of his formative years in the Spray section of Eden. He had a distinguished career as U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Lieutenant Governor and Governor of NC and Chairman of the Research Triangle Park Foundation. If you have items related to Luther Hodges that you would like to donate to the exhibit, please contact Randy Hunt, Main Street Manager at 336-612-8034. The Home Trust Endowment of Home Trust Bank has generously supported this project.

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Winterfest

What a fun time! Thanks to everyone who braved the cold temperatures and attended our first ever WINTERFEST on the eve of our big snowstorm. Little kids and big kids alike enjoyed a very popular smores bar, The Grinch movie on the big screen, a large inflatable slide, oversized games, hot chocolate, cider and other treats along with a beautiful tree lighting. There was also a silent auction on several beautiful gift baskets assembled by various schools throughout Rockingham County in support of raising funds for the United Way. Councilwoman Sylvia Grogan had the honor of lighting our tree in the John E. Grogan Park. Our oversized decorations were very festive and set the tone for a fun wintry night. And to top it all off, Santa Claus himself made a special appearance!!

Thank You!

We would like to thank all of you who made Eden’s community holiday events a huge success! Many special memories were made at the 20th Annual Leaksville Night-Time Christmas Parade, Draper Tree Lighting and the 52nd Annual Draper Children’s Christmas Parade. Many churches and organizations hosted several very special events as well. Thank you to each of you for all you do for all of us! Merry Christmas!!

Wire Animal Public Art Project

We are coming down to the wire! (No pun intended) Our wire animal artist Josh Cote is currently working on our last of 6 pieces that will be showcased in Grogan Park. He has already completed a heron, owl, rabbits, fox and a doe. Stay tuned for our exciting dedication date!

2019 Signature Event Dates – Mark Your Calendars Now!

- May 11 – Oink & Ale
- June 1 – Piedmont Pottery Festival
- July 20 – Shaggin’ on Fieldcrest
- August 15 – Grown & Gathered
- August 24 – Touch –A-Truck
- September 20 & 21 – RiverFest

We will also host smaller events such as Movies Under the Stars, Hispanic Heritage Day, the Veterans Day Celebration, WinterFest and more. Please mark your calendars because you don’t want to miss any of these fun events!

We have an e-newsletter!

You can get information about upcoming local events by email through our monthly Explore Downtown newsletter. If you want to subscribe, please send your email address to godowntown@edennc.us.

Engineering Department

Street Resurfacing Projects:

The bid opening for the FY 2018-19 Street Resurfacing Contract, No. 2 is scheduled for Thursday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m. in the Eden City Hall.

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Asphalt Pavement Crack Sealing

Delta Contracting completed the crack sealing at Freedom Park and along E. Moore Street on Wednesday, November 28. The cost of the repairs was \$9,000.

Restriping of Country Club Drive

The re-striping on Country Club Drive has not been completed yet due to weather. Triad Road Maintenance intends to complete this work as soon as the daytime temperatures reach the mid 50's.

Asphalt Pavement Repair at Freedom Park

Dalton Enterprises Asphalt Paving completed the pavement repairs at Freedom Park the week of November 26. The cost of the repairs was \$26,455.26.

NCDOT Resurfacing of NC 14/Van Buren Road

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has postponed this project until the spring of 2019 due to weather restrictions.

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

A Notice to Proceed was issued to City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. on November 20 for the installation of approximately 280 feet of 2-inch diameter PVC water main along Ridge Avenue west of N. Hale Street. This document gave permission for work to begin on/or after December 3. Due to weather delays and other factors, the contractor is now planning to start the installation work on December 18.

The Engineering Department is still talking with Joyce Backhoe Services, Inc. about ways to reduce the cost of pavement repair work for the Morehead Street 2" waterline replacement project. The contractor tentatively plans to start the installation of the 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main between Glovenia Street and Hollingsworth Street around the later part of January 2019.

An addendum to the Jackson Street and W. Moore Street waterline replacement project was sent out on November 21 by Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. to clarify a couple of questions received from a supplier. Bids were received from six utility contractors on December 4, with City's Plumbing and Pools, Inc. being the lowest bidder at \$134,349 for the proposed installation of up to 905 feet of 6-inch diameter ductile iron water main along Jackson Street north of W. Moore Street. After the bid documents and references are checked out, a notice of award is expected to be issued by December 20.

Preliminary plans for the West Avenue waterline replacement project were received on December 10 from Stoltzfus Engineering Inc. The plans that are currently being reviewed show the installation of approximately 670 feet of proposed 6-inch diameter ductile iron and 2-inch diameter PVC water main to replace the existing galvanized water main serving customers south of the intersection with Central Avenue.

Information Technology

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Black Friday and Cyber Monday may have come and gone, but that doesn't mean you can let your guard down when shopping online. Your IT Department would like to offer some tips and tricks for keeping your identity and finances safe all year long.

- When making online purchases, use a credit card and not a debit or check card. The maximum you're liable for if your credit card information is stolen is \$50.00. In some cases, the credit card company waives even that \$50. With a debit or check card, keep in mind that purchases come directly from your bank account. Cybercriminals can empty out your entire account and you're liable for the entire amount stolen.
- The safest way to shop online is by using a refillable Visa or MasterCard gift card. Only put enough money on the card to make the online purchase. Most banks offer these types of cards that you can transfer money to from your banks website, a phone call to customer service, or in person at a branch. Even if that card information is stolen, it's useless to the cybercriminals since the goal is to maintain a near zero balance and only have money on the card just prior to making an online purchase.
- Never save your card information on an online retailer's website. Data breaches are in the news almost every day. Your information can't be stolen if it's not on the website to begin with.
- Finally, the safest way of all to shop is by using cash at your favorite local business. There's nothing more secure than a face-to-face cash transaction with the added bonus of keeping your money in our community.

Municipal Services Department

Reminder Concerning Snow Events

During snow events, our Municipal Services Department requests that all residents avoid parking their car(s) on the roadway. Please park any and all cars OFF the roadway, if at all possible. This would allow better access for the snowplows to clear the roadway in a timelier, and efficient manner, thereby allowing all residents access to clear roads much faster. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Reminder: Collection of Leaves is Now Underway

The City of Eden is in the process of collecting leaves for leaf season. Residents should place their leaves behind the curb or edge of the road, and leaves must be separated from brush. During heavy rain events, leaves may not be picked up on schedule due to water damaging the leaf machine. However, leaves will be picked up when they dry out. The City will be collecting leaves on a regular basis until February.

Parks & Recreation Department

Community Accents Program & Parks & Recreation Radio Program

Staff will be participating in the Community Accents Program with WLOE (Wonderful Land of Eden) radio on December 14 and will be participating in the same program on January 12. In addition, staff participated in the Parks & Recreation Radio Program with WLOE on November

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28 and will be participating in the same program again on December 26 to update the public on our recreational program offerings during the months of December, January and February. We remain involved in these community outreach efforts in an effort to update residents about the programs being offered by our Parks & Recreation Department.

Be Healthy Rockingham County

Staff continues to be involved with Be Healthy Rockingham. They attended the Be Healthy Rockingham meeting held on December 12 and will attend the one scheduled for January 9.

Softball Tournaments

There was a NSA Softball Tournament at Freedom Park on December 8. This is the last tournament at Freedom Park for 2018. These events bring visitors to our community who often end up spending money that helps our local economy.

Dixie Youth Ozone State Baseball Championship

The City of Eden has been selected as the host City for the 2019 Dixie Youth Ozone State Baseball Championship that will take place from July 12-18, 2019 at Freedom Park.

Freedom Park Splash Pad Update

Cirrus Construction is in the process of preparing construction documents and currently plans on initiating construction around the end of this month or the first part of January. VORTEX is continuing their work on the construction documents for the splash pad component and they too are currently planning to begin construction around the end of this month or the first part of January.

Matrimony Creek Greenway Nature Trail & Parking Lot Update

The Matrimony Creek Greenway Nature Trail has been re-opened now that the necessary repairs have been completed because of the damage the trail sustained from the impacts of hurricane/tropical storm Michael. Special thanks to the employees involved in the work to restore this trail. Also, the City Council authorized the paving of the Matrimony Creek Greenway Nature Trail Parking Lot at their meeting on September 18, using funds from the Positively Eden Strategic Plan Funds for FY 2018-19. Prices were received for this project and a P.O. was issued, but this project was put on hold until the spring of 2019 due to the repairs and restoration work needed due to the damage from Michael.

Freedom Park Walking Track and Road Repairs

Road repairs and crack sealing was done to the parking lots and walking track at Freedom Park during the week of November 26-30. The walking track and stripping will be completed in the spring of 2019.

Police Department

We would like to congratulate Sergeant Sam Shelton (24+ years) and Officer William East (28+ years) on their retirement. Officer William East's final day was Thursday, December 6 and Sergeant Sam Shelton's final day was Friday, December 7. We wish them well and appreciate their many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Eden and their friendship during their

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years of service. We are currently in the process of advertising for two full time police officer positions to fill the vacancies created by the two retirements.

Due to the retirement of Sergeant Sam Shelton, an interview panel was formed to review the applicants for Sergeant Shelton's position as Sergeant assigned to administration. Congratulations to Officer Jim Robertson for being selected to replace Sergeant Shelton on January 1, 2019, as our new Sergeant assigned to administration. Officer Robertson was previously assigned as the Downtown Business District Officer. Due to the promotion of Jim Robertson as Sergeant assigned to administration an interview panel was formed for the vacant Downtown Business District Officer position. Congratulations to Officer Elizabeth Tilley for being selected to replace Officer Robertson on January 1, 2019, as our new Downtown Business District Officer. Officer Tilley previously served as the School Resource Officer at Holmes Middle School. We are currently in the process of seeking a replacement assigned to the School Resource Officer position at Holmes Middle School.

The Eden Police Department will have additional officers working New Year's Eve to assist with call volume and with special emphasis on impaired driving violations.

The Eden Police Department would like to continue to encourage the citizens of our community to utilize the Eden Police Department's Facebook page for updates and information concerning our community, as well as, Crimestoppers to provide anonymous information concerning illegal activity to keep our community safe.

Public Utilities Department

Update --- EPA Administrative Order on Consent Remediation Plan Projects

The City of Eden is mandated to stop all Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) to be in compliance within five years with the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) issued in April of 2017 by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The City of Eden developed a Remediation Plan to rehabilitate our aging sewer collection system and facilities that was approved by the EPA to stop SSOs. We have been awarded funding for the projects that this Remediation Plan will still cost to complete. The majority of the funding will come from the Division of Water Infrastructure of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. Specifically, we will receive a \$16,666,000 grant and a \$15,000,000 twenty year zero percent interest loan. Engineering design work on the EPA AOC Remediation Plan is now over 90 percent complete on all projects in the plan as of November 1. The construction work in these projects will primarily be replacement and relining of existing sewer mains and rehabilitation and improvement of our existing pump stations. The first projects of this plan are expected to be bid and awarded by March of 2019. Numerous contracts will bid and awarded over the next 11 months as the design specifications are approved for bidding out the projects. This work is a massive undertaking for our City and the projects will need to be staggered for improved oversight, inspection and administration of the work being completed. All projects are due to be bid, awarded to contractors, and work commenced no later than November of 2019.

Over the next three years there will be a significant amount of construction all around the City. All of the work to be done is targeting areas where the facilities or sewer lines are failing and are in great need of repair and/or replacement. For our citizens, construction will mean slowed traffic

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with work in the streets, noise and inconvenience in residential neighborhoods, and some general disruption of our citizens everyday lives. We ask in advance for your patience due to any problems that this work may cause you. Please rest assured that the work is necessary and needed for the future of our City. All projects of this plan are due to be completed by April of 2022.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval and adoption of the November 20, 2018 minutes.
- b. Consideration and approval of a Resolution for the General Fund Splash Pad, Resurface Tennis Courts, Matrimony Creek Phase II, Klyce Street & Draper Landing, Stadium Drive Sidewalk Match, and Street Resurfacing Projects Financing.

Council approved a new loan in its FY 2018-2019 budget of \$945,700 within the General Fund. The City needed to proceed with private placement financing for the Splash Pad, Resurface Tennis Courts, Matrimony Creek Phase II, Klyce Street & Draper Landing, Stadium Drive Sidewalk Match, and Street Resurfacing Projects.

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING FOR THE GENERAL FUND SPLASH PAD, RESURFACE TENNIS COURTS, MATRIMONY CREEK PHASE II, KLYCE STREET & DRAPER LANDING, STADIUM DRIVE SIDEWALK MATCH, AND STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council (the "Council") has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to finance the resurfacing of city streets of certain projects within the City known as the (1) SPLASH PAD, (2) RESURFACE TENNIS COURTS, (3) MATRIMONY CREEK PHASE II, (4) KLYCE STREET & DRAPER LANDING, (5) STADIUM DRIVE SIDEWALK MATCH, AND (6) GENERAL FUND STREET RESURFACING PROJECTS (SEE ATTACHED LIST) (the "Projects") with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden is hereby applying for an Installment Purchase Contract Loan for Water and Sewer Projects to proceed and seeking approval pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 120-157.1 through 157.9; and

WHEREAS, the Council has approved a new loan in its FY 2018-2019 budget of \$945,700 within the General Fund for the Projects and now wishes to appoint an authorized representative and direct staff to proceed with the acquisition of financing proposals from interested banks based on rate, terms, and fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Eden City Council that the Director of Finance for the City is hereby authorized and designated to act on behalf of the City for the execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the financing of the Projects with proceeds of tax-exempt obligations to be approved by the Council after public hearing, and the staff of the financing department is directed to proceed with the solicitation of financing proposals from at least (3) interested banks.

Adopted and approved this 18th day of December, 2018.

Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular December 18, 2018 meeting of the City Council, City of Eden:

FY 2018-19 STREET RESURFACING LOAN RESOLUTION STREET LIST	
STREET NAME (SECTION)	
CARROLL STREET (CHURCH TO BOULEVARD)	
CITY HALL DRIVE (STADIUM TO PIERCE)	
COLEMAN STREET (IRVING TO WILLIAMS)	
DAVIS STREET (PRESTON TO PARK)	
GREENWOOD STREET (IRVING TO EARLY)	
GREENWOOD STREET (OAK TO IRVING)	
HIGHLAND PARK DRIVE (KINGS HWY TO CAROLYN CT)	
LEWIS STREET (PRICE TO DEAD END)	
MADISON STREET (MOORE TO STADIUM)	
NORMAN DRIVE (HAMPTON TO CUL-DE-SAC)	
RIVERSIDE DRIVE (DECATUR TO WASHBURN)	
SEYMOUR COURT (HAMILTON TO MILLNER)	
SMITH STREET (FOREST TO ROBIN)	
SMITH STREET (ROBIN TO DEAD END)	
THOMAS STREET (LAWRENCE TO WASHBURN)	
WEDGEWOOD COURT (JOHN TO CUL-DE-SAC)	
WILDFLOWER LANE (ARBOR TO THE ROUNDABOUT)	
ESTIMATED COST:	\$ 380,000.00
ADD-ON STREET IF NEEDED: HAYWOOD STREET (LENOIR TO WOODLAND)	

- c. Consideration and approval of a Lease Agreement between the City of Eden and Harold R. Gearhart for a parking lot adjacent to the Boone Road Community Building.

The lease was between the City of Eden and Harold R. Gearhart for a parking lot adjacent to the Boone Road Community Building. The City initiated the lease in December 1996 to provide parking for the users of the Boone Road Community Building. The last lease had been for five years with a payment of \$750 per year to maintain the agreement. Staff spoke with Mr. Gearhart and he agreed to another 5-year lease at \$800 per year. Mr. Johnny Farmer, Director of Parks & Recreation and Facilities & Grounds, recommended the City extend the agreement beginning January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2024 for \$800 per year. All “Special Conditions” had been met and maintained by the City to keep the lease valid.

- d. Consideration and approval of financing for a dump truck.

In the 2018-2019 budget, Council approved the purchase of a dump truck for the Collection & Distribution Department and it was set up in the budget to be financed. On Nov. 30, 2018, Ms. Amy Winn, Assistant Director of Finance, requested bids from local banks for the financing and received the following quotes: BB&T 3.54% and United Financial (Home Trust) 3.19%. The total cost of the equipment was \$108,632 with annual payments of approximately \$23,849.13, 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 and approval of a request to award the bid for the demolition of a structure at 233 The Boulevard under the City of Eden Non-Residential Building Maintenance Standards.

At the Nov. 20, 2018, meeting of the Council, the bid for the demolition of the building at 233 The Boulevard was awarded to Brad Fisher Hauling & Grading. Mr. Fisher withdrew his bid for the project. Staff recommended that the next low bidder, Loye Grading and Tree Service, Inc., be awarded the bid in the amount of \$48,000.

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Council Member Carter said in the future he would like to pursue the effort to put a boat ramp at the Draper Landing for emergency access as there was none on the east side. He understood the Corp of Engineers may have to be involved. Several citizens had expressed concern to him about the lack of boat access.

Mayor Hall replied he had talked to Council Member Ellis about the same thing. In years past, there were studies done about the feasibility and they wanted to explore that option.

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:

Council Member Burnette commented that Winterfest was a success.

Mayor Hall replied Grogan Park was nicely decorated and he enjoyed attending Winterfest.

Council Member Grogan appreciated Coordinator of Tourism & Special Events Cindy Adams for her creativity. She did a great job.

Mayor Hall thanked Public Works and the public safety workers for their efforts during the 16 inches of snow. There were a few complaints about snow banks at the end of driveways but most citizens were impressed with the efficient and timely clearing of snow from the streets. He thanked Duke Energy for working in the terrible conditions to restore lost power.

Council Member Grogan agreed that Eden’s streets were passable and that was not true in many communities. Eden was fortunate.

Mayor Hall wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to discuss, a motion was made by unanimous consent to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Hunt
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall
Mayor