

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

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

Mayor:	Wayne Tuggle, Sr.
Council Members:	Bernie Moore
	Jim Burnette
	Angela Hampton
	Jerry Epps
	Darryl Carter
Mayor Elect:	Neville Hall
	Jerry Ellis
City Manager:	Brad Corcoran
City Clerk:	Sheralene Thompson
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
Deputy City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
Representatives from Departments:	
News Media:	Justyn Melrose, Rockingham Now
	Roy Sawyers, RCENO

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Tuggle called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance. He explained that the Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and works from a prepared agenda; however, time would be set aside for business not on the printed agenda.

INVOCATION:

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

RECOGNITIONS:

a. Quality Cleaners 70th Anniversary Recognition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECOGNITION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

APPOINTMENT TO WARD 6 CITY COUNCIL SEAT AND OATH:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

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

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS:

ABC Board Chairman

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

ABC Board

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

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

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

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

SET MEETING AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No public hearings were scheduled at this time.

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Unfinished Business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Board of Adjustment

Charles Johnson Ward 5 – Councilman Carter

Historic Preservation Commission

Louise Price Ward 4 – Councilman Epps

Marianne Aiken Ward 5 – Councilman Carter

Everall Peele Ward 1 – Councilman Moore

Planning Board

Fred Ramsey Ward 4 – Councilman Epps
Barbara Martin Ward 3 – Councilwoman Hampton

Tree Board

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

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

c. Consideration of Appointment to EDDI.

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager's Report – December 2017

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

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

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

Positively Eden Strategic Plan – Update

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

Economic & Tourism Development Department

Berry Hill Regional Mega Park

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

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

New Street Sewer Line Project

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

Industry Bus Tour

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

Sibonga Hair Salon

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

Bird's Eye View Vintage

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

ACI Physical Therapy

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

Wyrd Armouries

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

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

Donna's Kitchen

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

Get Fit Rockingham

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

Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

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

Draper Murals

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

Merchants Association Meetings

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

EDDI Update

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

EDDI Subcommittees

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

622 Washington Street

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

Building Rehabilitation Grant

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

WGSR TV Campaign Update

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

Engineering Department

Street Resurfacing Projects - Update

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

Southwood Drive Upgrade - Update

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

Waterline Replacement Projects Update

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

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

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

Fire Department

Expansion of Training Grounds

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

Parks & Recreation Department

Community Accents Program

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

Santa Visits & Calls

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

Dog Park Update

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

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

Be Healthy Rockingham County

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

Freedom Park Nature Trail Improvements Project Update

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

Matrimony Creek Trail Project Update

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

River Access Points

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

Planning & Inspections Department

Code Enforcement and Inspections Update

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

GIS – (Geographic Information Systems)

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

Ashton Way Apartments

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

Boards and Commissions Updates

Planning Board

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

Board of Adjustment

The Board did not meet in December

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

Lidl

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

Police Department

Retirement of Reece Pyrtle – Chief of Police

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

Police Department Promotions

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

Public Utilities Department

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

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

Chloramine Project Update

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

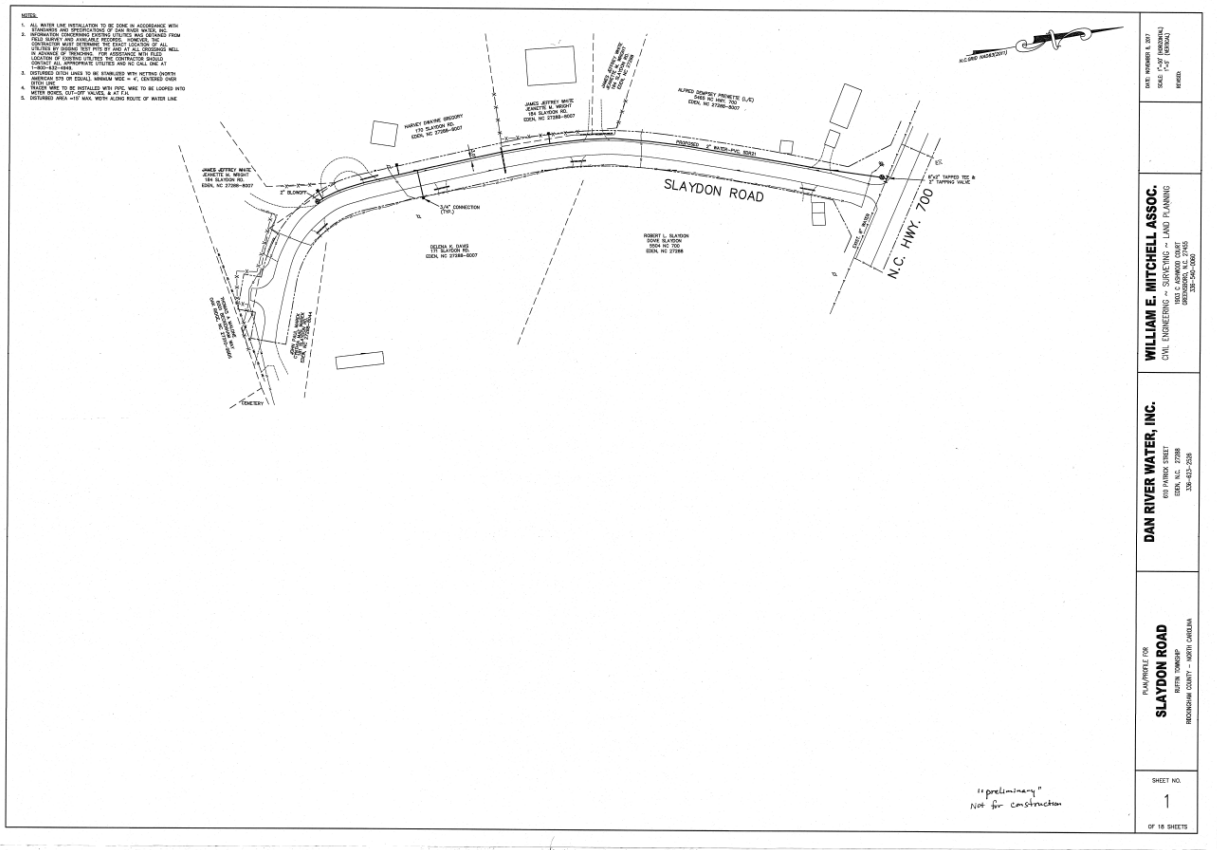
- a. Approval and adoption of minutes: November 21, 2017.
- b. Consideration of Proposed Water Main Extension by Dan River Water, Inc., along Slaydon Road.

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

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

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

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



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

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

United Financial (Home Trust) 2.28%

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted

Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC City Clerk

ATTEST:

Neville Hall, Mayor

