

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

Mayor:	Neville Hall
Council Members:	Gerald Ellis (absent)
	Jerry Epps
	Kenny Kirkman
	Greg Light
	Bernie Moore
	Bruce Nooe
	Tommy Underwood
City Manager:	Jon Mendenhall
City Attorney:	Erin Gilley
City Clerk:	Deanna Hunt
Media:	Mike Moore, Mike Moore Media Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the regular meeting of the Eden City Council to order and welcomed those in attendance, including the media present. Pastor Les Herod, Church of God of Prophecy, gave an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fire Chief Chris White.

RECOGNITIONS:

- a. Recognition: Mabe Trucking for 35 years in business.

A video was presented by Mabe Trucking highlighting their business.

Mayor Hall called the Mabe family - Butch, Brysan, Blair and Mason - forward and presented them with a plaque to commemorate their years in business. He noted the business was a family affair and one of the largest employers in Rockingham County. He had known and worked with Butch for a long time. Butch had a big operation and could go anywhere he wanted to. The City was thrilled that he had chosen to be in business in Eden for 35 years.

Mr. Butch Mabe said they were homegrown in Eden and had a lot of good employees which had carried them to where they were now. There was a lot of teamwork. He hoped his children would continue the business. The video that was played was his surprise gift from his children for Father's Day. The person who created the video was in Eden and had done a great job. He thanked everyone.

Mayor Hall said he loved seeing the Mabe trucks all over the country.

- b. Recognition: Prowlers 14U girls' softball and 12u boys' baseball teams.

Mayor Hall called on Ben Curtis of Eden Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Curtis thanked the City Council and city manager for giving the chance to do something for the kids in Eden. Two years before, they rolled out a softball and baseball program with their fingers crossed. Softball on the level they had been able to do it those two years did not exist before in Eden. It was well received. Last year, the 14U girls did not win a single game in the regular season. By playoff time they made it to the championship game. He thanked Jeff Slaughter, Jason Lewis, Kirk Wade and Eddie Jones for their time and talent as coaches. He wanted to thank the girls who played and gave it their all. They had an undefeated season with one tie which was on the road and a bad umpire. They were down six runs in the last inning of the championship game. They scored seven runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to win the championship. When they went to the bottom of the fifth inning, they were at their number 10 batter. They had 13 girls bat that night. They had

to get through batters 10, 11, 12 and 13 to get back to the top. To see those last hitters get up there under the pressure they were under and perform was really exciting to watch. Freedom Park was loud when they scored that seventh inning championship. He was very proud of the girls. The 12U boys had an undefeated season. They went into the playoffs as the one seed and lost the championship game in a three hour and 24-minute contest. They had a great season and came up just a little short. The season was not just about the last game, it was about where they went from the first practice to where they ended the last game. He could not be prouder of the kids that were in the program. They had 109 last season and 128 this season. They were headed in the right direction. That came from the dedication of the city manager who supported the program, Deanna Hunt who helped with advertising, Georgette Spence, Jeff (Moe) Moore who helped with anything they needed. It took a team effort. The City had the tools to offer first-rate programs. People were in place to do it, it was just doing it. He called the players forward.

Mayor Hall said it really was nice to see the prowler pride and building a base for the high school sports. None of it could happen without the parents bringing them to practice and to the games. He thanked the parents, coaches and volunteers. It took a lot of people to make it work. He thanked the kids for participating. It was not uncommon for kids not to participate in any sport and the department had them playing several.

SET MEETING AGENDA:

A motion was made by Council Member Epps to set the meeting agenda as amended. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a. Consideration to adopt an ordinance annexing the property located at 345 Wilshire Drive. Case A-23-02.

Planning and Community Development Director Kelly Stultz wrote in a memo: At the regular City Council meeting on May 16, 2023, the Council scheduled this public hearing to hear comments regarding an annexation of the property located at 345 Wilshire Drive. The Petition Requesting Annexation was filed by the property owners, Brian and Ruby Furbert. Staff is of the opinion that this property should be annexed.



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

Ms. Stultz said the property was the last remaining lot in what used to be Northridge, now Summit Place, to be annexed in the City. The prior occupants did not want to be in the City but the new owners did want to be. The new owners petitioned to be annexed and met all the requirements. She, along with her staff and the Planning Board, recommended approval.

As no one came forward to speak in favor or in opposition and there were no questions, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Underwood to adopt an ordinance annexing the property located at 345 Wilshire Drive. Council Member Kirkman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF EDEN, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina, has been petitioned under G. S. 160A-31 to annex the area described below; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden has by resolution directed the City Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the petition and a public hearing on the question of this annexation was held at the City Council Chamber, 308 East Stadium Drive at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the June 20, 2023, after due notice by publication on June 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden finds that the petition meets the requirements of G.S. 160A-31;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden, North Carolina, that:

Section 1. By virtue of the authority granted by G.S. 160A-31, the following described territory is hereby annexed and made a part of the City of Eden as of June 20, 2023: Being all of Lot 12, Section A, Northridge Mobile Home Subdivision. SEE PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 10, of the Rockingham County Registry.

Section 2. Upon and after June 20, 2023, the above described territory and its citizens and property shall be subject to all debts, laws, ordinances and regulations in force in the City of Eden, and shall be entitled to the same privileges and benefits as other parts of the City of Eden. Said territory shall be subject to municipal taxes according to G. S. 160A-31.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City of Eden shall cause to be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham, and in the Office of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, North Carolina, an accurate map of the annexed territories described in Section 1 above, together with a duly certified copy of this Ordinance. Such a map shall be delivered to the Rockingham Board of Elections, as required by G.S. 163-288.1.

Section 4. Notice of adoption of this Ordinance shall be published once, following the effective date of annexation, in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Eden.

Adopted this 20th day of June, 2023.

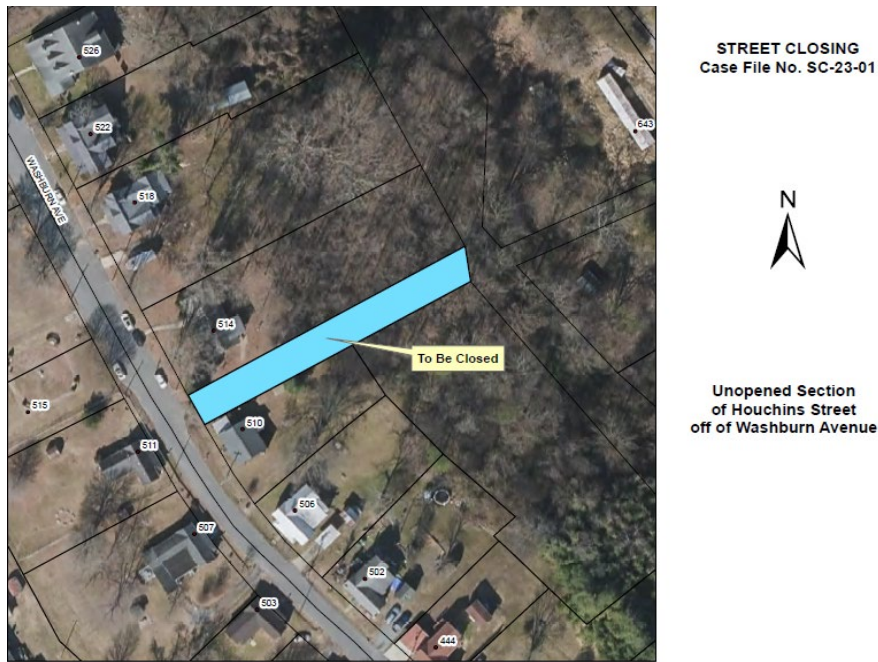
CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

b. Consideration to adopt an ordinance to close an unopened section of Houchins Street. Case SC-23-01.

Ms. Stultz wrote in a memo: At the May 16, 2023 regular meeting, the Council adopted a Resolution of Intent to Close an unopened section of Houchins Street. The Council also scheduled this public hearing to hear comments on the alley/street closing request filed by Jerry W. Totten, Curtis H. Darnell, Jr. and Sandra K. Darnell. The Planning and Community Development Department recommends approval of the alley/street closing. At their June 8, 2023, special request meeting, the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the alley/street closing.



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

Ms. Stultz said the N.C. General Statutes gave Council the authority to open and close streets. There were a lot of paper streets in a community as old as Eden. Those were rights of way that had been dedicated to the public but never accepted for maintenance by the City or the state. No one drove on the property in question and there was no development pressure to open it as a street. All the requirements had been met and approval of the closure was recommended.

As no one came forward to speak in favor or in opposition and there were no questions, Mayor Hall declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to adopt an ordinance to close an unopened section of Houchins Street. Council Member Kirkman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

AN ORDINANCE AND ORDER TO CLOSE AN UNOPENED SECTION OF HOUCHINS STREET

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of April, 2023, Jerry W. Totten, Curtis H. Darnell, Jr. and Sandra K. Darnell filed a petition, by the terms of which they requested that an unopened section of Houchins Street be closed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13, Division 3 of the Eden City Code and North Carolina General Statutes §160A-299; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden, did on the 16th day of May, 2023, at its regular monthly meeting adopt a Resolution of Intent to Close An Unopened Section of Houchins Street calling for a public hearing to be held; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eden, did on the 16th day of May, 2023, at its regular monthly meeting, schedule a public hearing to be held on the 20th day of June, 2023, and requested a recommendation of the Planning Board on said closing; and

WHEREAS, the required legal notice was published in the Rockingham Now on the 24th and 31st day of May, 2023, and on the 7th and 14th day of June, 2023, and copies were sent to the property owners as required by law on the 7th day of June, 2023, and copies were posted on the 9th day of June, 2023, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board at a special request meeting on June 8, 2023, recommended to the City Council that said unopened section of Houchins Street be closed; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council on the 20th day of June, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the evidence offered at the public hearing did not establish that the closing would be detrimental to the public interest or would deprive an individual or entity owning property in the vicinity thereof of reasonable means of ingress and regress to and from his property; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the satisfaction of and it is determined by the City Council of the City of Eden from the Petition and other evidence submitted at said hearing that: Jerry W. Totten, Curtis H. Darnell, Jr. and Sandra K. Darnell are the owners of the properties on each side of the unopened section of Houchins Street which is to be closed. That said unopened section is not under the control or supervision of the Department of Transportation. That the closing of an unopened section of Houchins Street is not contrary to the public interest and that no individual or entity owning property in the vicinity thereof will thereby be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and regress to or from his property. That upon the closing of said unopened section of Houchins Street, all right, title and interest therein shall be conclusively presumed to be vested in Jerry W. Totten, Curtis H. Darnell, Jr. and Sandra K. Darnell, the owners of the lots or parcels of land adjacent thereto. That it appears that the provisions of the Eden City Code and the North Carolina General Statutes have been complied with fully in this matter. That said unopened section of Houchins Street should be closed as requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Eden, that the following described unopened section of Houchins Street in the City of Eden be and the same is hereby closed, said unopened section of Houchins Street being more particularly described as follows:

Being that portion of Houchins Street located on the south side of Lots 9 and 10, Section 8, Flint Hill, and north of Lots 15 and 16, Section 7, Flint Hill; said portion being shown on the map as 25 feet wide and extending from Washburn Avenue to the rear corners of Lot 10 and 15; said Map of Flint Hill being recorded in Map Book 2, page 12 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Rockingham County, North Carolina. The described area is shown on the Rockingham County GIS map as 30 feet wide.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event there is no appeal from the adoption of this Ordinance and Order within thirty (30) days of the date hereof as provided by law, a certified copy of this Ordinance and Order shall be recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Rockingham County, North Carolina.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 20th day of June, 2023.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

No one signed up to speak at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration to accept an offer to purchase surplus real property at Byrd Street.

Ms. Stultz wrote in a memo: The City has received a bid on the vacant lot located at 101 N. Byrd Street in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Ronnell Wilson. The tax value of the property is \$1,875.00. An advertisement for the bid ran in the Rockingham Now on May 24, 2023. No upset bids have been received. There are not any unpaid property taxes due on this property. In my opinion, our best outcome is to sell the property. Based upon the foregoing information and the fact that we continue to have to mow and maintain the property, I recommend that the City Council accept the bid. If you need any further information, please let me know.



Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz advised the property previously had a water tower on it. The tower had been removed and the man who owned the adjoining property wanted it to increase the size of his yard. He had bid \$1,875 and the bid stood for the 10 days required. Staff recommended the sale be approved.

Council Member Kirkman noted the memo said the bid was \$1,500 and the tax value was \$1,875.

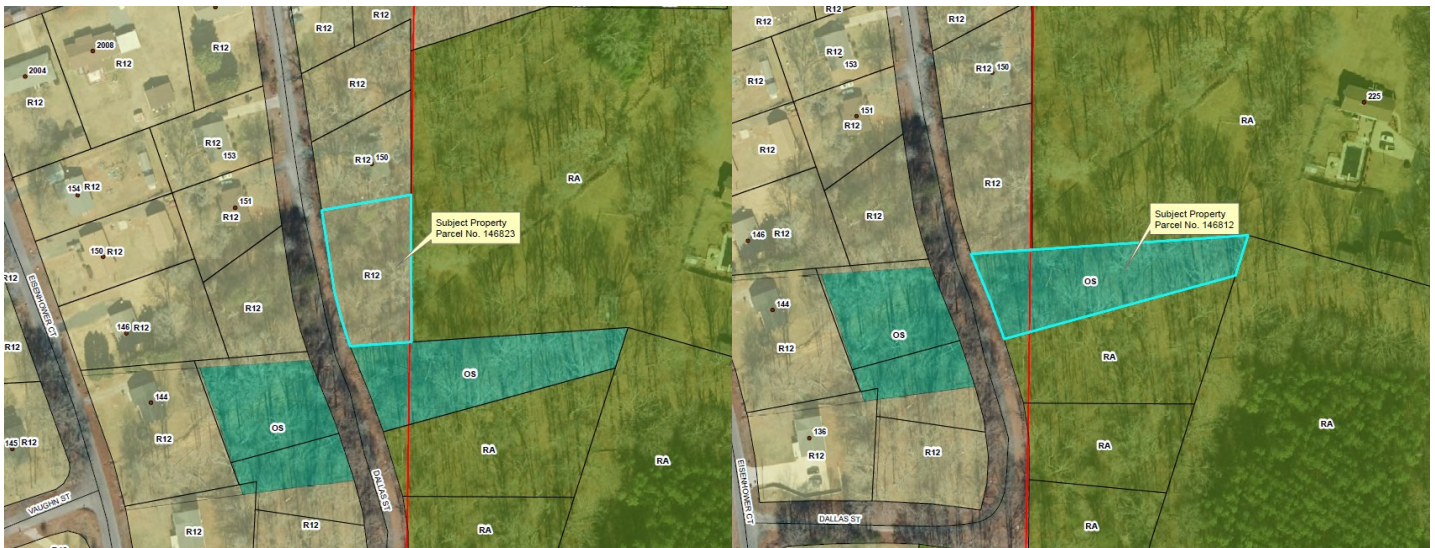
Ms. Stultz confirmed that was correct.

Ms. Gilley said for transparency's sake, the land tax value was \$1,875. The tower had extra value but it had been removed.

A motion was made by Council Member Underwood to accept the offer to purchase surplus real property at Byrd Street. Council Member Kirkman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

b. Consideration to accept an offer to purchase surplus real property at Dallas Street.

Ms. Stultz wrote in a memo: The City has received a bid on the vacant lots identified by Parcel Numbers 146823 & 146812 in the amount of \$1,000.00 from Cody Chase Lemons. The tax value of the properties combined is \$2,399.00. An advertisement for the bid ran in the Rockingham Now on May 24, 2023. No upset bids have been received. There are not any unpaid property taxes due on this property. In my opinion, our best outcome is to sell the property. Based upon the foregoing information, I recommend that the City Council accept the bid. If you need any further information, please let me know.



Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said the property was part of a subdivision created in the 1960s. It had remained vacant. A \$1,000 bid had been received on the property and staff recommended it be accepted. The tax value on the combined properties was \$2,399.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to accept the offer to purchase surplus real property at Dallas Street. Council Member Light seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration to adopt the Draper Small Area Plan.

Mayor Hall called on Ms. Stultz.

Ms. Stultz said as they knew, a plan had been done for the Leaksville downtown area. The process has started a few months ago on the Draper area and a very large and well attended public meeting was held. She introduced Jake Petrosky, of the City's consultant Stewart, Inc., who would present the plan.

Mr. Petrosky said the process began during the comprehensive plan. When they worked on the Leaksville Small Area Plan, they knew there were other areas of town that needed more detailed public involvement. It was started in the late summer or fall and was meant to go a little deeper in a few areas of the City to identify issues and recommendations whereas the comprehensive plan was more overarching citywide, the small area plans allowed for some specific recommendations and conversations with individual neighborhoods. He showed a map portraying the study area which coincided with the original 1963 municipal boundaries for Draper. A community survey was done, as well as a public meeting in August that was very well attended. Staff also had a meeting with the Draper area merchants to make sure they were on board with some of the priorities that were identified. Some of the biggest priorities identified through feedback were building renovations, increasing the number of businesses and appearance in some neighborhoods and in key corridors as well. Some issues and opportunities led to some of the recommendations in the plan. Big picture goals for Draper were encouraging activities, visitation and investments in the community – which involved public and private roles to play; supporting businesses downtown and in other key areas; focused code enforcement to address building and property maintenance; studying and implementing infrastructure and neighborhood improvements; and to celebrate and tell the history of the Draper community, which was something that residents and tenants wanted to do as part of the future of Draper to make sure that people remembered the history of it. Some big-picture goals and recommendations involved activities, visitation and safety with continued support of events, additional wayfinding and signage, upgrades to the public parking lot on the east side of downtown Draper and increasing lighting and safety. On the land use and investment side, focusing code enforcement, addressing building maintenance and encouraging improvements to buildings, and encouraging infill and redevelopment. There were quite a few opportunities with vacant properties. There were a great set of neighborhoods with connected streets. Encouraging on the commercial side new businesses to come in but also on the residential side because new housing was

needed in Eden and there was a role Draper and some of the properties could play. Increasing opportunities for infill housing in the Draper area was something talked about in the plan. There were some specific rezoning recommendations where the City should encourage rezoning in certain places. There were some zone ordinance amendments to facilitate some infill and redevelopment. Included in goals and recommendations was celebrating the history by encouraging preservation and restoration of landmark structures and places. Reuse of Draper Elementary was something that was coming and people were excited about it. It would be turning the school into a couple of different things and encouraging use of the school building and grounds in different ways. There were specific recommendations on how to do that. There were streetscape recommendations for downtown Draper like refreshing the crosswalks and formalizing a sidewalk on one or both sides of Fieldcrest. For the next steps, they were looking for acceptance or approval of the plan and to coordinate with staff and the Planning Board on implementation of key pieces of the plan. He was happy to answer any questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Underwood to adopt the Draper Small Area Plan. Council Member Kirkman seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

A copy of the plan is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

a. City Manager's Report.

Mayor Hall called on City Manager Jon Mendenhall.

Mr. Mendenhall said he would be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Hall thanked him for the detailed report. Copies were available at the meeting, in Eden's Own Journal, and on the City's website. He encouraged everyone to pick one up and see what was going on.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Marketing & Communications Office

Thank you to everyone who attended our sold out Grown & Gathered and the 20th Annual Piedmont Pottery Festival. Both events were well attended and everyone had a great time.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Nestle Purina for the grant that enabled us to upgrade and enhance our dog park. It is now called the Purina Bark Park is located on the back side of Freedom Park beside the Skate Park. It is so awesome and our furry friends are having fun. We had a great celebration that was well attended by both our 2 legged and 4 legged friends.

The project was an awesome experience and we had a great time getting to know the Purina staff who are just THE BEST! Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 22 because SHAGGIN' ON FIELDCREST is back for their 10 Year Anniversary. Craig Woolard and the Embers will be performing from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Also, featured will be music from Papa Thump and The Pink Slips. There will be lots of good food, Eden Rotary Beer Garden, Childress Winery, Preppy Pirate Outfitters and 94.9 The Surf. Admission is FREE. Bring your lawn chairs but please don't bring your coolers.

We are accepting vendor applications for RiverFest coming up September 15 & 16. You can find applications at EDENNC.US or you may come by City Hall and pick one up. Get them in now. We sold out last year.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Division

Bridge Street: The Bridge Street Recreation Center has been busy with daily walkers and fitness classes. It has been rented out for parties and special events during the month of May.

Mill Avenue: Pickleball is being played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Cornhole has started back up. Kids are coming down after school to playing basketball and hang out.

Aquatics: The Mill Avenue Pool and the Freedom Park Splash Pad are officially open now. We have hired four lifeguards and splash pad attendants for the season. The pool/splash pad have already had several special events take place.

Freedom Park: Special Olympics was held at the park during May which was a huge success of 500 attendees. The Prowlers baseball and softball is coming to the end of their season at Freedom Park. Weekend tournaments with either adult or girls fast pitch are still moving along. Starting in May the Car Cruise In will start on the last Saturday in the month but the first Cruise In was a wash out due to weather.

Senior Citizens: We had 764 visits during the month of May. Our seniors are taking advantage of senior center programs. The outdoor programs have picked up now since warmer weather is here.

Special Events: The Purina Bark Park officially opened on May 21 with a ribbon cutting and activities.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Inspections & Permitting

Local code complaints have picked up as they typically do this time of year; however, it is now mowing season and the high grass complaints are steadily coming in either by phone or through our SeeClickFix app available to all citizens. The high grass complaints will continue to increase daily as the season progresses. While we still only have one inspector, complaints continue to be addressed in a timely manner and notices are sent as needed. The inspector is also checking for other code violations as he sees them out in the field and submitting them to have notices sent to the property owners. Most abatements are being handled by outside contractors as Facility Maintenance is tied up with other duties.

Building and trade permit applications are received in person, via e-mail and by fax then issued from the Planning Department. Hard copies of permits are mailed to contractors usually once a week on Friday. A copy of each permit is filed by property address for each trade.

There were 284 inspections conducted in the month of May. The required semi-annual fire inspections on all 5 schools were completed as well as the required annual fire inspections of the hospital and nursing home during this time. There are currently 5 new single-family residences under construction. The Nestle Purina project continues to rapidly advance along with the new Stone Tower Joe café. The new Carolina QuikCare should be starting soon once the D.O.T encroachment agreement is complete.

Boards & Commissions

The Community Appearance Commission (CAC) met for the month of May and discussed future projects.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met for the month of May and discussed future projects.

The Tree Board met for the month of May and planted a pink dogwood tree at Grogan Park “In Honor of Debbie Galloway, for her 20 years of service to the City of Eden and The Tree Board”. Staff had a site visit with representatives of Joyce Monuments in Eden to get quotes/recommendations for a bronze plaque depicting the quoted line above for the pink dogwood tree.

Staff received the Tree City USA 29 YEARS decals and small 2022 bronze plaque. Staff forwarded the decals to the Streets Division of Public Works to be placed on the two Tree City USA signs throughout the City.

Planning – Community & Economic Development

Gus Shinn Mural Project

Staff presented the HPC with two bids for the Gus Shinn Mural Project. HPC members selected Amy & Brandon Hardison to commission the mural. Staff had a consultation with the selected artists to go over the details and specifics of the mural project. The artists plan to start working on the mural project in the month of June. Staff also plans to coordinate with the City Attorney for MOUs for the artists and the property owner of the mural site location Ramsey’s Barber Shop in Spray. Staff had a site visit with representatives of Joyce Monuments in Eden to get quotes/recommendations for a bronze plaque for the Gus Shin Mural Project. Staff plans to get the bronze plaque in the month of June.

Ferry Road Sign Project

Staff plans to have the sign made for the Ferry Road Sign Project in the upcoming month of June.

Downtown Planters

Staff had site visits with representatives of Lewis Nursery to get quotes/recommendations for the twenty-six planters in the Draper downtown area and the four planters in The Boulevard downtown area. Staff plans to get the Planters Project completed in the month of June.

Veterans Park Beautification Project

Staff had site visits with representatives from Irving Farms and Lewis Nursery for quotes/recommendations for the Veterans Park Beautification Project in Draper, specifically the blighted embankment area along Main Street. Staff plans to present the quotes and renderings to the CAC at their regular monthly meeting in June.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The F-150 Police Responder (Patrol) has been fielded. This completes the FY 2022-23 vehicle replacement plan. Trainee Philip Martin has transferred to the GTCC BLET where he was selected as the class leader. His test scores have been good since the transfer and he is on track to graduate the beginning of August. We are currently conducting background investigations on four potential hires. If selected three would begin BLET in July/August 2023 as full-time trainees. We anticipate hiring the fourth applicant (transfer) as soon as we receive approval from North Carolina Training and Standards.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Eden Fire continues to be available 24/7 for emergency calls having answered 86 such calls in the month of May. Personnel are working very well on teamwork and training having completed 33 training events totaling 733 manhours of training. Eden Fire personnel have also gained credentials adding a new State Level II Inspector and 5 new Level II Instructors from the existing personnel complement.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Streets

Work is continuing on the Monroe Street streetscape project. As this is the busy season for vegetative maintenance on the roadside right-of-way, the right-of-way mower has been busy along with numerous employees from across the division to keep the roadsides looking professional. Roadside litter crews are also gearing up using seasonal part-time employees to redouble efforts at keeping the city looking clean.

Construction

Construction completed a large drainage improvement project in the Monroe Street corridor to catch stormwater flows in the vicinity of Monroe and Jay Streets and to channelize those flows in order to eliminate the volume of sheet flow water traveling down gradient on that street. Construction is turning their attention next to Maple Lane for a waterline installation project followed by a grading project at Freedom Park to collect and divert sheet flow stormwater coming off the ballfields and pooling in the vicinity of the Dog Park.

Collections & Distribution

Work is progressing in this unit; routine items include repairs/replacements/clearing blockages as needed and maintaining outfalls. Inventory availability has been a problem as supply chain shortages are still a problem for several types of parts used commonly for water meters and meter bases.

Solid Waste

Solid Waste participated in the free dump week in partnership with the Rockingham County landfill and hauled numerous amounts of solid waste to the landfill for disposal.

Fleet

Fleet has demonstrated and reviewed fleet management software and is preparing a procurement for that software in the new fiscal year. Work is on-going on the new city fuel system and depot, the system is on order, the pad is graded and ready for construction.

Utilities

The Wastewater Treatment Plant is working on headworks – bar screens as part of identified capital improvement to the plant.

The Water Treatment Plant is working on making building upgrades to the filter gallery hall and the laboratory. Work is waiting contractor availability for upgrades to the generator switchgear.

Water Resources is working on installing generators at pump stations that do not have generators and upgrading the layout of pump stations to make emergency pump operations more efficient.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Hall wanted to point out just for reference, the request for item b (approval of a pyrotechnics permit for Independence Day fireworks) was made by Council Member Kirkman on behalf of the Eden Kiwanis Club. He had no conflict and did not need to recuse because it was not on his behalf, but on behalf of the Kiwanis.

- a. Approval and adoption of the May 16, 2023 regular Council meeting minutes.
- b. Approval of a pyrotechnics permit for Independence Day fireworks.

A copy of this permit is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

- c. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #10.

Assistant Finance Director Amy Winn wrote in a memo: This budget amendment increases the General Fund Police Security revenue line item and increases the Police Department's Police Security expenditure line item to reflect additional revenue received from police security charges.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 10				
	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Police Security Charges	10-3431-41100	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Police Security Fringe Benefits	10-3431-41200	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
				<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
General Fund Revenues				
Police Security	10-4310-12500	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
				<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Appropriates additional revenue generated by police security.				
Adopted and effective this 20th day of June, 2023.				
Attest:				
Deanna Hunt, City Clerk		Neville Hall, Mayor		

- d. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #11.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: The Youth Council hosts charity events throughout the year. This budget amendment increases the General Fund Youth Council Charity revenue and the Youth Council expenditure line item for the funds received for the charity events.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 11				
	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Youth Council Charity Event	10-3350-00910	\$ -	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00
General Fund Expenditures				
Youth Council	10-4110-29600	\$ 500.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,700.00
Appropriates funds received from Youth Council Charity events.				
Adopted and effective this 20th day of June, 2023.				
Attest:				
Deanna Hunt, City Clerk		Neville Hall, Mayor		

- e. Approval and adoption of Budget Amendment #12.

Ms. Winn wrote in a memo: Each year a fund balance is calculated for Riverfest based on the beginning fund balance, and revenues over/under expenditures. At June 30, 2022, Riverfest had a reserved fund balance. This budget amendment appropriates a portion of the fund balance at June 30, 2022 to the Riverfest expenditure line item.

Subject:		Budget Amendment # 12			
	Account #	From	To	Amount	
General Fund Revenues					
GF Fund Balance Appropriated - Festivals	10-3992-99200	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures					
Riverfest	10-4135-30210	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
Appropriates GF fund balance that was reserved at June 30, 2022 for Riverfest.					
Adopted and effective this 20th day of June, 2023.					
Attest:					
_____ Deanna Hunt, City Clerk		_____ Neville Hall, Mayor			

- f. Approval and adoption of (1) the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan; (2) a resolution on the Capital Reserve Fund – General Fund 2023 – and adoption of Budget Amendment 13 to fund the resolution; and (3) a resolution on the Capital Reserve Fund – Water-Sewer Fund 2023 – and adoption of Budget Amendment 14 to fund the resolution.

Mr. Mendenhall wrote in a memo: As part of the budget process, a 10 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is presented annually detailing the planned capital improvements over the next 10 years. You are asked to:

1. Adopt the Capital Improvement Plan
Along with the Capital Improvement Plan, looking into the future, there will be a need in some fiscal years to appropriate funds to cover large purchases (e.g. fire trucks, police cars, water meters). Rather than rely on the appropriation of fund balances during these peak periods when capital expenditures are projected to spike, staff is recommending that we create reserve funds in each fund (one reserve for the General Fund, one reserve for the Water-Sewer Fund) to allow incremental savings to occur in order to pay for the anticipated peak years. You are asked to:
2. Adopt the Resolution on Capital Reserve Fund – General Fund 2023 and Budget Amendment 13 to fund the resolution.
3. Adopt the Resolution on Capital Reserve Fund – Water-Sewer Fund 2023 and Budget Amendment 14 to fund the resolution.

By doing these things, the City is building a long-term financial road map relying on Pay-Go financing as well as creating opportunities in future years for capital improvement while not increasing the burden on tax and utility rate payers. Over time, the combination of paying down debt and making provision for large capital purchases the City will be propelled into a low debt, moderate reserve environment which should be the springboard for continued and ongoing rate stabilization of both tax and utility rates through prudent financial management.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE GENERAL FUND

WHEREAS, under North Carolina General Statute §159-18 the City of Eden is authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for any purposes for which the City may issue bonds; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in the City of Eden to maintain an effective fleet of emergency management (Police and Fire) vehicles to meet service levels and demands;

WHEREAS, there is a need in the City of Eden to provide funds for these future capital projects related to fire and police vehicle replacements; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a capital reserve fund to be used for the purchase and replacement of fire and police vehicles is allowable under NCGS §159-18; and

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Eden and its residents to establish a capital reserve to fund necessary capital improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Eden City Council:

1. A Capital Reserve Fund is hereby created as allowed under North Carolina General

Statutes 159-18 for the purpose of funding capital projects related to the purchase and replacement of Fire and Police vehicles: **Reserve for the purchase and replacement of Fire and Police vehicles.** Funds for the anticipated capital improvements as identified in the Capital Improvement Plan for Fire and Police Vehicles are estimated as follows:

- a. Fire truck Replacement \$500,000.00
- b. Police vehicle Replacement \$1,014,100.00

The project will occur in phases, with an expected expenditure completion date of FY 2032-2033 as outlined the City’s 10-year CIP. The City expects to allocate the following revenue sources to fund these projects: sales and use tax proceeds.

The June 20, 2023 budget amendment (#13) appropriation from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund is \$300,000, comprised of General Fund Revenues.

2. This Capital Reserve Fund shall remain effective until all the above-listed projects, and my projects added in the future, are completed. The Capital Reserve Fund may be amended by the governing board as needed to add additional appropriations, modify or eliminate existing capital projects, and/or add new capital projects.

3. This Resolution shall become effective and binding upon its adoption.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 20 day of June, 2023.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor
 Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Subject:	Budget Amendment # 13			
	Account #	From	To	Amount
General Fund Revenues				
Local Options Sales Tax - Art 39	10-3231-31000	\$ 1,354,000.00	\$ 1,480,000.00	\$ 126,000.00
Local Options Sales Tax - Art 40	10-3232-31000	\$ 970,600.00	\$ 1,057,600.00	\$ 87,000.00
Local Options Sales Tax - Art 42	10-3233-31000	\$ 642,000.00	\$ 702,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Local Options Sales Tax - Art 44	10-3234-31000	\$ 266,400.00	\$ 293,400.00	\$ 27,000.00
				<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
General Fund Expenditures				
Transfer to GF Capital Reserve Fund	10-9920-76000	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
General Fund Capital Reserve Fund Revenues				
GF Capital Reserve Fund Transfer from General Fund	26-3831-10000	\$ -	\$ 1,514,100.00	<u>\$ 1,514,100.00</u>
General Fund Capital Reserve Fund Expenditures				
GF Capital Reserve Fund Transfer to General Fund	26-9920-01000	\$ -	\$ 1,514,100.00	<u>\$ 1,514,100.00</u>

Set up budget ordinance for General Fund Capital Reserve Fund and transfer funds for FY 22-23.

Adopted and effective this 20th day of June, 2023.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDEN ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE WATER-SEWER FUND

WHEREAS, under North Carolina General Statute §159-18 the City of Eden is authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for any purposes for which the City may issue bonds; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in the City of Eden to maintain a working supply of automated water meters to meet service levels and demands;

WHEREAS, there is a need in the City of Eden to provide funds for this future capital project related to automated meter replacements; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a capital reserve fund to be used for the purchase and replacement of automated meter replacement is allowable under NCGS §159-18; and

WHEREAS, the Eden City Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Eden and its residents to establish a capital reserve to fund necessary capital improvements; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Eden City Council:

1. A Capital Reserve Fund is hereby created as allowed under North Carolina General Statutes §159-18 for the purpose of funding capital projects related to the purchase and replacement of automated meters:
Reserve for the purchase and replacement of automated meters. Funds for the anticipated capital improvements as identified in the Capital Improvement Plan for automated meters are estimated as follows:

a. Automated Meter Replacement \$2,000,000

The project will occur in phases, with an expected expenditure completion date of FY2032-2033 as outlined the City’s 10-year CIP. The City expects to allocate the following revenue sources to fund these projects: water and sewer revenue.

The June 20, 2023 budget amendment (#14) appropriation from the Water and Sewer Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund is \$100,000, comprised of Water and Sewer Fund Revenues.

2. This Capital Reserve Fund shall remain effective until all the above-listed projects, and my projects added in the future, are completed. The Capital Reserve Fund may be amended by the governing board as needed to add additional appropriations, modify or eliminate existing capital projects, and/or add new capital projects.

3. This Resolution shall become effective and binding upon its adoption.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 20 day of June, 2023.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Subject:	Budget Amendment # 14		To	Amount
	Account #	From		
W/S Fund Revenues				
W/S Sale of Water	30-3362-51200	\$ 4,883,400.00	\$ 4,931,400.00	\$ 48,000.00
W/S Sewer Charges	30-3363-51300	\$ 5,294,700.00	\$ 5,346,700.00	\$ 52,000.00
				<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
W/S Fund Expenditures				
Transfer to W/S Capital Reserve Fund	30-9920-984000	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>
W/S Capital Reserve Fund Revenues				
W/S Capital Reserve Fund Transfer from W/S Fund	36-3831-30000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	<u>\$ 2,000,000.00</u>
W/S Capital Reserve Fund Expenditures				
W/S Capital Reserve Fund Transfer to W/S Fund	36-9920-03000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00	<u>\$ 2,000,000.00</u>

Set up budget ordinance for Water & Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund and transfer v funds for FY 22-23.

Adopted and effective this 20th day of June, 2023.

Attest:

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Neville Hall, Mayor

g. Approval and adoption of a resolution to accept a loan offer from the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Special Projects Manager Terry Shelton wrote in a memo: The Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) has made an offer to the City of Eden to fund two Wastewater Improvements Projects being Contracts 2B and 5. These two projects are composed of the Junction Pump Station Rehab & the Smith River Replacement and Rehab and the Smith River Siphon Replacement. Due to the rising cost of labor or materials the cost of these two projects had gone above the \$10,172,225 that we had available to complete both projects. We were required to trim costs by negotiating with the contractor and removing some things from these contracts to meet the funding available. The Smith River siphon replacement was removed from contract five due to the high cost of the structure. In discussions with our engineering firm and DWI we found that they had funding available due to federal programs that were currently in force, they offered us an opportunity to extend the loan/grant we currently had by an additional \$5 million. In April we had come to Council and asked that Council accept the bid for Contract 5 from Yates construction contingent upon the City being able to get the additional \$5 million loan to fund this project. We have been successful in getting an offer from the state for an additional \$5 million, bringing the total loan for these projects to \$15,172,225 to fund these projects as they have been contracted. The money in this loan will be financed for 20 years at 0.10% interest. We also have a grant for \$500,000 that was given in addition to the loan previously. We are on track to complete these projects as contracted by September 2024. Please contact me if you have any questions about this recommendation to approve this Resolution.

Resolution of the Eden City Council June 20, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Eden has received an earmark for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funded from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund established S. L. 2022-74 to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding in the amount of \$15,172,225 to perform work detailed in the submitted application, and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden intends to construct said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

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

That City of Eden does hereby accept the (State Revolving Loan, Grant, or State Bond Loan) offer of \$15,172,225 by loan and \$500,000 in principal forgiveness. That the City of Eden does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the award offer will be adhered to. That Jon Mendenhall, City Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above and to execute such other documents as may be required by the division of water infrastructure.

Adopted this the 20th day of June 2023 at Eden, North Carolina.

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Eden does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council of the City of Eden duly held on the 20th day of June 2023 and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21 day of June 2023.

Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

A motion was made by Council Member Moore to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Epps seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hall congratulated Ms. Adams and all the volunteers who worked on Oink & Ale to make it a great success, as well as the uptown merchants who sponsored it and the volunteers who worked it, the corporate sponsors, and the police department for providing security to make it a nice and safe event. He had been to all of them and it was the most heavily attended one yet. It was a huge success. He congratulated the City on another great event. On June 24, Freedom Fortnight would be held at the Bridge Street Recreation Center, which was a change from the original location at Leaksville United Methodist Church due to weather. It was basically the 14 days between Juneteenth and July 4. It was a celebration of freedom. It was free with lunch, games and music. He urged everyone to be careful for the upcoming July 4 celebration as there would be a lot of people walking on the streets and heavy traffic. The fireworks would be held Tuesday, July 4 and not during the weekend.

Council Member Epps wanted to thank the employees for their around-the-clock work cleaning up the roads during the recent storm. They were awesome and did a great job. He wanted to thank the Lord that no one was hurt during that storm.

Council Member Underwood asked Ms. Stultz for good news about the Draper Fire Department.

Ms. Stultz said the good news was there was one last thing to needed from the company hired to get specifications. She was reaching out to them daily for it.

Council Member Underwood said it had been a long time coming. He had a question for Mr. Mendenhall who could answer or provide the answer later. A few months back, the pay study had been mentioned, as well as hiring it out. Someone had mentioned that the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) did one. He asked if the study had been completed and said he would like to see the results of it.

Mr. Mendenhall advised the results were included in the budget packet. There was a section titled personnel. There were adjustments made and movement in there that was highlighted. The highlighted movements reflected the most recent NCLM personnel study that was done.

Council Member Underwood said that was good.

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