

CITY OF EDEN, N. C.

The regular meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 308 E. Stadium Drive. Those present for the meeting were as follows:

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| Mayor:                            | Wayne Tuggle, Sr.       |
| Council Members:                  | Bernie Moore            |
|                                   | Jim Burnette            |
|                                   | Angela Hampton          |
|                                   | Jerry Epps              |
|                                   | Darryl Carter           |
|                                   | 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:                       | Dallas Britt, Eden News |
|                                   | 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 7:30 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, Pastor, First Church of the Living God, gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

a. Recognition: City of Eden Police Department & Fire Department.

Mayor Tuggle asked Police Chief Reece Pyrtle and Fire Chief Tommy Underwood to come forward. He then recognized the City of Eden Fire and Police Departments for their heroic life saving efforts.

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### **RECOGNITION OF HEROIC LIFE SAVING EFFORTS**

**WHEREAS**, on this day, the City of Eden community pauses to reflect and recognize public servants whose actions, quick thinking and teamwork saved the lives of 46 people; and

**WHEREAS**, at or about 1:39 am on April 11, 2016, dispatch received a fire alarm activation from Arbor Ridge Assisted Living facility located at 302 S. Kennedy Street. Immediately, police and fire from the City of Eden, as well as responders from other local emergency services, responded to the structure fire at Arbor Ridge Assisted Living facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden's fire department quickly and professionally coordinated mutual-aid and law enforcement efforts. Fire crews battled heavy fire conditions, smoke and water while police department personnel responded to assist with saving the lives of 46 residents, some even going as far as crawling on their hands and knees to knock on doors letting residents know the apartment was on fire; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the elderly residents mistakenly assumed that the fire was only a drill. City of Eden police officers responded by swiftly kicking in doors, and assisting many of the elderly to safety. Officers had to break a glass door at the back of one of the residences to rescue one of the residents; and

**WHEREAS**, exemplary leadership, decisive actions and teamwork led to the saving of 46 lives and the containment of a large and destructive fire. Unfortunately one person lost their life.

**WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Wayne R. Tuggle, Mayor of the City of Eden, North Carolina, and Eden City Council Members recognize the selfless service, teamwork and professionalism of all who responded to the rescue and fire-fighting effort to save 46 lives on the morning of April 11, 2016.

### **HEROIC LIFE SAVING EFFORTS**

Eden Police Department: Lt. Robert Price, Officer Kevin Murphy, Officer Lee Pruitt, Officer Eric Worley and Officer Todd Shelton.

Eden Fire Department: Chief Tommy Underwood, Deputy Chief Todd Harden, Captain Kevin Dunn, Captain James Slaughter, Captain Pete Dubois, Lt. Greg Chatham, Lt. Josh White, Lt. James Pulliam, Firemen Joe Powell, Randy Sexton, Samuel Massey, Neil Chaney, Tony South, Lee Craddock, Gary Martin, Chris Key, Joseph Hankins, Wesley Priddy, Chuck Davis, Randy Evans and Chris White, and support John Swinney

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of April, 2016.

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

Mayor Tuggle also presented Chief Pyrtle and Chief Underwood framed certificates recognizing their life saving efforts during the structure fire at Arbor Ridge.

- b. Presentation of Trophy and Check for Kickball Tournament to Winners Draper Elementary School.

Mayor Tuggle asked Council Member Jim Burnette to come forward along with Eden Youth Council Members Emily Prescott, Vice Chairman Sarah Shumate, Hannah Johnson, Eden Youth Council Chairman Jacob Scales and Amari Simpson. A trophy and a check was presented to Draper Elementary School in the amount of \$500 for the school's PE Department.

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c. Presentation of Check to Camp Carefree by Eden Youth Council.

Mayor Tuggle asked Council Member Jim Burnette to come forward along with Eden Youth Council Members Emily Prescott, Vice Chairman Sarah Shumate, Hannah Johnson, Eden Youth Council Chairman Jacob Scales and Amari Simpson. A check was presented to Camp Carefree representative in the amount of \$1,550.00.

d. Proclamation: Litter Sweep 2016.

Mayor Tuggle read the following proclamation in recognition of Spring Litter Sweep campaign.

**SPRING LITTER SWEEP PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation organizes an annual spring statewide roadside cleanup to ensure clean and beautiful roads in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the spring **2016 LITTER SWEEP** roadside cleanup will take place April 16 – April 30, 2016 and encourages local governments and communities, civic and professional groups, businesses, churches, schools, families and individual citizens to participate in the Department of Transportation cleanup by sponsoring and organizing local roadside cleanups; and

**WHEREAS**, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers, Department of Transportation employees, Department of Correction inmates and community service workers, local government agencies, community leaders, civic and community organizations, businesses, churches, schools, and environmentally concerned citizens conduct annual local cleanups during **LITTER SWEEP** and may receive certificates of appreciation for their participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the great natural beauty of our state and a clean environment are sources of great pride for all North Carolinians, attracting tourists and aiding in recruiting new industries; and

**WHEREAS**, the cleanup will increase awareness of the need for cleaner roadsides, emphasize the importance of not littering, and encourage recycling of solid wastes; and

**WHEREAS**, the spring **2016 LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will celebrate the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the North Carolina Adopt-A-Highway program and its 4,400 volunteer groups that donate their labor and time year round to keep our roadsides clean; and

**WHEREAS**, the **LITTER SWEEP** cleanup will be a part of educating the children of this great state regarding the importance of a clean environment to the quality of life in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, WAYNE R. TUGGLE, SR.**, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim April 16 – April 30, 2016, as “**SPRING LITTER SWEEP**” time in the City of Eden and to encourage citizens to take an active role in making our community cleaner.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Eden, North Carolina April 19, 2016.

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

e. Proclamation: Arbor Day.

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Mayor Tuggle read the following proclamation in recognition of Arbor Day.

**2016 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Eden has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Wayne Tuggle, Mayor of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 22, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Eden, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2016.

Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

Sheralene S. Thompson  
City Clerk

**SET MEETING AGENDA:**

Mayor Tuggle noted that they needed to add item 10g Consideration of Homeless Shelter Lease to New Business and 12h Budget Amendment #11 to Consent Agenda.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Consideration of Water & Sewer Capital Projects Financing – Automatic Flushing Device Installations, Caleb Street W/L Upgrade, W. Harris Place W/L Replacement, Victor Street W/L Replacement, Front & Burgess Street W/L Replacement, Sewer Construction Projects: Covenant Branch, Condition Assessment and Tanyard Branch Sewer Outfall Project and Approval and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20.

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Mayor Tuggle called for a public hearing and asked Ms. Tammie McMichael, Director of Finance to come forward.

Ms. McMichael explained that the City needs to proceed with private placement financing for the Water Construction Projects: Automatic Flushing Device Installations, Caleb Street W/L Upgrade, W. Harris Place WL Replacement, Victor Street WL Replacement, Front & Burgess Street WL Replacement, Sewer Construction Projects: Covenant Branch, Condition Assessment, and Tanyard Branch Sewer Outfall Project.

She explained that on March 8, 2016 a Request for Proposal was sent to several banks.

The installment purchase financing is preferable due to the reasonable upfront cost, and the shorter time frame to complete. BB&T Governmental Finance has met all contract specifications. The sums to fall due under the contract are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose because the payments are amortized over 15 years at an interest rate not to exceed 2.49%, yielding annual payment of \$120,569.04. It is anticipated that the payments will be paid through water and sewer revenues.

The Local Government Commission requires the Governing Body to approve and adopt a Findings Resolution relating to the proposed contract. The resolution authorizes the Finance Officer to act on behalf of the City of Eden in filing an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the project and the proposed financing contract and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

Given all the different criteria, it is staff's recommendation that Council approve and adopt the BB&T Governmental Finance Agreement along with the Findings Resolution.

Mayor Tuggle asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor or in opposition of this request. As no one came forward to speak, he then declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the agreement and adoption of a resolution authorizing the filing of an application for approval of a financing agreement authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-20. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20**

WHEREAS, the City of Eden desires to enter into a fifteen year installment financing agreement in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for the purpose of financing the cost of Water Construction Projects: Automatic Flushing Device Installations, Caleb Street W/L Upgrade, W. Harris Place WL Replacement, Victor Street WL Replacement, Front & Burgess Street WL Replacement, Sewer Construction Projects: Covenant Branch, Condition Assessment, and Tanyard Branch Sewer Outfall Project (the "Project") to better serve the citizens of Eden; and

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WHEREAS, The City of Eden desires to finance the Project by the use of an installment contract authorized under North Carolina General Statute 160A, Article 3, Section 20; and

WHEREAS, findings of fact by this governing body must be presented to enable the North Carolina Local Government Commission to make its findings of fact set forth in North Carolina General Statute 159, Article 8, Section 151 prior to approval of the proposed contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council Members of Eden, North Carolina, meeting in regular session on the 19th day of April, 2016, make the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed contract is necessary or expedient because it allows the City to (i) comply with the Administrative Order with the Environmental Protection Agency requiring timely improvements to the City's sewer system to reduce and eliminate sewer overflows and spillage, (ii) improve water pressure along several water lines within the City limits for residential users, and (iii) implement needed sewerline construction, and (iv) obtain reimbursement of Water and Sewer expenditures related to capital outlay projects. Each of the improvements financed by the proposed contract serves a public purpose for the citizens of the City of Eden.
2. The proposed contract is preferable to a bond issue for the same purpose because (i) the up-front costs are lower than a bond issue, (ii) the time frame to complete the financing is shorter than a bond issue, and (iii) it allows for prepayment of the debt if future financing through revenue or general obligation bonds is needed. The \$1,500,000 exceeds the amount that can be prudently raised from current appropriations, unappropriated fund balance, and non-voted bonds that could be issued by the City in the current fiscal year pursuant to Article V, Section 4, of the North Carolina Constitution (the "two-thirds limitation").
3. The sums to fall due under the contract are adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose because the payments are amortized over 15 years at an interest rate not to exceed 2.49%, yielding annual payments of \$120,569.04. Additionally, prepayment premium shall be calculated as a percentage of the principal amount prepaid, as follows: prepayment of the principal balance in whole on a scheduled payment date with a 1% prepayment premium or shall be non-callable for the first half of the loan and then callable at par thereafter. It is anticipated that the payments will be paid through water and sewer fund revenues.
4. The City of Eden's debt management procedures and policies are good because of good financial practices. The City of Eden's outstanding debt as of June 30, 2015 was \$16,823,456. The legal debt margin for the City of Eden as of June 30, 2015 was \$65,993,674. The City of Eden's debt management policies have been carried out in strict compliance with the law, and will hence forth be so carried out.
5. The proposed agreement should not create an increase in taxes to meet the sums to fall due.
6. The City of Eden is not in default in any of its debt service obligations.
7. The attorney for the City of Eden has rendered an opinion that the proposed Project is authorized by law and is a purpose for which public funds may be expended pursuant to the Constitution and laws of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Finance Officer is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of Eden in filing an application with the North Carolina Local Government Commission for approval of the Project and the proposed financing contract and other actions not inconsistent with this resolution.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 19 day of April, 2016.

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The motion to adopt this resolution was made by Council Member Moore, Seconded by Council Member Hampton passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheralene Thompson, CMC, MMC, NCCMC  
City Clerk

This is to certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution adopted by the City of Eden Council Members on the 19 day of April, 2016.

Sheralene Thompson, CMC, MMC, NCCMC  
City Clerk

Date 4/19/2016

- b. Consideration of a Local Historic Landmark Designation and an Ordinance for the former National Guard Armory located at 615 Henry Street. Request submitted by Westover Terrace II, LLC, owner. HPCL-16-01.

The National Guard Armory is a two story red brick building built in the 1930's. The building has a Moderne design that resembles a fortress, as was typical of many armory buildings built during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The front façade features three pavilions which resemble towers, separated by crenellated elevations. The pavilions have stepped stone caps. The central bay features a carved shield and other cast stone emblems of the National Guard. The windows are very narrow and tall, similar to "princess windows" of medieval towers, and feature vertical bars in narrow recessed window planes. The exterior of the building remains relatively unaltered from its original design, however the north side garage bays have been enclosed and the original front doors have been replaced with glass doors.

The building has housed several commercial uses since being decommissioned as an armory. The building is currently vacant.

Based upon the historical and architectural significance of the property and the above information, staff recommends in favor of the designation of the former National Guard Armory as a local historic landmark.

Mayor Tuggle called for a Public Hearing and asked Ms. Kelly Stultz, Director of Planning & Inspections to come forward.

Ms. Stultz explained she received a request from Westover Terrace II, LLC, property owner for Local Landmark Designation of the former National Guard Armory located at 615 Henry Street. The Historic Preservation Commission voted unanimously to approve this request. She explained that this was both an economic development project as well as a historic preservation project.

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Council Member Carter asked if this landmark designation would hinder the business going in to which Ms. Stultz replied it would not.

Mayor Tuggle asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or in opposition to this request. As no one came forward to speak, he declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve and adopt the ordinance designating the former National Guard Armory as a local historic landmark. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

#### REQUESTS AND PETITIONS OF CITIZENS:

Ms. Melissa Galloway, 1431 Fieldcrest Road, addressed Council.

Ms. Galloway explained that she was there on behalf of the homeless shelter.

Mayor Tuggle stated that he had the opportunity to come visit the shelter and they were really making a difference.

Ms. Galloway introduced the following people and asked them to share their experience:

Mr. Leslie Johnson, explained that the shelter took him in and helped him find a place. They taught him about responsibility and that was a big help. If not for them, he could still be staying in a car. He thanked them for being there for him.

Mr. Marvin Taunton, explained that he was homeless and he was actually staying a lot in the old Washington Mills. It collapsed a few months ago and if it had not been for the shelter, he would probably have been in there. He was now helping Ms. Galloway and volunteering. He is grateful for her and everything she did.

Mr. Rob Martin, explained that he initially got involved with the homeless shelter through the Church of the Epiphany. He has been volunteering with shelters for about 10 years. Folks who come to the shelter are in need and desperate for jobs and to help themselves. Many of them move on to better lives. He thought this was a great thing for their community.

Ms. Patricia Gilley, Rockingham County Penn Program, explained that she had the great privilege to work with Melissa. They go to the shelter once a week and more often if needed. She helped connect people who have no income or insurance to be able to get access to medical care.

Ms. Nicole Boswell, explained that she was formerly homeless, she now has a job and went to RCC and received certificates. She wanted to point out that she was doing well. She has been volunteering for 4 years. She wrote all the letters for housing or social service as verification as they were homeless. She knew that the shelter needed to be more than 4 months.

Mayor Tuggle stated that they really appreciated them coming out to speak.



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Ms. Galloway stated that her request was still to have a bigger building. She was depending upon the City Council to help them do what they do every day.

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Mr. Ray Dalton, 422 John Street addressed Council.

Mr. Dalton explained that he had a flooding issue. You cannot get in or out. It was 4 or 5' deep and maybe 8 to 9 in some parts. He had spoken with Mr. Bev O'Dell, Engineering, and he was encouraging. Every time it floods the police department promptly blocks the street as well as the fire department.

He explained that the drainpipe was only 2' and he did not think it was big enough. With his health issues, last month he had to call EMS and if it had flooded at that time, they would not have been able to get to him. He also wanted to do some things around the house and he could not even put mulch in his yard.

His neighbor proposed that instead of putting in a drain there from the bottom coming back up that maybe the way on Fieldcrest Road, by the big church, they dug a type of reservoir years ago out there and maybe the land adjacent to his property then maybe they could come up with a solution to dig it out. Maybe instead of his yard holding all of that water then maybe it would.

He was also concerned that this would decrease the value of his property. He took pride in his property so he wanted to see if they could help him to compensate for the flooding.

Mayor Tuggle suggested that Engineering or whatever the appropriate department do an assessment. Then they would give that information to the City Manager and get back to him as to what they could or could not do.

Mr. Dalton agreed to talk with the Engineering Department and he thanked them for their time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. 2016 Boards and Commissions Appointments

Historic Preservation Commission

Vacant (Seat formerly held by Phyllis Stickels)

Vacant

Ward 1 – Councilman Moore

Ward 6 – Councilman Hall

Council Member Moore appointed Ms. Wanda Hamrick to Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Hampton seconded by Council Member Moore to approve the appointment of Wanda Hamrick to Historic Preservation Commission. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

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- b. Consideration of Denial of Appeal on Nuisance Violation at 2045 Mill Avenue and Authorize Demolition of Manufactured Home located at this address.

The memorandum explained that the Council had copies of the Notice of Violation dated February 12, 2016, served on the property owners of 2045 Mill Avenue. The owners, Robert M. Walker and Elizabeth R. Walker, filed an Application for an Appeal of a Nuisance on February 26, 2016.

At the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Eden held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, the City Council tabled action on the appeal until this department could get estimates for the repair and demolition of the structure located at this address.

The estimate for repairing the manufactured home is \$8,500.00 which exceeds the value of the home. The estimate for demolishing the manufactured home is \$2,000.00. It is the recommendation of this department that the cost to repair the manufactured home exceeds the current value of the structure and it should be demolished at the City's expense, then take the appropriate actions to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments.

Ms. Stultz explained that there was also a grant program that was available to counties to remove mobile homes. She noted that they had already been in contact with the county. If the Walkers were interested they would help them get in touch with the people they need to talk to.

Mayor Tuggle asked the Walkers if they would like to comment.

Mr. Robert Walker and Angela Taylor, 420 Dishmon Circle addressed Council.

Mr. Walker commented that the estimate for repair was probably worth 3 times what the trailer was worth to which Ms. Stultz agreed.

Council Member Carter asked if any work had been done for the last 30 days.

Ms. Walker replied that she had been working on it as much as she could.

Ms. Taylor added that she had received a couple of estimates on steps and things. She had an estimate of \$3,500 to get it up to par.

Council Member Ellis asked if that was for the steps to which she replied no, he came inside and looked at the windows and such. He asked if there was electricity and water in there to which she replied no. He asked if anyone had been living in it in the past 90 days to which she replied no. He asked if anyone had lived in it before then to which she replied that no one had lived in it since 2007. Mr. Walker gave her the okay in March to start fixing it up.

Mayor Tuggle asked if this gentleman that she talked with would charge \$3500 to get it up to code.

Ms. Taylor replied that was what he had told her mother over the phone.

Ms. Stultz asked if he was licensed to which she replied that she could give her a card.

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Council Member Carter asked Mr. Walker if he would put money into it to which he replied no.

Mayor Tuggle asked Ms. Stultz if she had any suggestions.

Ms. Stultz stated that if this gentleman was going to do the building portion of the rehab he would not have to be licensed. However, who would deal with the plumbing issues and the heat and air issues. In order for the mobile home to be livable the heat system has to be able to sustain 68 degrees so, because the Walker's own the mobile home, even though she was paying to fix it up she would be a tenant. The North Carolina building code said that you need to have a licensed contractor to do that sort of work unless the Walkers were doing it themselves. She really thought at this point the cost to repair it was far way beyond the value of the mobile home and her advice would be to let them help them get in touch with the folks at the county who may be able to help with this grant to get it removed.

Ms. Taylor asked if there was an itemized list that goes along with the estimate to which Ms. Stultz replied that Mr. Woodall had it and he had gone over it with her a number of times. Ms. Stultz explained that it was not connected to sewer and it did not have functioning plumbing. Ms. Taylor asked how it was possible because when she had water she could flush the toilet. She had to have the water turned on so she could repair the lines that were there which broke or froze over the time it had been sitting.

Ms. Stultz also noted that it had an outside temporary electrical service. She noted that the list was fairly comprehensive and the structure was not livable at this time.

Council Member Epps questioned if there had been mold to which Ms. Stultz replied that she was not aware of any mold. Her staff did not have the expertise to check for it as it was a health department issue.

Mayor Tuggle noted that the list goes all the way back to June 25<sup>th</sup> (2015). He stated that he was not sure how long this could go on without some resolution. It either has to be fixed or it could not be fixed.

Ms. Walker pointed out that she was working on it now and she can only do so much.

Ms. Taylor wanted to know what a back splash in the kitchen had to do with being habitable.

Ms. Stultz replied that it has to do with a water tightness issue.

Council Member Carter asked if she could find somewhere else to live where she could take that money that she would invest in this mobile home.

Ms. Taylor replied yes but she would have to look for another place. She did not have the money.

Council Member Epps asked if she had checked with public housing.

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Ms. Taylor replied that she did not have all the resources. She was just a single person. She did not have children so a lot of the social benefits were for mothers with children.

Ms. Stultz added that the mobile home did not belong to Ms. Taylor. So, they have made contact with adult protective services among other things to try to help her find housing and if they could do that they would be happy to try to help her.

Council Member Ellis stated that her property was really not safe.

Ms. Walker explained that she wanted her daughter nearby because she was not in the best of health and her daughter had been very supportive.

Council Member Ellis replied that he understood that. He explained that the property was going to cost them more to do and what Ms. Stultz was asking them to do was to possibly get that grant and remove that trailer.

Ms. Taylor stated that the grant would take the trailer down and haul it away. She needed time to get stuff out of the trailer that she had put into it.

Ms. Stultz asked if she could do it in 30 days to which she replied she needed more.

Council Member Ellis questioned why.

Ms. Taylor explained that the stuff that has been put into the trailer could help another person.

Mayor Tuggle asked what she meant by saying what she had in the trailer.

Ms. Taylor explained that she had materials in it that she needed to take it out. She wanted to make use of them to do repairs on other properties. Her stepfather's flooring needs help and the flooring in that trailer could go in his house. There is a tub in his second bathroom that has a hole in it so he could use the tub in the trailer.

Mayor Tuggle asked her how much time she needed to get the material out.

Ms. Taylor stated that she really did not know. Mr. Walker added that it would take a couple of months at the most.

Ms. Stultz explained that the grant to remove the trailer was a county grant so her staff would help them get in touch with the right people.

Mayor Tuggle stated that they had 45 days to get the material out to which the Walkers and Ms. Taylor agreed that was fair.

A motion was made by Council Member Carter seconded by Council Member Hall to deny the appeal. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of Request to Adopt an Ordinance for the Demolition of a Structure at 1704 Ashby Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards Ordinance and the enabling legislation permit the City Council, upon adoption of an Ordinance, to order the repair or demolition of the structure. Three (3) bids were submitted to this department for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$3,800.00.

Once the demolition is done at the City's expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis seconded by Council Member Burnette to approve the request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 1704 Ashby Street. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- b. Consideration of Request to Adopt an Ordinance for the Demolition of a Structure at 416 Bridge Street under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards Ordinance and the enabling legislation permit the City Council, upon adoption of an Ordinance, to order the repair or demolition of the structure. Three (3) bids were submitted to this department for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$5,200.00.

Once the demolition is done at the City's expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments.

A motion was made by Council Member Moore seconded by Council Member Carter to approve the request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 416 Bridge Street. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- c. Consideration of Request to Adopt an Ordinance for the Demolition of a Structure at 534 Friendly Road under the City of Eden Human Habitation Ordinance.

The City of Eden Human Habitation Standards Ordinance and the enabling legislation permit the City Council, upon adoption of an Ordinance, to order the repair or demolition of the structure. Three (3) bids were submitted to this department for the demolition of the house with the lowest bid being in the amount of \$2,900.00.

Once the demolition is done at the City's expense, actions can be taken to recoup the funds in the same manner as the collection of special assessments.

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A motion was made by Council Member Hampton seconded by Council Member Hall to approve the request to adopt an ordinance for the demolition of a structure at 534 Friendly Road. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- d. Consideration of Repeal of Article II of Chapter 7 of the City's Code of Ordinances in its Entirety.

Ms. Gilley explained that as the City Council is aware, the North Carolina General Assembly eliminated North Carolina municipalities' authority to levy privilege license taxes effective July 1, 2015. While the City did not levy any taxes on any business during the fiscal year 2015-2016, the City does officially need to repeal this ordinance as it is now in conflict with state law, specifically the General Assembly's repeal of NCGS § 160A-211.

Staff has drafted an ordinance to repeal Article II. License Taxes of Chapter 7 License, Permits and Business Regulations in its entirety. Staff recommendation to Council is that they repeal this ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Hampton to approve the request to repeal Article II Chapter 7 of the City's Code of Ordinances in its entirety. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- e. Approval and Adoption of Business Registration Ordinance.

Ms. Gilley explained that as the City Council is aware, the North Carolina General Assembly eliminated North Carolina municipalities' authority to levy privilege license taxes effective July 1, 2015. Although the loss of privilege license revenue is an issue for the City of Eden, privilege licenses also served as means for regulating City businesses for zoning and public safety concerns. There is no real effective way to regulate these businesses operating in the City without this system of licensing.

Cities are still authorized by NCGS 160A-194 to license and regulate businesses in their jurisdictions even though the authority to levy a tax on them has been eliminated. According to guidance from the School of Government (SOG), these statutes might authorize a business registration system and a minimal registration fee that could help a local government keep track of businesses operating in its jurisdiction. Although State courts have not ruled or opined on this matter to date, many municipalities have acted on this guidance from the SOG and enacted this type of registration system and minimal fee.

Staff has drafted an ordinance for their consideration that would implement a registration system that would enable the City to gain information about new and existing businesses and help regulate zoning issues with these businesses as well as public safety concerns. This ordinance would replace the recently repealed Article II of Chapter 7.

An annual fee is included as a prerequisite for registration in the ordinance. The annual fee would be adopted each year in the Schedule of Taxes and Fees as part of the annual Budget. The fee should not be viewed as a replacement for lost privilege tax revenue. Regulatory fees must

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be tied to the cost of the related regulatory system. The proposed Schedule of Taxes and Fees that you will see next month will include a proposed fee of \$20.00 per business.

Staff recommendation to Council is that they adopt this ordinance providing for Business Registration within the City of Eden providing for a minimal fee as a prerequisite for registration.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Ellis to approve the request to approve and adopt the Business Registration Ordinance. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- f. Consideration of Repeal of Article III of Chapter 7 of the City's Code of Ordinances in its Entirety.

Ms. Gilley explained that the North Carolina General Assembly repealed NCGS § 66-77 which required businesses to obtain licenses to conduct closing-out-sales. This repeal is effective July 1, 2015. As a result, the City needs to repeal this ordinance as it is now in conflict with state law.

Staff has drafted an ordinance to repeal Article III: Closing-Out and Damaged Merchandise Sales of Chapter 7 License, Permits and Business Regulations in its entirety. Staff recommendation to Council is that they repeal this ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Epps seconded by Council Member Moore to approve the request to repeal Article III of Chapter 7 of the City's Code of Ordinances in its entirety. All Council Members voted in favor of this motion.

- g. Consideration of Extending Homeless Shelter Lease

Mayor Tuggle explained that this item was to change the 4 month lease time to 12 months.

Ms. Gilley explained that the City Council gave the authority to the City Manager to enact yearly leases so they may give direction to her (City Attorney) to prepare a 12-month lease for the homeless shelter she could get it ready for the City Manager to sign.

It was the consensus of the City Council to have the City Attorney prepare a 12-month lease for the City Manager to sign for the homeless shelter.

Ms. Stultz added that the Eden City Council has the ability to operate housing and to participate in housing programs of any variety including homeless shelters. Currently, their ordinances will not allow an independent homeless shelter outside of partnership with the City Council. Should they get to the place of finding and needing to move to another building, they will have to revisit a zoning text amendment that they have considered a couple of times.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF:

*There were no reports at this time.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for February 20 and March 15, 2016.
- b. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 10.

The attached budget amendment reallocates CWSRF loan and principal forgiveness proceeds for the Tanyard Branch Outfall project. This amendment adjusts the budget amounts to reflect the actual revenues and expenditures for this project for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Subject: Budget Amendment # 10

|  | Account #     | From            | To             | Amount                 |
|--|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>Water &amp; Sewer Fund Revenues</b>     |               |                 |                |                        |
| W/S CWSRF-Tanyard Branch/Loan              | 30-3831-49402 | \$ 2,159,900.00 | \$1,061,400.00 | \$ (1,098,500.00)      |
| W/S CWSRF-Tanyard Branch/Princ Forg        | 30-3831-49403 | \$ -            | \$ 198,200.00  | \$ 198,200.00          |
|  |               |                 |                | <u>\$ (900,300.00)</u> |
| <b>Water &amp; Sewer Fund Expenditures</b> |               |                 |                |                        |
| Tanyard Branch Outfall                     | 30-8130-24840 | \$ 3,534,100.00 | \$2,633,800.00 | <u>\$ (900,300.00)</u> |

Reallocate CWSRF loan and principal forgiveness proceeds for the Tanyard Branch project.

Adopted and effective this 19th day of April, 2016.

Attest:

Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk

Wayne Tuggle, Mayor

- c. Consideration and Approval of Vehicle Financing – 5 Years for F&G Service Van.

In the 2015-2016 Budget, City Council approved to purchase a new service van for the Facilities and Grounds department and it has been set up in the budget to be financed. On March 30, 2016, I requested bid from our local banks again for the financing and received the following quote:



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Carter Bank & Trust 1.65%

The only quote we received is from Carter Bank & Trust at 1.65%. The annual payments will be approximately \$7,500 which is within the budgeted amount of \$9,000. I respectfully ask that Council approve Carter Bank & Trust as the successful bid.

d. Consideration and Approval of Vehicle Financing – 5 Years for C&D Chevy 3500.

In the 2015-2016 Budget, City Council approved to purchase a new service truck for the Collections & Distribution department and it has been set up in the budget to be financed. On March 28, 2016, I requested bid from our local banks again for the financing and received the following quote:

Carter Bank & Trust 1.65%

The only quote we received is from Carter Bank & Trust at 1.65%. The annual payments will be approximately \$12,000 which is within the budgeted amount of \$12,400. I respectfully ask that Council approve Carter Bank & Trust as the successful bid.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

e. Consideration of a Request to Accept an Offer of a Grant for the Meadow Greens and Covenant Branch Pump Station Force Main Project and Approval and Adoption of a Resolution to Accept the Grant Funding.

The City of Eden was officially awarded a State HUC Grant in November of 2015, for the Meadow Greens and Covenant Branch Pump Station Force Mains Relief Project. This funding was possible by a legislative action creating funding to help agencies who are under EPA enforcement actions. This project cost is estimated at \$564,000 and the grant we will receive is for \$534,811. The City’s cost for this project will approximately \$30,000.

This project is proposed to enhance capacity and increase redundancy of the Covenant Branch and Meadow Greens Pump Stations by building additional connection for each pump station to the Railroad Force Main. This allows for backup reliability should the Covenant Branch Force Main fail. It would allow Meadow Greens flow to be diverted in the event of a Meadow Greens force main failure or a problem at the Junction Pump Station. It builds in flexibility to avoid situations that can lead to SSOs.

By this Resolution the City Council will formally accept the State HUC Grant in November of 2015, for the Meadow Greens and Covenant Branch Pump Station Force Main Relief Project for \$534,811. This project is expected to be bid in December 2016. Work on this project is expected to begin by March of 2017.

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDEN

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act of 1987 has authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of wastewater treatment works, wastewater collection systems, and water supply systems, water conservation projects, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has offered a State HUC Grant in the amount of \$534,811 for the construction of Meadow Greens and Covenant Branch Pump Station Force Main Relief project (DWI Project No. E-HUC-w-15-0006), and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden intends to construct said project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications,

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

That City of Eden does hereby accept the State HUC Grant offer of \$534,811.00.

That the City of Eden does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that all items specified in the grant offer, Section II - Assurances will be adhered to.

That Brad Corcoran, 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 such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That City of Eden has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto,

Adopted this the April 19, 2016, at Eden, North Carolina.

Wayne R. Tuggle, Mayor

f. Consideration of a Request to Approve Civic Plus Website Redevelopment Contract.

It has been agreed to proceed with the redevelopment of the City of Eden web site, based on priorities determined at the 2016-17 City Council retreat. City Attorney Erin Gilley recommended that this contract be approved by the City Council as it exceeds \$5,000. We were able to negotiate a price that included the \$3,600 Economic Development Department header free of charge and the development costs spread across three years.

g. Approval to call a public hearing to consider the FY 2016-2017 Budget on May 17, 2016.

h. Approval and Adoption of Budget Amendment 11.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements were made.

BRIEF RECESS:

Mayor Tuggle called for a brief recess before the City Council Work Session began.

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WORK SESSION – PROPOSED FY 2016-17 BUDGET:

Mayor Tuggle asked the City Manager, Mr. Brad Corcoran, to present the proposed FY 2016-17 budget.

*A copy of the entire FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget is located in the Administration Office.*

Mr. Corcoran explained the following:

- The combined budgets for fiscal year 2016-17 equal \$31,620,800. This is a **decrease** of **\$2,945,300** or approximately **8.52%** when compared to the current combined budgets of \$34,566,100.
- The main reason for this decrease is a reduction in spending (for one year) on projects related to the current EPA Administrative Order (AO) designed to eliminate sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).
- On February 20, 2016 the City Council met for its annual budget/planning retreat. According to the priorities established by the Mayor and members of City Council, the top ten funding priorities for FY 2016-17 include:
  1. Strategic Plan & Visioning Process (Funding for Year 2 of 3)
  2. Construction of new sidewalk - Mill Avenue Recreation Center to High Street
  3. Cook Block Improvements Project
  4. Employee Pay Increase
  5. Construction of a new swimming pool complex at Freedom Park
  6. Engineering design for a new digester at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
  7. Complete makeover of the City's website
  8. Nuisance abatements via the removal of some old and dilapidated buildings
  9. Allocation of additional funds for street resurfacing projects
  10. Create Eden 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning committee and fund various events

There was also much discussion about the construction of two initial bus stop shelters for citizens that ride the Skat Bus and the extension of the Smith River Greenway.

I am pleased to report that funding to some degree or another for each of these twelve identified and discussed priorities has been included in the budget as submitted with the exception of the construction of a new swimming pool complex at Freedom Park.

Funding for this project was not included due to the upcoming update to our Parks and Recreation Master Plan that is currently being worked on by the Piedmont Triad Regional

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Council and the upcoming work related to the strategic plan and visioning process. We believe it makes more sense to wait and see what the Master Plan includes and what priorities are agreed upon as a result of the strategic planning and visioning process. If we proceed now and borrow a significant amount of money at this time, then we will obligate our citizens for many years to come without knowing the outcomes of these various planning processes. Furthermore, this gives our staff more time to submit funding applications for a pool complex of some type through the PARTF Grant program.

- The FY 2016-17 budget **ELIMINATES** the 14.65% water and sewer service rate increase on the average user that was approved by the City Council on November 17, 2015 and was due to become effective on September 1, 2016.
- Specifically, it's recommended this increase be delayed until January 1, 2018 at which time it would go into effect as previously discussed. This will mean there would have been a period of two years between rate increases.

- The FY 2016-17 budget as submitted includes the following:

A. Does **NOT** raise the current tax rate of \$0.609 per \$100 assessed valuation.

|                   |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Eden              | \$ 0.609 – <i>Lowest In County</i> |
| Madison           | \$ 0.73                            |
| Mayodan           | \$ 0.63                            |
| Reidsville        | \$ 0.74                            |
| Rockingham County | \$ 0.696                           |
| Stoneville        | \$ 0.67                            |
| Wentworth         | Not Applicable                     |

B. **Reduces** the number of full-time personnel from 181 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions during the current FY 2015-16 budget cycle to 178 FTE positions during FY 2016-17. There were 203 FTE positions in FY 1995-96 and 189 FTE positions during FY 2000-01.

C. **Provides** a flat \$1,500 pay increase for all full-time employees. The last cost-of-living pay increase was awarded in February 2014.

D. **Passage** of the \$2 billion Connect NC Bond package could result in Eden receiving approximately \$16.6 million in grant funding and \$15.0 million in loan funding to help meet the City's obligations in reference to the EPA AO on our sewer system.

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E. **Includes** a \$20.00 business registration fee that will generate \$12,400 in revenue in an effort to know what businesses are in our community for the purposes of zoning, required fire inspections and general information. Implementation of a business registration fee was actually approved in theory with the adoption of the FY 2015-16 budget but was not implemented due to concerns the General Assembly may change the laws prior to the conclusion of the previous legislative session.

F. **Includes** \$839,900 in contingency funds (General Fund - \$389,900 and Water & Sewer Fund - \$500,000) for unforeseen declines in revenue and/or unanticipated expenditures.

G. **Includes** \$3,393,600 in funding to continue addressing the EPA AO requirements.

H. **Includes** an additional \$2,254,200 in funding for other capital outlay needs that are **not related** to the unfunded mandates associated with the EPA AO.

I. The combined budgets **include** \$2,308,000 in principal payments and \$355,800 in interest payments for a total of \$2,663,800 related to long and short-term debt.

- A more detailed breakdown of the FY 2016-17 budget indicates the following:

| <b><u>Summary (Funds)</u></b>      | <b><u>16-17 Budget</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| General                            | \$15,009,200               |
| Water & Sewer                      | \$13,678,800               |
| Self-Insurance                     | \$ 2,800,600               |
| Police Pension                     | \$ 108,000                 |
| Runabout Travel                    | \$ 15,000                  |
| Municipal Service Tax District     | <u>\$ 9,200</u>            |
|                                    | <b>\$31,620,800</b>        |
| <b>Less:</b>                       |                            |
| Inter-fund Transfers               | \$ 2,433,100               |
| Appropriated Fund Balances         | \$ 555,900                 |
| Grants/Principal Forgiveness Loans | \$ 557,800                 |
| 0% Interest Loans                  | \$ 2,740,000               |
| Pass Thru Funds                    | <u>\$ 663,400</u>          |
|                                    | <b>\$ 6,950,200</b>        |
| <b>Total New Recurring Revenue</b> | <b>\$24,670,600</b>        |

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**Inter-Fund Transfers**

- Inter-Fund transfers are funds within the budget that are shown as revenue and expenditures in two different locations.
- The budget includes \$2,443,100 in inter-fund transfers:
  - A. \$2,334,400 – Group Insurance payments in the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund and then again in the Self-Insurance Fund.
  - B. \$98,700 – Separation Allowance payment in the Police Department and then again in the Police Pension Fund.

**Appropriated Fund Balances**

- The appropriated fund balances budgeted to be used during FY 2016-17 is \$555,900.

| <u>Fund</u>    | <u>Reason</u>  | <u>16-17 Budget</u> |
|----------------|--|---------------------|
| General        | Additional funds to cover some capital outlay items.   | \$500,000           |
| General        | Pass Thru Duke Energy funds for Bouvier-Kelly public relations campaign.   | \$ 35,900           |
| General        | Pass Thru Duke Energy funds as contribution to Eden Downtown Development Corporation for the acquisition and development of an Arts Center <b>if</b> the project materializes. | \$ 10,000           |
| Police Pension | Additional funds to cover annual expenses associated with the separation allowance payments for sworn law enforcement officers.  | \$ 10,000           |

**Grants/Principal Forgiveness Loans & 0% Interest Loans**

- The FY 2016-17 budget includes \$557,800 in grants/principal forgiveness loans for the following:

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| A. Rockingham Community Access Transit Services (RCATS) Grant | \$ 127,800        |
| B. Duke Energy Grant – Extension of Smith River Greenway      | \$ 100,000        |
| C. High Unit Cost (HUC) Grant – Covenant Branch/Meadow Greens | \$ 34,000         |
| D. Special Legislative Grant – Covenant Branch/Meadow Greens  | <u>\$ 296,000</u> |
| Total   | \$ 557,800        |

- The FY 2016-17 budget includes a \$2,740,000 0% interest loan for the following:

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| A. NC Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Junction/Bridge Street Pump Stations Project | <u>\$2,740,000</u> |
| Total   | \$2,740,000        |

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### **Pass Thru Funds**

- Pass Thru Funds are non-taxpayer funds where the City acts as the custodian for both the revenues and expenditures that are related for a specific purpose.
- A total of \$663,400 is included in the FY 2016-17 budget for five different purposes:
  - A. Runabout Travel Fund - \$15,000
  - B. Municipal Service District Tax Fund - \$9,200  
(Leaksville - \$7,600 & Draper - \$1,600)
  - C. Secondary Employment of Police Officers - \$153,800
  - D. Project SAFE Rockingham County - \$19,200
  - E. Self Insurance Fund - \$466,200

### **EPA Administrative Order**

- The budget message also includes updated and detailed information about the EPA AO.
- As each of you is aware, the final remediation plan required by the January 1, 2012 EPA AO was submitted by the City on June 26, 2015. It requested an implementation period of 20 years.
- Due to the September 2015 announcement concerning the September 2016 closure of MillerCoors, the financial information submitted in the original remediation plan became obsolete. As such, a revised remediation plan was submitted to the EPA on October 14, 2015.
- Although we are still awaiting a final decision on our plan, we've just received some preliminary feedback from the EPA suggesting they will keep us under an AO, as opposed to turning us over to NC for enforcement, and we will only be granted an implementation period of five years due to several factors. These include:
  - Size of our municipality (not large enough for an extended implementation period),
  - EPA's unwillingness to place us under a Consent Decree (implementation period in excess of 5 years),
  - Eligibility for funds from the Connect NC Bond package are contingent to being under an EPA AO as opposed to an enforcement action by NC, and,
  - The Connect NC Bond package should result in Eden receiving substantial funding assistance to address the various needs that must be addressed as a result of the EPA AO within a period of five years.
- We've been in the process of trying to negotiate a favorable effective date for a new and updated AO to cover the five year implementation period and it

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currently appears as if we will be placed under a new and updated AO during November 2016 with full compliance mandated by November 2021.

- In addition, we are working with our engineering firm (W. K. Dickson) to develop an accelerated timetable for full compliance with the EPA AO in a 5-year period and we've been requested to submit this revised and accelerated schedule to the EPA for their review and approval by mid-June.
- In addition, we are currently making plans to apply for all \$31.6 million dollars in grant/loan funds from the Connect NC Bond during the September 2016 round of funding in order to secure commitments for all of the funds legally available.
- Additional information concerning a final decision on our remediation plan from the EPA, the implementation period and the accelerated construction and funding timetable will be presented as soon as the information becomes available. **Needless to say, it appears the next five and a half years will be extremely busy!**

### **FY 2015-2016 Budget**

- The budget document includes a 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the General Fund (\$19,134,300) and Water & Sewer Fund (\$44,797,300) that equals \$63,931,600.
- The Tax and Service Rates section of the budget outlines all of the tax and service rates for the upcoming year.
- The budget message and personnel sections of the budget outline all of the pertinent information concerning personnel.

### **Note of Thanks**

- I would like to conclude my remarks by extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to each of the department heads, division heads and their staff's for the excellent work they do for our community on a daily basis.
- Each of us understands that our citizens are the central focus and we remain committed to the provision and delivery of the highest level of public service.
- Despite staffing cutbacks and tough economic times – **NO** city services have been eliminated!

*A special thanks to our staff for their excellent service!!!*

Mayor Tuggle pointed out that they still had the lowest tax rate in Rockingham County.

Council Member Burnette commented that for the I-3 Special Use Permit zoning, they looked at the fees for all those uses in there and discussed it and they did equalize the fee for all the land use. The one they may have overlooked was the hydraulic fracturing. He requested that the Planning Department look at that fee and see if it was a little bit low.



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Ms. Stultz replied that she believed that was a per well fee. She would be glad to check and see.

Mr. Corcoran added that he could get with Ms. McMichael and Ms. Winn to make sure they say that in Tax & Service Rates.

Council Member Carter commented that the proposed budget presentation was a good job and appreciated.

Council Member Hall added that they have had this information for several weeks to review, just because they did not have questions here, they were not just taking it and agreeing with it. He explained that the City Council members had already talked to the City Manager and questions that needed to be asked have been answered already.

Mr. Corcoran added that it was a very fluid process and modifications have already been made.

Mayor Tuggle stated that it was a wonderful job and a lot of people were involved. There were a great bunch of people who work for the City of Eden.

Council Member Carter pointed out that the citizens should be appreciative of the delay on the water rate increases.

Mayor Tuggle explained that the ones who were opposed to the bond issue did not really know that they were raising their own rates.

Mr. Corcoran noted that there was still work to be done, they were still working on it and trying to do everything they could to get it allotted to them in September.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheralene S. Thompson,  
CMC, MMC, NCCMC  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor