

CITY OF EDEN, N.C.

A special meeting of the City Council, City of Eden, was held on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 4 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
- Jerry Epps (absent)
- Kenny Kirkman
- Greg Light
- Bruce Nooe
- Tommy Underwood
- Jason Wood
- City Manager: Jon Mendenhall
- City Attorney: Erin Gilley
- City Clerk: Deanna Hunt
- Media: Roy Sawyers, Rockingham Update

MEETING CONVENED:

Mayor Hall called the special called meeting to order.

CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY-COUNTY UTILITY AGREEMENT:

Mr. Mendenhall said a copy of the amended resolution presented at the July 16 regular meeting had been placed at the dais for each member. The resolution changed the consideration of the purchase of the County system. Staff and members of Council had very beneficial and constructive dialog with County officials. That could be seen in the resolution and he read it so everyone would know what changed: Whereas, the City of Eden and Rockingham County desire for the City of Eden to purchase Fishing Creek Pump Station, including accompanying lines from Mebane Bridge Wastewater Treatment Plant to Fishing Creek Pump Station, from Rockingham County for an agreed upon price up to a certain ascertained dollar amount. He explained that required a couple of changes in the agreement to make sure there was not a hodgepodge of customers on varying systems. The language in Article VII had been amended to make it clear that the customers on the line and the maintenance were the responsibility of the line owner. If there were any large extension, the City would decide at that time if any transfer of assets would have to occur. So if there was a large development on Bethlehem Church Road and if something had to be done differently, the City would have the first right of refusal to decide what needed to be done. Those were really all the changes that occurred.

A motion was made by Council Member Ellis to adopt the resolution to adopt and approve the City-County Public Utilities Agreement. Council Member Light seconded the motion. Council Members Ellis, Light and Wood voted in favor of the resolution. Council Members Kirkman, Nooe and Underwood voted against the motion. As there was a tie, Mayor Hall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed 4 to 3 with Council Members Ellis, Light and Wood along with Mayor Hall voting in favor and Council Members Kirkman, Nooe and Underwood voting in opposition.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE CITY COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITIES AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, a Sewer Agreement between the City of Eden and Rockingham County relative to the construction and installation of sewer lines within a mutually agreed upon service perimeter area located within Wentworth Township was authorized on January 12, 1998; and

WHEREAS, said agreement has well served the parties throughout the term of the Agreement and any extension periods, and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden and Rockingham County desire to consolidate and update this Agreement into a revised public utilities Agreement, and desire to execute and perform the terms set forth within the attached City and County Public Utilities Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eden and Rockingham County desire for the City of Eden to purchase Fishing Creek Pump Station, including accompanying lines from Mebane Bridge Wastewater Treatment Plant to Fishing Creek Pump Station, from Rockingham County for an agreed upon price up to \$796,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that the execution of the “City and County Public Utilities Agreement” is hereby adopted and approved.

BE IT FRUTHER RESOLVED, by the City Council for the City of Eden that City Staff is hereby authorized to finalize the acquisition of Fishing Creek Pump Station and accompanying lines from Rockingham County for agreed upon price and all terms and action necessary thereto.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this 24th day of July, 2024.

CITY OF EDEN

By: Neville Hall, Mayor

Attest: Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

ADJOURMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Deanna Hunt, City Clerk

Attest:

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Neville Hall, Mayor