

Town Council Proceedings

Edenton, N. C., September 14, 1954.

The Town Council met this day in regular session at 8 P. M.

Members present: Mayor Leroy H. Haskett, J. Clarence Leary, John Mitchener, Jr., Clyde Hollowell, George A. Byrum, J. Edwin Bufflap and G. M. Byrum.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap, that the motions made at the special meeting held on September 8, 1954, relative to a letter to the United Piece Dye Works be rescinded. Motion carried.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by J. Edwin Bufflap, that the following letter be sent to the United Piece Dye Works as a tentative proposal for the furnishing of water and sewage disposal.

Gentlemen: You have visited in our community with the view of placing a plant here similar to your Charleston, South Carolina plant and we are glad that you are favorably impressed with our community and our facilities. We have visited your plant in Charleston and find it to be the type of operation that we would like to have in the Edenton area and you are a very fine company which we should like to have for a new neighbor.

We understand that you are likely to employ about 150 persons, most of whom are male employees and that you are in the textile dyeing and finishing business doing a commission type of job. We understand that your normal operations are around the clock five days a week and, subject to economic conditions, that you work generally about a 50 week year. We understand that most of the employees will be white and that you would contemplate a wage structure which would not unbalance the prevailing scale in this general community.

You have mentioned that your further requirements are:

1. Adequate electric power which is available either through Virginia Electric Power Company or through the Edenton distribution system.
2. A plant site outside the city limits in a clean neighborhood accessible by highway and accessible to railroad facilities by the extension of existing lines.
3. A water supply capable of delivering up to 3 million gallons per 24 hours.

We can take care of your requirements for electricity, plant site and water supply and have employed the services of a consulting engineer to advise us on capital costs and production costs in connection with the increased facilities which we will need to construct in order to take care of your needs. We have further discussed with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company the need of a siding into a new industrial development which is being planned in the area of your new plant and we shall lend our offices and services toward inducing the Norfolk Southern to go ahead with this spur track at no expense to the industries involved.

The consulting engineers have arrived at an estimated cost of \$266,000 as the capital cost for the water system. This figure does not include the site for the water plant as we understand that you will deed to the city an acre adjacent to your property for this purpose. Our engineers further estimate that the cost of a disposal line is approximately \$40,000. This disposal system does not include a settling basin which you plan to construct on your own property at your own expense.

We propose to work out with you a detailed contract whereby we will make available to you 2 million gallons of water per day at the city of 3 million gallons per day. The water to have the qualities found in the Chowan River, and will be clarified.

1. You agree to pay us approximately \$1,050 per month for a period of 30 years which covers the amortization of the water plant and 2 1/2% interest on the unamortized balance.
2. You would further agree to pay us approximately \$156.50 per month for 30 years to amortize the cost of the disposal line and 2 1/2% interest on the unamortized balance.
3. The cost of the water is estimated at \$10.30 per million gallons with the understanding that you will furnish any labor and chemicals necessary to prepare the water for your use.
4. Should the cost of power vary from the present basic rates on which this cost is estimated, then the final cost to you shall be varied accordingly on an annual basis.
5. Since you are guaranteeing the full amortization of the capital cost and are further guaranteeing the interest on the notes, you are therefore underwriting the entire program. We feel therefore, that should we desire to use water from the facilities that we should pay you for this water at your cost but not to exceed \$12.85 per million gallons.
6. You are to retain and aerate the effluent in a settling basin for a period of 24 hours before depositing it in the effluent line at a constant and controlled rate.
7. Should the N. C. State Laws require treatment of effluent and our sanitary sewage before disposal in sound, creek, or river water, then the Town of Edenton will assume the responsibility of disposing of the effluent at a cost of \$11.00 per million gallons.
8. You will be permitted to install pumps of such design and specifications as your engineer may direct at the clarified water reservoir and pump the water to your plant at your own expense.
9. We will run to your plant at no cost to you an adequate pipe line for potable and sprinkler water supply for your use and shall bill you for the water at the standard rate for the volume used. The pressure thereon will be 40 pounds per square inch.
10. We understand that you contemplate constructing at your own expense a septic tank large enough to take care of your own sanitary sewage.

The County Board of Assessments and Review will work with you on your tax problems at such time as the

physical layout of the plant is determined. The County Commissioners will request the State of N. C. to pave streets and roads in the vicinity of your property.

We are planning at our expense to put a street light in the equivalent of every block out to the plant site.

We can have the new facilities in operation for you in four months from the date of the execution of the contract with you.

We are tremendously interested in the possibility of your locating here with us and promise that we want to do everything that we can possibly do to encourage you to locate with us. We particularly need your type of industry because of the type of workers which you need.

We understand that this is a tentative proposal subject to further negotiations to our mutual satisfaction.

Yours very truly,
Leroy H. Haskett,
Mayor.

Councilmen in favor of the motion: J. Clarence Leary, John Mitchener, Jr., Clyde Hollowell, George A. Byrum, J. Edwin Bufflap and G. M. Byrum. Councilmen opposed to the motion: None.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by Clyde Hollowell, that Commissioner J. Edwin Bufflap confer with Highway Commissioner Spruill relative to the paying of the new portion of Albemarle Court and report back to the Council. Motion carried.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by G. M. Byrum, that discussion on the filling of a ditch behind Mack Rogerson's property be tabled. Motion carried.

The Council went on record as commending the Fire Department for their purchase with money from their treasury, of a panel truck for emergency use.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by Clyde Hollowell, that the Town Clerk be instructed to represent the Town of Edenton at the N. C. League of Municipalities Convention October 19-22nd. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clyde Hollowell, seconded by J. Clarence Leary, that the franchise and resolution from the Town of Edenton to the Norfolk Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company as read at the meeting of the Town Council August 10, 1954, be approved. Motion carried.

Mayor Leroy H. Haskett appointed John Mitchener, Jr. and J. Edwin Bufflap to confer with the County Commissioners relative to the extension of East Eden Street from Court Street to the rear of the Belk-Tyler store.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by George A. Byrum, that the Clerk be authorized to refund Roosevelt Jordan \$35.00 for Schedule B license collected in error. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by G. M. Byrum and duly carried that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the property hereinafter described has been the subject of controversy and litigation between the Town of Edenton and M. G. Brown of his heirs at law; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., are now the owners of the property formerly owned by the said M. G. Brown of his heirs at law and the said heirs of M. G. Brown have executed quit-claim deed to the herein-described property to said trustees; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually desirable that title to the herein-described property be cleared of all suspicion of cloud upon said title to the end that said Trustees of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., may hold unquestioned title to and right to possession of the hereinafter described property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Councilmen of the Town of Edenton in regular meeting held this day that said Council does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor and Clerk of the Town of Edenton to execute and deliver quit-claim deed in due form but without covenants or warranties of title conveying, assigning and transferring to the Trustees of said Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., any and all right, title and interest heretofore held or claimed by the Town of Edenton in and to that piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Edenton and bounded North by the curb line of East Water and or South Oakum Streets; East by the Norfolk Southern Railway Co.; Ziegler-Parrish lot; South by Queen Anne Creek; and West by Johnston Bridge and or an extension of a line from the Eastern side of said Johnston Bridge to the curb line of East Water Street together with all riparia and shore rights there appertaining. Such conveyance is to be made subject to the right-of-way held by said Norfolk Southern Railway Co., and/or T. C. Byrum, Jr., and George Alma Byrum across said property.

Motion was made by George A. Byrum, seconded by Clyde Hollowell, that the Junior Chamber of Commerce be given permission to place trash receptacles in the business section of Edenton. Motion carried.

Motion was made by G. A. Byrum, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., that E. & W. Department bills in the amount of \$19,872.54 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., and duly carried that Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$3,894.01 as follows be paid

The Chowan Herald, \$29.00; Carol Printing Co., \$21.33; Office Supply Store, \$82.50; Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$17.71; Pioneer Manufacturing Co., \$18.00; The Texas Company, \$58.49; Byrum Hardware Co., \$4.83; Karpnack Co., \$91.47; B.B.H. Motor Company, \$2.69; W. H. Bunch's Garage, \$3.75; E. R. Tolley, \$15.00; R. K. Hall, \$75.00; W. S. Darley & Co., \$41.18; Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$6.50; The Texas Company, \$1.88; American Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$34.03; Link Radio Corp., \$572.21; Byrum Hardware Co., \$9.79; Hughes-Parker Hardware, \$37.77; Bishop Laundry, \$12.00; W. H. Bunch's Garage, \$57.59; Pay for Volunteer Firemen \$36.00; M. G. Brown Co., \$1.92; M. G. Brown Co., \$32.58; Albemarle

Motor Co., \$4.81; The Texas Company, \$215.55; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$88.97; Byrum Hardware Co., \$7.31; The Texas Company, \$37.60; Edenton Ice Company, \$3.80; Ack Aek Exterminating Co., \$15.00; W. H. Bunch's Garage, \$47.85; W. L. Blanton, \$9.75; B.B.H. Motor Company, \$121.83; T. F. Wright, \$4.75; Norfolk Southern Railway Co., \$12.11; Hobbs Implement Co., \$93.57; R. C. Holland, \$11.55; Byrum Hardware Co., \$3.20; W. J. Berryman, \$5.00; Hughes-Parker Hardware, \$4.25; Wood & Gardner, \$688.30; Abbott Coin Counter Co., \$293.19; R. E. Parrish, \$3.00; Edenton Colored Woman's Club, \$90.00; Shepard-Pruden Library, \$200.00; Edenton City Schools, \$450.00; Teen Age Club, \$150.00.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

Edenton, N. C., October 12, 1954.

The Town Council met this day in regular session at 8 P. M.

Members present: Mayor Leroy H. Haskett, J. Clarence Leary, John Mitchener, Jr., G. M. Byrum, Clyde Hollowell, George Alma Byrum and J. Edwin Bufflap.

Motion was made by G. M. Byrum, seconded by George A. Byrum, that the Town request the N. C. State Highway & Public Works Commission to surface the unpaved section of Albemarle Court at an estimated cost of \$34,167.87, providing that any expense over and above the estimated cost be paid by Richards Building Company. Motion carried.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner G. M. Byrum, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Town of Edenton is a municipality with a population of less than 5,000, as defined in G. S. 136-41.2, and is an eligible municipality under the provisions of G. S. 136-41.3, as amended by Chapter 1044 Session Laws of 1953; and

WHEREAS, the said Town desires that the State Highway and Public Works Commission do such street construction, or improvement on its non-system streets as the Town from time to time may request under the terms and provisions of G. S. 136-41.3, as aforesaid, within the limits of the current or accrued payments made or to be made to said Town under the provisions of G. S. 136-41.2;

NOW, THEREFORE BE AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Edenton request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to do such construction, maintenance or improvements on such of its non-system streets as may be designated in writing to the Division Engineer of the State Highway and Public Works Commission by its duly authorized officer and within the limits prescribed by law, as aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Town Clerk be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to enter into such contracts with the State Highway and Public Works Commission as may be necessary to effectuate the aforesaid expressed purpose, thereby binding the said Town to the fulfillment of its obligations incurred under this resolution and pledging any amounts that may become due it under G. S. 136-41.2 until said obligations are fully paid.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner George A. Byrum and, after full discussion, was unanimously carried.

Motion was made by G. M. Byrum, seconded by J. Clarence Leary, that the franchise for two taxicabs formerly operated by Harry Crummev be transferred to Wilford Jordan, providing Harry Crummev will release his rights to the franchise to Jordan. This leaves Harry Crummev with no taxicabs and gives Wilford Jordan a total of three. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Clyde Hollowell, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., that the Edenton Woman's Club be given permission to stage its annual Halloween Party on the playground on November 1st. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., and duly carried that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR THE LATE GEORGE COOPER FRANKLIN, GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, in the death of George Cooper Franklin, the Town of Edenton has lost a faithful friend and trusted advisor; and

WHEREAS, George Cooper Franklin dedicated his services to the cities and towns of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the services of George Cooper Franklin provided the cities and towns of North Carolina with more efficient government; and

WHEREAS, the passing of George Cooper Franklin leaves a vacancy in city and town government which will long be felt;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Edenton that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of said council and that a copy be sent to the wife of George Cooper Franklin and that a copy be sent to the office of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

Motion was made by John Mitchener, Jr., seconded by J. Clarence Leary, that the Town accept with appreciation the new panel truck purchased by the members of the Edenton Fire Department and that the Clerk be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the members of the Fire Department and to the Albemarle Motor Company for their cooperation. Motion carried.

On motion of J. Clarence Leary, seconded by John Mitchener, Jr., the following resolution was passed and adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Sub-section 2, of Section III, of the franchise grant by the Town of Edenton to the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company by resolution adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Edenton at a regular meeting of said council held at 800 P. M., on the 10th day of August, 1954, and further read and adopted by said council at its regular meeting held on the 14th day of September, 1954, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the following provision be and the same is here-

by substituted in lieu thereof:

2. That the said Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, its successors and assigns, shall not interfere in any way with existing water and sewer pipes in the public ways of said town and shall make good any damage to the same or to any of the public ways of the town done by the company of its workmen and the company shall upon notification in writing of the town Superintendent of the Electric and Water Department or Mayor, that the town intends to repair or lay new sewer pipes or water pipes in its water or sewerage system, shall immediately proceed to relocate any conduits or substations that may interfere with the progress of the work; that the said Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, its successors or assigns, shall not construct or install any poles, conduits or other similar installations upon, over, and across any of the streets or rights of way in the town of Edenton (along which said Telephone Company does not at present time have an installation) without permission first being granted by the Superintendent of the Electric and Water Department or Mayor of said town.

Motion was made by G. M. Byrum, seconded by Clyde Hollowell, that the Board of Public Works be requested to place a street light on Johnson Street between Park Avenue and First Street. Motion carried.

Motion was made by G. M. Byrum, seconded by J. Clarence Leary that E. & W. Department bills in the amount of \$15,036.28 be paid. Motion carried.

Motion was made by J. Clarence Leary, seconded by George A. Byrum, and duly carried that the following Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$2,144.92 be paid:

The Chowan Herald, \$41.50; Edenton Office Supply, \$1.90; Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$5.30; Everson-Ross Co., \$9.57; E. R. Tolley, \$15.00; The NuBone Co., \$41.30; The Karpack Corp., \$134.00; B.B.H. Motor Company, \$2.09; Sinclair Refining Co., \$96.70; Dail & Ashley Machine Shop, \$38.91; Leggett & Davis, \$3.00; Edenton Office Supply, \$16.90; Edenton Ice Co., \$20.16; Hirsch-Tyler Co., \$446.25; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$11.47; McLean Trucking Co., \$2.53; The Texas Co., \$79.39; Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., \$6.50; Byrum Hardware Co., \$3.00; M. S. Davis, Jr., \$10.00; Bishop Laundry & Cleaners, \$6.00; Sinclair Refining Co., \$7.80; The Texas Co., \$8.40; Belk-Tyler's, \$6.36; The Texas Co., \$43.75; Hobbs Implement Co., \$17.60; M. G. Brown Co., \$4.33; A. W. Flint Co., \$50.42; Ray Byrum Truck Line, \$50.88; B.B.H. Motor Company, \$5.12; Byrum Hardware Co., \$19.38; Bert Willis, \$2.00; Norfolk & Southern Railway Co., \$2.83; W. H. Bunch's Garage, \$34.05; Ack Aek Exterminating Co., \$15.00; Byrum Implement & Truck Co., \$5c; Dail & Ashley Machine Shop, \$3.00; Sinclair Refining Co., \$242.22; A. S. Smith Machine Shop, \$23.01; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$27.89; The Texas Co., \$315.63; Recordax Corp., \$252.10; Lula White's Flower Shop, \$10.83.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned.

ERNEST J. WARD, JR., Clerk.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank each and every one for every deed of kindness shown me during the long illness and death of my mother; all of which are greatly appreciated and helped to lighten the burden.

MRS. GEULIA FOREHAND JORDAN. pd

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