

# Proceedings Of Edenton Town Council For Month Of October

Edenton, N. C.,  
October 8, 1968.

The Town Council of the Town of Edenton met this day in regular session at 8 P. M. at the Edenton Municipal Building.

Members present: Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Luther C. Parks, Thomas H. Shepard, David G. White, Leo Katkaveck, Henry G. Quinn and J. D. Elliott.

Mayor Mitchener called the meeting to order and Councilman Parks gave the invocation.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner explained to the Council that the continuing problem of disposal of industrial waste at the land fill is increasing. He requested that some study be given this matter and Councilmen White, Quinn and Elliott were appointed to work with Mr. Gardner on this matter.

A letter was read from the Highway Commission informing the Council that removing parking from Broad Street from Bridge Turn Service Station to just north of the Triangle intersection. Leroy Haskett, a resident of North Broad Street, presented a petition objecting to the removal of parking on this street and a meeting with Don Matthews and D. W. Patrick was requested by the Council. Mr. Gardner was directed to arrange this meeting. It was further discussed by the Council that this was opportune to press for construction of the much-needed U. S. 17 bypass and this was concurred in by members of the audience present.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner presented a report on the rules and regulations concerning operation of town cemeteries and upon motion by Thomas H. Shepard, seconded by J. D. Elliott, it was unanimously carried that the following rules and regulations be adopted: Rules and Regulations For Operation of the Cemeteries of the Town of Edenton

The above motion also fixed the cost of grave sites as follows:

1. Beaver Hill Cemetery: \$50.00 per grave space.
2. Vine Oak Cemetery: \$25.00 per grave space.

The prices for non-residents were fixed at double the above rates.

Motion by Leo Katkaveck, seconded by Henry G. Quinn and unanimously carried directing the Administrator to advertise for two 1969 police cars.

Murray Ashley, speaking on behalf of the Rescue Squad, requested the Council for financial assistance in paying for insurance on an ambulance. He further brought the Council up to date as to the activities of the past year.

In talking further on the Rescue Squad, it was noted that some personnel problems in the Police Department were apparent and something should be done about this matter some

time in the near future. Mr. Gardner explained to the Council that it might be that residents of West Albemarle Street extended would be interested in annexation by the Town and that further progress reports would be forthcoming.

The report on Pembroke Creek dredging project was presented and accepted by the Council.

The Council directed the town attorney, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., to work with Frank Habit relative to the right-of-way request which has the approval of the Council and Board of Public Works providing certain safeguards can be incorporated.

Mr. Gardner explained to the Council that there were some past due taxes and assessments that needed the legal attention of Mr. Earnhardt to assure collection. He stated that in order to be fair to everyone, no one should be allowed to not pay either taxes or assessments. The Council agreed and directed Mr. Gardner to work with Mr. Earnhardt relative to this problem.

Mr. Gardner also informed the Council that some merchants had not paid their Schedule B license taxes and after questions of legality by a member of the Council on motion by Thomas H. Shepard, seconded by Henry G. Quinn, it was unanimously decided to take all necessary legal action to collect past due Schedule B licenses.

The report on public housing request was presented to the Council with the understanding that Edenton had been approved for 100 housing units.

Motion by J. D. Elliott, seconded by Henry Quinn and unanimously carried directing that advertisement on the old trash pile property as soon as the boundary agreement is drawn by our attorney.

Motion by J. D. Elliott, seconded by Leo Katkaveck and unanimously carried approving the placing of one quarter page ad in the special edition of the Bertie Ledger celebrating the bicentennial of the Town of Windsor.

It was reported to the Council that the Administrative Ordinance Committee had studied the ordinance thoroughly and felt it to be adequate at this time. The Personnel Ordinance Study Committee felt that the personnel policy as it now is was sufficient except possibly in the area of incapacitated employees. They asked for further time to study this matter.

The committee requested to study the raising and pay of the members of the Town Council and the Mayor pointed out that they felt the pay as it now stands is adequate compensation and recommended no change at this time.

Members of the Council felt that further study needed to be given to the possibility of instituting a retirement plan in the next budget.

Mayor Mitchener thanked the above committees for their work and re-

quested them to continue their studies where further study was needed.

A request by Mrs. Bond on East King Street was presented to the Council requesting the marking of spaces in front of Bond's Inn for use of guests after 5 P. M. The Council recognized the problem but felt that this would be creating a precedent and no further action was taken.

Motion by David G. White, seconded by Leo Katkaveck and unanimously carried approving E. & W. Department bills in the amount of \$8,214.93 for payment.

Motion by J. D. Elliott, seconded by David G. White and unanimously carried approving Town of Edenton bills in the amount of \$10,224.51 for payment as follows:

- Street Department**  
J. H. Conger & Son, \$67.09; Albemarle Motor Co., \$101.50; Town of Edenton, Street Department, \$277.73; Texaco, \$604.94; Vermeer Southeast Sales & Service, \$221.20; Motorola C & E, \$15.00; Bill Perry's Texaco, \$48.40; Goodyear Service Stores, \$2.04; Town of Edenton, E. & W., \$33.09; City Motor Parts, \$135.57; Nor. & Car. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$37.51; M. G. Brown Co., \$22.11; Coastal Concrete Co., \$183.47; Waff Bros., \$526.09; Bunch's Auto Parts, \$84.71; Hobbs Implement Co., \$27.72; Leary Bros. Storage Co., \$52.50; Byrum Hardware Co., \$8.68; Byrum Implement & Truck Co., \$42.06; Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$1.84; Edenton Tractor & Implement Co., \$3.62; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$63.71; total, \$2,560.58.

- Police Department**  
School crossing guards, \$220.00; Ricks Laundry, \$2; Goodyear Service Stores, \$94.80; Frank's Uniforms, \$70.06; Town of Edenton, Street Department, \$203.67; Williamson Office Supply, \$17.03; A-B Emblem Corp., \$91.86; Hughes - Parker Hardware Co., \$5.10; J. D. Parrish, Police School, \$100.00; Bill Perry's Texaco, \$1.75; Duncan Parking Meters, \$85.20; Edenton Auto Parts, \$7.50; George Chevrolet Co., \$9.83; The Chowan Herald, \$18.00; Elliott Co., \$6.00; Dr. L. A. Dees, \$14.00; Duncan Industries, \$4.24; Auxiliary Policemen, \$70.00; total, \$1,019.56.

- Fire Department**  
Ashley Welding & Machine Co., \$11.00; Town of Edenton, Street Department, \$26.04; Town of Edenton, E. & W., \$69.28; Volunteer Firemen, \$168.00; O. J. Richardson, \$22.66; Bill Perry's Texaco, \$1.75; Nor. & Car. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$39.55; Jackson Wholesale Co., \$49.39; Nor. & Car. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$13.50; Atlantic Supply Co., \$21.20; Hughes-Parker Hardware Co., \$8.98; Ricks Laundry, \$15.21; total, \$446.56.

- Administrative Department**  
Nor. & Car. Tel. & Tel. Co., \$63.55; Edenton Office Supply, \$6.13; Town of Edenton, E. & W., \$118.69; Town of Edenton, Street Department, \$6.95; The Chowan Herald, \$15.00; total, \$210.32.

- Other Expenses**  
Blue Cross - Blue Shield, \$190.75; Bertram Byrum, \$75.00; Town of Edenton, E. & W., \$773.85; Edenton-Chowan Schools, \$4,034.54; N. C. Department of Revenue, 73c; Chamber of Commerce, \$500.00; N. C. Public Emp. Social Security, \$1,901.65; Clarke Floor Machines, \$34.62; Mrs. Shirley Pinner (Pettigrew Regional Library), \$2,143.00; J. H. Conger & Son, \$14.00; W. E. Mills, \$200.00; West W. Byrum Agency, \$10.00; P & Q, \$5.41; Edenton Insurance Agency, \$18.00; Governmental Guide, \$4.00; Matthew Bender, \$14.94; Town of Edenton, General Fund, \$70.76; Byrum Hardware Co., \$6.74; Federated Insurance, \$226.53; total, \$10,224.51.

- Total Bills, \$14,461.53.  
Salaries paid in September, 1968:  
Administrative Department, \$1,902.29.  
Police Department, \$4,415.26.  
Fire Department, \$1,068.47.  
Street Department, \$5,085.92.  
Total salaries, \$13,361.94.  
Total salaries and bills,

\$27,823.47.

Mayor Mitchener reported on the meeting between himself and M. L. Flynn and the respective attorneys. He stated that \$400 was offered to Mr. Flynn for his portion on the disputed property and he had been informed that this would not be acceptable unless the other two property owners involved were paid a like amount. The Mayor suggested payment of a like amount to Mrs. Bertha Bunch and West Leary. The Council requested Mr. Earnhardt's opinion in this matter. His position had not changed since the September Council meeting and therefore the Council felt that an adequate offer had been made and no further action needed to be taken.

Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Edenton:

Whereas, on the 16th day of July, 1968, the property owners on that portion of Freemason Street lying between Granville Street and Broad Street filed with the Town Administrator a petition for improving said street in the following manner: A sidewalk four feet in width on the north and south sides of Freemason Street from Granville Street to Broad Street, be paved with a substantial hard surface pavement and,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Town Council of the Town of Edenton:

1. That the above mentioned petition is found to be sufficient in all respects.
2. That part of Freemason Street lying between Granville Street and Broad Street be improved in the following manner: A sidewalk in the area described above under and by virtue of Section 160-78 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, 1943, as amended and the procedure thereunder.
3. That 50 per cent of the total cost of said improvements be hereafter assessed upon the lots abutting directly upon the street or portion of the street described herein, exclusive of so much of the total cost as is included in improving the street intersections according to the extent of their respective frontages by an equal rate per foot of such frontage.
4. That the assessment herein provided for shall be payable in cash or if the property owner should so elect and give notice of the fact in writing to the Town Administrator in accordance with the provisions of Section 160-92 of the General Statutes, 1943, as amended, he shall have the option and privilege of paying the assessment in 10 equal annual installments. Said installments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.
5. That this resolution be published in The Chowan Herald on the 31st day of October, 1968.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. B. GARDNER,  
Administrator.

Edenton, N. C.,  
September 17, 1968.

The Town Council of the Town of Edenton and the Board of Public Works met this day in special joint session at 8 P. M. in the Edenton Municipal Building. Members present: Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Luther C. Parks, David G. White, Leo Katkaveck, Thomas H. Shepard and J. D. Elliott.

Board members present: Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., J. P. Ricks, Jr., W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr. Mayor Mitchener called the meeting to order and he requested Chairman Harrell to bring the Councilmen up to date as to the construction needs that face the Town of Edenton in the near future.

Chairman Harrell outlined the pressing needs of the Water Department and also the needed water and sewer line extensions for the Edenton area. He pointed out that additional water storage and filtration facilities were needed immediately in view of the fact that during the past summer the town's water supply was dangerously low. He also urged the extension of water and sewer to the site for the new Chowan Hospital which will serve the area almost to Radio Station WCDJ) and water and sewer for the Morgan Park area to include the new area being opened for development. The cost of the above mentioned items total over \$650,000.00. Chairman Harrell urged the Council to take action to see that these plans were undertaken in the immediate future.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner explained to the Council and Board efforts made by the town to secure a 50 per cent federal grant for the above mentioned projects. He

said that William A. Clark with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, had stated on the morning of September 17 that funds would not be available before January 1, 1969. Mr. Gardner was instructed to continue work toward the securing of federal grant money for this project.

Motion by Thomas H. Shepard, seconded by J. D. Elliott and unanimously carried adopting the projects outlined above and urging the construction of same as soon as financial arrangements could be made. Mayor Mitchener was also instructed to contact the Local Government Commission to arrange a meeting to discuss the town's financing for this portion of the project.

Motion by David G. White, seconded by Thomas H. Shepard and unanimously carried adopting the following: That the Town of Edenton will annex to the corporate limits any areas into which water and sewer lines are extended.

The request for traffic change at D. F. Walker High School read by Superintendent F. L. Britt, motioned by Thomas H. Shepard, seconded by Leo Katkaveck and unanimously

carried designated a "No Parking Zone" on the east side of North Oakum Street from School Street to Blades Street.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.  
W. B. GARDNER,  
Administrator.

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