

Town Council Proceedings

September 9, 1974
 The Town Council of the Town of Edenton met this day in regular session at 8:00 P.M. at the Edenton Municipal Building.

Members present: Roy L. Harrell, Mayor, James C. Dail, Jesse L. Harrell, W. H. Hollowell, Jr., Harry A. Spruill, Jr., Leo Katkaveck, Errol Flynn, Jim Darnell and Joe Conger, Jr.

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order and Fire Chief Parks gave the invocation. Motion by Councilman Dail, seconded by Councilman Flynn and unanimously carried adopting a resolution applying for a subgrant to purchase Police Equipment.

Administrator Gardner reported to the Council that in order to have the land released for transfer to the National Guard, the Federal Aviation Agency was requiring a transfer of \$19,050.00 to the Airport Development Fund. This amount equals the fair market value of the land. A hope was expressed that the County might participate by this amount since the Town has appropriated \$35,000 to help defray the cost of the Armory. The Finance Committee was directed to investigate the matter and report to the Council their recommendations.

A request from the Boy Scouts for \$800.00 to build more storage room was presented by Brad Williford. Motion by Councilman Dail, seconded by

Councilman Conger and unanimously carried appropriating an additional \$300.00 to the Scouts with the understanding that a new free standing building would be constructed.

Administrator Gardner informed the Council of Norfolk Southern Railway's intention of curtailing rail service to Edenton and suggested the Council oppose this action. Motion by Councilman Hollowell, seconded by Councilman Darnell and unanimously carried adopting a resolution opposing mobil agency concept.

The Council discussed the proposed Areas of Environmental Concern and how it might affect Edenton. A public hearing will be held in Elizabeth City on September 13, 1974.

The Council discussed the possible extension of Cemetery Street by Mr. Frank Harris in order to open up a lot. Mr. Harris has been informed that he must pay the entire cost of extending this street as required by the subdivision ordinance.

A letter from Mr. C. A. Phillips requested the Council's support of the County wide water system bond referendum. Present in the audience were Commissioners N. J. George and Alton Elmore and County Extension Agent Pete Thompson and County Coordinator Dallas Jethro. Councilman Harrell, Hollowell, Dail and Conger expressed their approval as did Mayor Harrell. Motion by Councilman Dail, seconded by Councilman Katkaveck and unanimously carried endorsing the County wide water system and encouraging the citizens to support it and to vote for the bond on September 28, 1974.

The Administrator informed the Council that the new population figure for Edenton certified by the N. C. Dept. of Administration is 5960.

The Council was also informed that bids for the Downtown Project will be received on September 24, 1974, at two P.M. The Council decided to remove flagpole holders from the bid and to price brackets for flags to be put on the Street lights.

The administrator informed the Council that meeting with Mr. D. W. Patrick, Division Engineer, had been arranged for Thursday, September 11, 1974, to discuss some Highway issues. Among

these are Granville Street, curb and gutter, Broad St. Drainage, Coke Avenue extension, sidewalk construction on U. S. 17 South and a possible circumferential highway.

A tour with C. F. Industries has been changed from September 19, 1974 to September 25, 1974.

The Pembroke Creek dredging project was scheduled for November 1974.

Motion by Councilman Dail, seconded by Councilman Hollowell and unanimously carried approving Town bills in the amount of \$123,202.76 for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

W. B. Gardner
 Administrator

Lunchroom Menus

Centralized menus in cafeterias of Edenton-Chowan Schools for the next week include:

Friday: Tuna salad with lettuce, green peas, potato chips, carrot sticks, sliced pineapple, rolls, butter and milk.

Monday: Cheeseburger with bun, catsup, mustard, pickle chips, french fries, apple cobbler and milk.

Tuesday: Fishwich with lettuce, catsup, buttered potatoes, cole slaw, lemon cake, bun and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, carrot sticks, pear halves, bread and milk.

Thursday: Barbecued chicken, candied yams, green limas, gelatin, rolls and milk.

Coordinated Change to Metric Predicted by Precision Industries

"For the last ten years, the National Tool, Die & Precision Machining Association has been observing and studying the growing use of the metric system of measurement in the United States," according to William E. Hardman, executive vice president of the Association.

In a recent letter to a member of the House of Representatives he expressed his Association's strong support of the proposed metric legislation.

"The tooling and machining industry represents an estimated 8,000 contract metalworking firms with 240,000 employees, most of whom are highly skilled. We are possibly the most measurement-sensitive industry group in the nation, in that all of our work is specified to extremely close tolerances.

"Yet, even under these constraints, we do not foresee any

insurmountable problems in a national changeover to the metric system as long as there is a coordinated national plan.

"Metrication presently has enough momentum to be eventually inevitable. A nationally-coordinated plan is absolutely necessary to avoid the economic chaos which could arise from uncoordinated, independent efforts in developing metric standards for commerce and industry. A nationally-coordinated program can also provide the opportunity to 'clean up' many of our superfluous and ambiguous standards. Such a program, guided by the principles of reason and common sense, will not cause premature obsolescence of capital equipment and will not require extensive retraining of the work force. Even in our own highly measurement-sensitive industry, required training is expected to be minimal."



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Is Supported By Industry

Industrial spokesmen, including E. Douglas Kenna, president, National Association of Manufacturers, have reacted favorably to the pension reform bill which was signed into law by President Gerald R. Ford on Labor Day.

"This is something we have supported," said Mr. Kenna. "We generally favor keeping these things in the private sector and this is so set up," he added.

However, the NAM leader doubts that the new law will encourage companies presently without pension plans to start them, as proponents of the measure had argued. "Companies have pension plans in order to be competitive in attracting good employees," Mr. Kenna explained. "Those companies that don't have them must have pretty good reasons for not doing so."

The pension law consists of 247 pages with 140 additional pages of explanation. The NAM sees a need for what Mr. Kenna called "a tremendous educational job."

Another reaction came from the chief actuary for A. S. Hansen, Inc. of Chicago, Richard Keating. Although Keating had mixed feelings, he generally favored the measure saying, "... This bill will enhance the security of retired persons, and on that basis, I'm in favor of it." Mr. Keating is also Chairman of the U.S. Department of Labor Task Force on Pension Vesting and Funding.

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