

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 12, 2022

The Edinburg Town Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Mayor Harshman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:04 p.m. All Council Members were present except for Councilman Boone, Councilman Dellinger and Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar. The only visitor was Mrs. Paula Baird.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the proposed increase of Property Tax Levies as a result of the Assessment increase excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property.

There were no comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Baird to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. All Council Members were present except for Councilman Dellinger and Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar. Visitors present: Mrs. Paula Baird, Mr. Jamie Givens, Sgt. Josh Gum and Dep. Stephanie Fullingim from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Harshman welcomed everyone and asked if anyone had anything that was not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Boone to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Baird to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

The Water and Sewer Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman called attention to Inboden's Report and reported that the water production in March was a little high and thinks there may be another leak going on somewhere.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town still hasn't heard the results from the Department of Health about the annual inspection they did in March.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town is still waiting on the electrical work to be done at the Water Treatment Plant for the liquid chlorine conversion. The exhaust fan and some other parts will hopefully be arriving soon so this work can be completed.

Mr. Harshman reported that the underground storage tank for the generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) has been pumped out and the company that will be doing the soil testing and the closing of the tank will be doing the work later in the month. The Town has until May 31st to complete the closing.

The Street Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the radar speed signs were ordered by Toms Brook Mayor, Lisa Currie and the signs will be shipped to the Town. We ordered three signs.

Councilman Boone asked if the Town could extend the sidewalk from Edinburg Motors to Edinburg Square since there is a lot of foot traffic in that area. Mr. Harshman stated that this sidewalk is in the development's project, but it hasn't been worked out with VDOT and that is the hold up.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town Code does not allow the keeping of pigs or hogs within the Town. A resident has a pot belly pig as a pet and the Town received a complaint based on the ban of pigs within the Town. The Town checked with the other towns and some allow pigs in certain situations and some do not. Mr. Harshman asked the Council to think about pigs as pets and asked if they wanted to change the Ordinance. After some discussion, it was decided by the Council to leave the Ordinance as it is, and to not allow the keeping of pigs or hogs within the Town.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the blue dump truck was sold at auction for \$7,730. Mr. Harshman also reported that he sent the Council information about the possible purchase of a 1999 1-ton, 4WD truck with a snow blade that is coming up for auction. It has 65,000 miles on it, has a V8 engine and should go for \$25,000-\$30,000. He asked the Council if they thought the Town should look at this truck. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Council Boone authorizing Mr. Harshman or Mr. Ross to bid up to \$30,000 at the auction for the purchase of this truck. Motion carried.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Sgt. Josh Gum introduced the new Edinburg Deputy, Ms. Stephanie Fullingim and called attention to the March Calls for Service report. Sgt. Gum reported that there was an auto theft on Center Street and the same person vandalized a vehicle on Printz Street but was caught in Mt. Jackson and was charged. He also reported that since the warm weather is coming, the Deputies will be stepping up patrols, especially at the park. Councilman Wood thanked the Deputies for doing foot patrols in town.

Mr. Harshman reported that he has not received the minutes from the last Tourism Council meeting, but he will forward them to the Council as soon as he gets them.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Shenandoah County 250th Anniversary event at the New Market Battlefield was well attended and a great success.

Mr. Harshman reported that the ridership on the ShenGo Bus was 690 in January, went up to 868 in February and up to 983 in March.

Mr. Harshman reported that the individual who has been looking at the Irvin Candy Company building has been back in touch again. Last month Mr. Harshman told them that the Town would not be able to help them out with sewer service. They have been talking to the County about their sewer needs and were inquiring about water service. Mr. Harshman reported that the Town cannot help them with water service either since they would use up too much water for the Town to handle.

Mr. Harshman reported that he went to South Boston at the end of March and received the official Certification for the Mill from the Virginia Tourism Corporation making it a Certified Virginia Visitor Center. He also reported that he has been in touch with the Sign Company about signs for the Interstate.

Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town has received some of the computer equipment for the software update. The Town is still waiting on a monitor and hopefully will be able to get everything else on hand to move the 2022-2023 Budget to the new software.

There was no Architectural Review Board meeting.

There was no Planning Commission meeting last month.

There was no Zoning Report.

There was no Town Attorney Report.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town has not heard back from the Bond Counsel yet. The contractor and the Town have done what was asked of them by the USDA and are waiting for USDA approval.

Mr. Harshman reported that the bid documents state that the Town cannot name the contractor as being insured for the Builder's Risk Coverage, so the Town must pay for it. It should not exceed \$4,000. A motion was made by Councilman Boone and seconded by Councilman Wood to give Mr. Harshman the authority to pay for the Builder's Risk Coverage, not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that he has been in touch with the interstate sign people, but he hasn't heard anything further from General Code. Mr. Harshman also reported that hopefully, the donation can be made to Family Promise/Alliance for Shelter with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds before the end of the Budget year.

Mr. Harshman asked the Council to consider a Resolution establishing April 2022 as National Autism Awareness Month. Mr. Harshman read the title and the last paragraph of the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Baird and seconded by Councilman Boone to adopt a Resolution establishing April 2022 as National Autism Awareness Month. Motion carried.

Town Clerk, Ms. Mary Lowerre read the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, § 160.1. Adoption of State Law. The second reading will be at the next meeting.

Mr. Harshman stated that the proposed amendments to the 2021-2022 Budget and the proposed Budget for the year starting on July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 needed to be discussed. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Boone to move forward on the proposed budget and schedule a Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman stated that he would schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for the proposed amendment of the 2021-2022 Budget and the proposed Budget for the year starting July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 before the Regular Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman Reistetter to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of property for public purposes as permitted by §2.2-3707 and §2.2-3711 subsection A 3. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Boone to come out of closed session and return to regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Baird and seconded by Councilwoman Reistetter that to the best of each member's knowledge, they certify that only business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under §2.2-3707 and only matters pertaining to the acquisition of property for public purposes were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar – absent, Dellinger – absent, Baird – I certify, Boone – I certify, Reistetter – I certify, Wood – I certify, Harshman – I certify.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Baird to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk