

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 11, 2023

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m. All the Councilmembers were present. Also present were Mr. Brad Pollack, Lt. Robert French and Dep. Yolisma Uribe-Campos from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Harshman asked if anyone had anything that was not on the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 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.

Councilman Beachy stated that he was unable to attend the last Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade construction meeting and he called attention to Inboden's report.

Mayor Harshman reported that the 2022 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) has been sent out.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town is still having high trans membrane pressure issues with filter #4 and new membrane have been ordered for the filter. This is the larger of the 4 filters and it has 12 membrane compared to 6 on the other 3 filters, so only 12 more membrane need to be ordered for filters #1 and #3.

Mayor Harshman also reported that the Town is still waiting to hear from Memcor about when their technician is coming for the 3-day visit.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town was not successful with the VDOT Sidewalk Study Grant funding.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that he has not done the State Code Vehicle Ordinance yet for this year because the Town would be adding wording that specifies that the adoption includes future amendments. If the amendment is adopted before the Code update is complete, it will result in having an amended Code Section as soon as the new rewrite is adopted. Mayor Harshman stated that he is hoping that the new Code can be adopted in its entirety before July 1st.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar reported that the pool and the showers look nice. Councilman Wood stated that a lot of people have been using the park. Mayor Harshman reported that he has not heard back from the tennis company yet. Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar also reported that there have been kids throwing asphalt into the pool.

The Insurance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town is still waiting to hear on pricing for other health insurance companies.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Lt. French reported that there were 1,195 Calls for Service in March. He also reported that foot patrols will increase and they are also increasing presence at the Town Park.

Lt. French reported that the Sheriff's Department has spoken to VDOT and they have sent a letter to the owner of Edinburg Motors about the vehicles causing a blind spot at the corner of Route 11 and Fort Road. Lt. French stated that there is nothing criminal about the owner parking vehicles in the blind spot since they are parked on his property, but the Sheriff's Department and the Town have received many complaints about it.

Mayor Harshman reported that most of his time during the past month went to working on the Budget and the WWTP upgrade.

Mayor Harshman reported that he met with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for an inspection of the Edinburg Mill as part of the Historic Preservation Easement and they were pleased with how the Town is maintaining the property.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town received a request from the Band Director at Central High School for financial support. Mayor Harshman stated that the Band has always been really good about working with the Town during the holidays and he asked the Council if they thought that the Town could donate something. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to donate \$500 to the Central High School Band. Motion carried.

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

The Zoning Report showed that two permits were issued:

1. Steven & Edwina Foltz
201 Kadies Ln.
Fence
2. Michael & Daneya Laing
113 N. Main St.
Handicap Ramp

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

Mayor Harshman reported that Mr. Alan Watson sent the Town an email stating that he was interested in serving on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Mayor Harshman asked the Council to consider appointing him to the BZA. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to appoint Mr. Alan Watson to the BZA. Motion carried. Mayor Harshman reported that the BZA will now have 5 members and he will contact the Town Attorney about setting up an organizational meeting.

Mayor Harshman stated that the next WWTP upgrade construction progress meeting will be on Tuesday, May 2nd at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Mayor Harshman reported that both digester blowers have been installed and are online. The Mayor stated that they are a real improvement over the old ones with a noticeable increase in air flow to the digester and they are very quiet. Mayor Harshman reported that there is still some work to be done on closing the opening that was made in the front of the building.

Mayor Harshman reported that the valves on the actual digester have also been replaced. Other than determining the best type of valve handle to use, the work at the digester is complete.

Mayor Harshman reported that the work has also been completed in the wet well. This includes the installation of new grinder pumps and variable frequency drives which require large bypass pumps running 24/7 to move the flow around the wet well and into the Treatment Plant. The new grinder pumps will eliminate the buildup of rags throughout the Treatment Plant that could pass through the old pumps.

Mayor Harshman reported that this week they will be setting the manhole and pump station and will continue backfilling around the new clarifiers and aeration tank. The plan is to backfill on the left side of the aeration tank so that there will be access for concrete to the area where the headworks building will be.

Mayor Harshman reported that they also need to get the backfill level up around the other areas to the elevation needed to install the required piping for these units and they are still waiting on a 3-way valve that is required to complete this phase.

Mayor Harshman reported that during the next 30 days, they will also be doing the foundation and the floor for the headworks building. The prefab building is still being built and they are still waiting on the third aeration blower. The third blower is actually a backup and if it doesn't get here before they are ready to install the blowers, they can still install the other 2 blowers and get things running.

Mayor Harshman reported that the DEQ Consent Order deadline is June 30, 2023 for substantial completion and start-up of the upgrade, but the start of construction was delayed by USDA and the Town might not make the deadline. Mayor Harshman reported that WGK Construction feels that they will be close to the start-up date unless the weather becomes an issue. The start-up will require the Town to run the new plant and make sure everything checks out while still running the old treatment plant.

Mayor Harshman asked the Council to consider a proposal from Inboden Environmental Services for \$24,080 to assist the Town with Lead and Copper Rule Revision to conduct an inventory of water service lines that he talked about last month. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the Inboden Environmental Services proposal for \$24,080 to assist the Town with Lead and Copper Rule Revision to conduct an inventory of water service lines. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman reported that the banking industry is no longer going to use the LIBOR index when establishing interest rates for loans and they are switching to the SOFR index instead. This change affects the Town's loan agreements with United Bank for the 2 bonds that were refinanced in 2014 and it has no effect on the current interest payment the Town is making. It will only come into play when the interest rates reset after 12/15/2024. Mayor Harshman provided the Council with draft copies of the documents that will need to be approved and authorized for him to sign the documents. A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the Resolution to modify the Town of Edinburg's 2014A/B Bonds; including the Modification of Agreement and Allonge between the Town of Edinburg and United Bank and to authorize the Mayor and the Town Clerk to sign all associated documents. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar - aye, Dellinger - aye, Baird - aye, Beachy - aye, Reistetter - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mayor Harshman asked the Council to consider a quote from Southern Corrosion to paint the Town's Water Tanks. Mayor Harshman explained that this is one of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects and he provided the Council with the proposals for painting the 500,000-gallon elevated tank, the 200,000-gallon ground tank and the 100,000-gallon ground

tank. Mayor Harshman reported that the exterior of the elevated tank can be painted without draining it if the work can be completed in April or May before condensation becomes an issue. He also reported that Mr. Karl Schaeffer from Pennoni Engineering has worked with Southern Corrosion before and he feels that they will do a good job. The proposal to repaint the exterior of the 500,000-gallon elevated water tank using the existing paint scheme is \$85,500 and to repaint the interior wet is \$82,750 for a total of \$168,250. The proposals for repairs to the 100,000-gallon ground storage water tank is \$6,250, to repaint the exterior is \$14,500 and to repaint the interior is \$39,000 for a total of \$59,750. The proposal for repairs to the 200,000-gallon ground storage water tank is \$22,750 and to repaint the exterior is \$20,500 and to repaint the interior-option 1 is \$49,750 for a total of \$93,000. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman Reistetter to approve the proposals from Southern Corrosion for a total of \$321,000 to paint the Town's Water Tanks to be funded with ARPA funds. Motion carried. Mayor Harshman reported that he also asked another tank company for a quote but did not receive one.

Mayor Harshman stated that the proposed amendments to the 2022-2023 Budget and the proposed Budget for the year starting on July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 needed to be discussed. Mayor Harshman reported that the proposed amended budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 results in Total Revenues for the General Fund of \$1,293,784 and Total Revenues for the Enterprise Fund of \$7,352,123. This large increase is due to the status of the WWTP upgrade funding and additional ARPA funded projects. Mayor Harshman reported that there is \$158,000 left in the ARPA funds that have not yet been designated for anything and these funds must be allocated by 12/30/2024.

Mayor Harshman reported that the only increases in the Proposed Budget are a \$0.15 proposed increase in the monthly trash rate and a proposed increase in water fees to \$30.53 for the monthly minimum for the first 3,000 gallons and out of town will increase to \$45.80. The sewer fees are proposed with an increase of \$7.39 to the monthly in town minimum for the first 3,000 gallons and out of town will increase by \$11.08 for the minimum. The minimum sewer is proposed at \$45.62 in town and \$68.43 out of town. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town is required to have an increase in sewer fees that results in the minimum rate being 1.39% of the median household income by USDA for repayment of the funding for the WWTP upgrade. With no further comments, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the amendments and the Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman stated that he would schedule a Public Hearing for the proposed amendment of the 2022-2023 Budget and the Proposed Budget for the year starting July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 for May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar stated that she enjoyed the Town & County Dinner.

Councilwoman Reistetter reported that Ms. Alice Findler's house where Penelope's Café was on Main Street is on the market for \$235,000.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk