

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 12, 2025

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All the Council members were present. Also present was James Baird, Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. Spencer Smith from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

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

James Baird stated that Palmyra Church Road is a speed zone and vehicles have passed him like he was standing still and he thinks that the speed limit needs to be lowered. Mayor Harshman stated that he will talk to VDOT again about the speed limit on that road.

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Harshman called attention to the July Inboden report.

Mayor Harshman stated that he is not sure of the status of the one compressor at the Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Harshman reported that he spoke with Karl Schaeffer last week about the status of the water pump station project at the 200,000-gallon tank. The mayor stated that the Town is still waiting on the SCADA providers and originally, the Town was working with Instrulogic, who had provided all of our SCADA, but they have been bought by a larger firm who will be providing the service going forward.

Mayor Harshman reported that this project was originally designed in 2005 and the control systems from that time have changed considerably and the Town is working on making sure any new controls will operate the system as it was originally designed. He also reported that one of the goals of the pump station is to allow the water system to be pressurized when the elevated tank is offline.

Mayor Harshman reported that Karl Schaeffer discovered an issue with the proposed new water pressure sensors which were going to be placed inside the ground storage tank and the elevated tank. This would have basically shut down both tanks if the elevated tank was taken offline. Hopefully, everything will be checked out soon so that Patterson Construction is able to complete the pump station and the ground tank can be put into service.

Mayor Harshman stated that the work hasn't started on the roof replacement at Well #2 yet since the Maintenance Department has been down two employees. The mayor reported that all the electrical components are protected from the elements and there is a large floor drain to handle the rain. He thinks it will be fine as long as it is done before it gets cold.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the sidewalks on the north end of Main Street are being poured today and tomorrow. Councilman B. Dellinger stated that the flashing lights at the crosswalk in front of the Post Office are not working and he also thinks that bigger signs are needed. The mayor reported that Ortt Electric is supposed to look at the lights.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

Mayor Harshman stated that no one responded to his email about possibly allowing out of town customers to add trash pickup. Councilman B. Dellinger stated that he thinks that would be opening a

can of worms and the Council agreed. The mayor stated that if they want trash pickup, they may be able to go directly through Long's.

The Personnel Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the two new full-time maintenance department employees started on Monday.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that everything but the windows are now on hand for the repairs at the King Cola building. He also stated that there have been a lot of vehicle repairs lately.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar called attention to the Park & Pool report for July and reported that the pool was closed for several days due to the weather. She also reported that the pool is now only open on Saturdays and Sundays through Labor Day and she asked the Sheriff's Department to continue patrolling at the pool. She stated that it was a good pool season and that her lifeguards were wonderful. Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar thanked Ron Ross and his crew, Mandy Roberts and Mary Lowerre at the Town Office and Sue Harshman for all their help during the pool season.

Mayor Harshman reported that he still doesn't know when the work on the tennis courts will begin. He also reported that the Disc Golf signs have not been installed yet due to the employee situation in the Maintenance Department. The mayor also stated that the pool cover is torn and a new one will need to be ordered.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Capt. Dellinger called attention to the July Calls for Service report and stated that there was a high call volume. Capt. Dellinger stated that the Sheriff's Department received a complaint from a business about a lot of vehicles speeding on Main Street on the south end of town. Capt. Dellinger stated that some tickets have been given and they will continue their efforts. Capt. Dellinger also stated that there is still an ongoing investigation by the State Police into the fatality last week. Councilman Wood asked Capt. Dellinger if they were ready for the Ole Time Festival and he stated that he has signed the Parade Permit and that they will be providing additional coverage for the festival.

Mayor Harshman reported that he received an email from Shentel stating that they would no longer be printing a phone directory after this year.

Mayor Harshman reported that he attended the July Tourism Council meeting and he has provided the Council with the minutes from the meeting. He also reported that County Tourism has hired Fuse Ideas to continue serving as their digital marketing firm for FY26.

Mayor Harshman reported that the numbers for July at the Mill are lower than last year. The mayor reported that 30% of the visitors paid to go through the Museum and despite the lower number of visitors, there was only about a \$150 drop in total sales for the month compared to last year.

Mayor Harshman reported that the next Party in the Park is on Friday, August 15th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. He also reported that the plans are on track for the BBQ Cookoff and that there will be 36 teams, music, a car show and food trucks. The Judging for the Edinburg's Choice Award will be at noon on Saturday, August 23rd.

Mayor Harshman also reported that the Give Me Liberty Exhibit should be arriving at the Mill Museum on Friday, August 15th.

The Architectural Review Board did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

One Zoning Permit was issued:

1. Williams/Fleming
212 Grafton Ct.
Storage Building

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

Mayor Harshman stated that at the July meeting, the Council authorized the Town Treasurer and the Town Clerk to move ahead with updating the Town's website. He has included a copy of the proposal that the Town has accepted from TLCWebHosting.com to do the necessary work involved. The mayor reported that the web designer has provided a preliminary set up that the Treasurer and the Clerk have been reviewing and making changes to and if anyone is interested in seeing the website's progress they can stop in at the Town Office.

Mayor Harshman reported that he has been working with the Town Attorney for the past year to get Mr. Madison's attention about completing the required work to place Rose Drive and Kadies Lane in the VDOT state system. He provided the Council with a copy of the issues that need to be addressed from an inspection completed by VDOT in 2024. Mr. Madison informed the mayor that he did not feel that this was his responsibility which resulted in telling his bank that the Town was ready to request the \$223,000 of his Letter of Credit that served as the bond for this project to allow the Town to complete the necessary work. The mayor reported that the original Letter of Credit was in force for two years with automatic renewals every six months unless the bank notified the Town 60 days prior to a renewal date that they would not renew it and the Town was prepared to go after these funds unless the roads and sidewalks were placed in the state system. Mayor Harshman reported that a contractor is now tearing out and replacing everything, so hopefully the roads and sidewalks will finally be placed in the state maintenance system.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition of real property for public use as permitted by § 2.2-3711 (A) 3. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman to come out of closed session and return to regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger that to the best of each member's knowledge, they certify that only the acquisition of real property for public use as permitted by § 2.2-3711 (A) 3 was discussed in the closed session. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar – I certify, B. Dellinger – I certify, Strong – I certify, Crisman – I certify, T. Dellinger – I certify, Wood – I certify, Harshman – I certify.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman B. Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk