

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2025

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All the Council members were present except for Councilwoman Strong. Also present was Capt. Wes Dellinger and Dep. M. Crist from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department.

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilwoman T. Dellinger to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Mayor Harshman stated that there is no report from Inboden.

Mayor Harshman reported that both booster pumps are back online at the Water Treatment Plant. He also reported that there was a problem with one of the air compressors, but he hasn't heard if that has been solved yet.

Mayor Harshman reported that the SCADA controls for the water pump station at the 200,000-gallon tank have arrived and are being installed. He also reported that the Engineer was on site last week to determine the placement of the control in the elevated tank that will tell the system when to pump to the smaller tank so that the water is constantly being circulated from both tanks into the Town's distribution system.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town will be sending out another letter to the 59 residents that are served by a galvanized line that will need to be replaced. This second letter is a requirement of the Lead Line Inventory that was completed last year. He also reported that there was an offer to perform a lead test on these properties in the first notification that was sent out in 2024, but very few of the recipients requested a test after receiving the first notification and unless the Council tells him otherwise, he is not going to include the offer of testing in the second letter. The mayor also reported that the Town is required to come up with a plan by the end of 2026 to replace all these galvanized lines.

The Street Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the new dump truck had its maiden voyage as a snowplow last week and everything went well.

The Ordinance Committee had no report.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that he thought the Town would have the final audit for this meeting, but there was a delay with the Auditors.

The Property Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the work at the King Cola building is continuing. He also reported that the one rooftop HVAC unit at the Mill continues to have problems and did not start again after the recent power outage. The mayor reported that Ortts Electric had installed a surge protector and a low voltage meter to handle power outage issues, but it is still offline.

The Cemetery Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that Wreaths of America is on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. He does not know how many volunteers will be there, so if

any of the Council can help, please come to the cemetery around 11:45 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The Park Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the tennis courts have been kept closed since they were painted and the Town's thought is that very few people will be interested in playing tennis this time of year and having the gates locked stops the courts from being used for skateboarding and biking.

Mayor Harshman reported that there is a T-Mobile Grant which offers up to \$50,000 to towns with populations less than 50,000. He also reported that one of the past recipients used the grant to install inclusive and accessible playground equipment, another used it to create a walking trail and another installed a climbing playground feature. The mayor asked the Council if they had any interest in the Town applying for exercise stations along the park's walking trail and some additions to the playground area. The Council agreed that the Town should apply for this grant. Mayor Harshman reported that the spring applications open January 1, 2026 and run until March 31, 2026, but if this is too soon, they do applications every quarter. The mayor would like to get together with the Park Committee to discuss this.

The Insurance Committee had no report. Mayor Harshman reported that the Town received the renewal for the Life, Disability and Short-Term Disability coverage for the fulltime employees and there is a \$132 increase for the total annual coverage.

The Health and Safety Committee had no report. Capt. Dellinger called attention to the Calls for Service report and stated that there were 2,091 calls for November. Capt. Dellinger also stated that he still doesn't know the date for the North Street Bridge closure, but he will let the Town know as soon as he hears something. He reported that there will be 15 extra State Troopers and 16 additional Deputies on duty that day.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Parade went well and the Children's Christmas Party was well attended.

Mayor Harshman reported that the November Tourism Council meeting included Marketing and Public Relations updates as well as a brief discussion about looking at changing the criteria for Tourism Zone requirements. The staff also reported on the Outdoor Recreation Guide and the upcoming National Tourism Week which will be May 3-9, 2026. The mayor also reported that there will be some type of Countywide event during that week that the Mill will be participating in. Mayor Harshman reported that there was also a discussion about the United States' 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and each month of 2026, one of the Towns or the County will be holding an event. He also reported that Edinburg's event will coincide with the Ole Time Festival when there will be another traveling museum exhibit at the Mill Museum title "We the People".

Mayor Harshman reported that visitation at the Mill continues to be down compared to 2024 and there were 729 less visitors this year to date at the end of November, but November did see almost a 100% increase in sales at the gift shop. He also reported that this helped the year-to-date sales and the Mill is only \$2,000 below last year's sales at the end of November. The mayor reported that December has started off very slow and the Mill has not seen as many tourists this year.

Mayor Harshman reported last month that the Town has received a total of \$20,074.01 in PFAS Settlements and he completed the paperwork in November to take part in an accelerated payment program that the Law firm has set up, so the Town should be seeing another payment soon.

Mayor Harshman reported that the fabricator is working on the final design that will give the actual dimension of the LOVE sign and once the Town has the dimensions, the artwork can then be fit to the letter's sizes and shapes. This will also give the dimensions of the concrete slab that will be needed. The mayor is working on a lighting layout that will sit behind the LOVE sign and reach over to light it from above.

Mayor Harshman reported that the group working on the glass mosaic project has finished 7-8 quilt squares and they will be mounted at the Mill after the first of the year if weather permits.

Mayor Harshman reported that he provided the Council with the latest report on Phase 3 of VDOT's Rail-With-Trail Assessment and there was a Commonwealth Transportation Board workshop held in Richmond today that had an update of the Shenandoah-Rail-Trail on the agenda. He also reported that he has heard that VDOT recently removed the series of public input meetings and the survey that were planned for after the release of the Phase 3 report. The mayor stated that the one thing that jumps out at you from the Phase 3 Report is the cost comparison of the 2 concepts: updated 2025 estimate for the Rail to Trail conversion is \$164 million, the cost estimate for just the Trail in the Rail With Trail is \$382 million and the cost estimate to restore the Rail to meet requirements for 25 mph freight and/or excursion rail operation is an additional \$304 million and the Rail With Trail total cost is estimated at \$687 million.

The Architectural Review Board did not meet.

The Planning Commission did not meet.

There were no Zoning Permits issued. Mayor Harshman reported that he met with an individual interested in purchasing the old library property owned by the Hutchinson family on Piccadilly Street who is looking at the possibility of turning it into apartments. The mayor reported that the main building is approximately 6,000 square feet and that there is also a small single-family house at the rear of the property. The mayor and this individual talked about siding and replacement windows which will ultimately require Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval and the mayor explained that the ARB would be concerned about the removal of any architectural details like the gingerbread along the gables. Mayor Harshman also reported that this property is zoned Commercial and a Public Hearing will be required to turn it into a multi-family building and there is also a question about ownership of one section of the property which will be important to give the purchaser the necessary off-street parking. The mayor also reported that if this individual moves forward with his plans, he will make use of the alleys coming off Center Street and Printz Street that currently do not see much traffic.

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

Mayor Harshman reported that the Town is still waiting to hear from VDOT on the roads and sidewalks in Madison Village that will be taken into the State Maintenance Program. He also reported that the Letter of Credit is still in place.

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman to go into closed session to discuss probable litigation as permitted by §2.2-3711-A-7. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Councilman B. Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Crisman that to the best of each member's knowledge, they certify that only probable litigation was discussed as permitted by §2.2-3711-A-7 in the closed session. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Wymer-Hollar – I certify, B. Dellinger – I certify, Strong – absent, Crisman – I certify, T. Dellinger – I certify, Wood – I certify, Harshman – I certify.

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

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Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

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Mary L. Lowerre, Town Clerk