

December 11, 2014

Regular Meeting

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Porter asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present, with the exception of Councilwoman McNinch who was going to be late and would be here momentarily.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014 regular meeting and the November 20, 2014 working session as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Public Hearing

Ordinance #663 – Non-Conforming Uses and Structures

Mayor Porter opened a public hearing at 7:06 PM to receive public comments on Ordinance #663 – An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to nonconforming uses and structures.

Mayor Porter asked for comments from the State: there were none

Mayor Porter asked for comments from the County: there were none

Mayor Porter asked for comments from the Council: there were none

Mayor Porter asked for comments from the Public: there were none

With no further comments, Mayor Porter closed this public hearing at 7:07 PM.

Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication

Proclamation – Dean Danielson

Mayor Porter presented a proclamation to Mr. Dean Danielson, thanking him and extending the Town's appreciation to him for locating and coordinating the donation of office furniture for the new Town Offices and meeting rooms.

Proclamation – ACOG Furniture Donation

Mayor Porter read proclamations to recognize - Dr. Hal Lawrence III, Director; Margaret Goodman, Facility Manager; and Reginald Moore, all from the ACOG office (American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists) out of Washington DC for their donation of office furniture and meeting room tables to the new Town Office.

Proclamation – Carol Stockley – 90th Birthday

Mayor Porter read a proclamation in celebration for Mrs. Carol Stockley to recognize the 90th Anniversary of her birth, December 20, 2014.

2014 Financial Report Presentation

This item was postponed and rescheduled for the January meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance #663 – Nonconforming Uses and Structures

An Ordinance of the Town of Denton to amend the provisions contained in Chapter 128 of the Denton Town Code with respect to nonconforming uses and structures.

Councilwoman Lightner made a motion to adopt Ordinance #663, seconded by Councilman Branson.

In discussion: Councilman Clendaniel inquired about the effect on the Attorney General's Opinion regarding Comprehensive Plan Changes that was received earlier on

this date.

Mr. Chris Drummond, Town Attorney, explained that the notice from the Attorney General has nothing to do with this Ordinance.

Councilwoman McNinch arrived at 7:16 PM and was caught up on the discussion.

With no further discussion, Mayor Porter called for vote on the motion on the floor to adopt Ordinance #663.

The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1- Tax Differential

The Council discussed the contents for drafting a letter to send to the County Commissioners regarding the tax differential rate.

Taking into consideration all of the comments, Councilwoman McNinch will prepare a letter for the Town Attorney to review, have it signed, and submitted by Dec. 19, 2014.

New Business

Agenda #1 - 2014 Christmas Holiday – Office Closure

Councilwoman Lightner made a motion to close the Town Office on Friday, December 26, 2014 and to allow employees to use accrued leave; seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 - 2015 Town Council Meeting & Holiday Schedule

Councilwoman McNinch made a motion to approve the 2015 Town Council Meeting and Holiday Schedule; seconded by Councilwoman Lightner, passing unanimously.

Agenda #3 - Accrued Leave Carry Over

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve for the Town Administrator to be able to carry accrued vacation leave forward to be used within the next calendar year, seconded by Councilman Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Porter commended staff on a super bang up job on the parade.

Councilwoman McNinch commented on how nice it was to hold the open house following the parade.

Councilman Clendaniel added that it was nice to share with the County Commissioners.

The Council discussed locating pictures for the building and suggested to include pictures of former Mayors.

With no further discussion, Mayor Porter adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk - Treasurer