

May 21, 2007

**Special Meeting**

Mayor Foster called a special meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 6:03 PM on this date at the Denton Police Department.

Mayor Foster asked that the record reflect that Councilmen Branson and Councilman Gregory were present. Councilman Clendaniel was absent.

**Executive Session**

At 6:05 PM Councilman Gregory made a motion to hold an executive session to discuss the performance evaluation of the Town Administrator, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously. With the exception of the Council everyone else left the room.

At 6:36 PM the Town Administrator went into executive session with the Council. Mayor Foster advised that at 7:07 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close the executive session, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

**Special Meeting - reopened**

Councilman Gregory made a motion to reopen the special meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Dennis Porter incoming appointee for the vacant seat on the Council was present and invited to sit at the table with the Council. (Mr. Porter will be sworn in at the regular meeting on June 4, 2007).

Councilman Branson made a motion to have the Town Administrator provide a copy of the proposed FY2008 general fund budget to the incoming Councilman, seconded by Mayor Foster, passing unanimously.

**Appropriations Ordinance #544**

Discussion was held with the Town Administrator and Department Heads about the appropriations ordinance and the FY2008 general fund budget.

The Town Administrator provided an overview of the changes to the budget since the first submission. The balanced General Fund budget includes changes to the Tourism program, Fire Dept. appropriation, trash collection, and personnel, with no increase in real estate property tax rate.

Councilman Branson made a motion to introduce Ordinance #544, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Councilman Gregory raised concerns about not having enough time to review the budget and asked the Town Administrator to contact Federalsburg about how they provide the budget to the Council.

Further discussion was held regarding the highway fund budget.

The Council asked that a copy of the agenda from last month be provided to incoming Councilman Porter.

At 7:54 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close this special meeting, seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer

Discussion about the FY2008 budget was included as part of the appropriations ordinance therefore a separate working session was not necessary.