

September 22, 2003

Mayor Goldsborough called the meeting of the Denton Town Council to order on this date at 7:00 P.M. leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This was followed by Reverend Murray providing the opening prayer.

For the record all members were in attendance.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2003 meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Foster, passing unanimously, 5-0.

Public Hearing

At 7:02 PM Mayor Goldsborough opened the public hearing for annexation resolution #635. Ms. Shull provided an overview of the proposed annexation of 161,967 acres on Foy Road. Mr. Bob Jarrell, attorney representing Mr. Bill Maloney the petitioner for annexation. Mr. Maloney is in the process of purchasing all but 5 acres of the land that is being considered for annexation. Mr. Jensen will retain the 5 acres. With no further questions, Mayor Goldsborough closed the public hearing at 7:06 PM.

Petitions, remonstrances and communication

None.

Resolution and Ordinances

Annexation Resolution #635 - Councilman Horsey made a motion to adopt annexation resolution #635, seconded by Councilman Branson. The motion passed unanimously.

Water and Sewer Rate Ordinances - Ordinance #427 to increase the sewer rate from \$5.18 per 1,000 gallons of usage to \$5.35, and ordinance #428 to increase the water rate from \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons of usage to \$2.00, introduced at the Sept. 8, 2003 meeting was brought before the board for consideration of adoption.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt ordinances #427 & #428, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed 5-0.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Ordinance #429 was withdrawn for consideration of adoption at this time.

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Crossing Guard

Staff relayed to the board the cost for this to be a part-time employee for the town. There will be additional cost of \$189 workmen's comp, \$207 for FICA and \$46 for unemployment. This increases the project cost from \$2700 to \$3142. Staff also relayed that there may be other incidental cost for uniform/supplies that was not expected to exceed \$200. Town staff requested consideration from Council to approve development of a crossing guard pilot program for Lockerman and High Street. Councilwoman Stockley asked that the schools be informed so that they can advised the kids of the authority that this individual will have. Staff advised the board that a gentleman has offered to do the program, this will be a temporary position, and that staff will not

advertise unless the board directs otherwise.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to adopt the crossing guard pilot program, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Agenda #1 - Request for Discussion -

Mr. James Coursey came before the board to discuss concerns about the Masonic Lodge Park. He relayed that the location of the basketball court is not a good one, recommending to close the park. He also relayed he would like to see more family oriented recreation facilities, expressing the need to come up with things for families to do together. Staff advised that the board will need to make some decisions about the improvements to the courts with the Masonic Lodge. Councilman Foster will speak with the Lodge members to set up an appointment for the board to meet with the Master. Ms. Rosetta Downes also spoke about her concerns. Mayor Goldsborough requested that a public hearing be scheduled to meet with the citizens of this neighborhood to discuss problems and solutions, asking for the Police Dept. and the MD State Police to also attend. Staff advised that Chief is working on placing cameras on 4th Street.

Agenda #2 - Road Safety Committee Recommendations

Councilman Horsey on behalf of the Road Safety Committee expressed that they are recommending to make South First Street one way from Market to Franklin and to place a 4-way stop at Second & Market. Staff advised that the cost for improvements to the intersection was estimated to be around \$14,000. If the bids are rejected, it is possible to ask the State to consider applying more funding for the project. It was recommended to hold an informational meeting before making any changes. Surveys received by the Committee indicated 3-2 to make one way. Councilman Horsey suggested to hold off making any changes until the project is rebid. The County has declined to help with the funding of this project.

Agenda #3 Water/ Sewer Allocation Request

A request has been received for allocation for a 60 room hotel to be located at 521 Fleetwood Rd, the developer is planning on using the existing site plan and building footprint that the Planning Commission had previously approved.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the allocation, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Agenda #4 Water/Sewer Allocation Request

A request for allocation for 161 single family home subdivision known as "Cattail Commons" to be located on Market Street adjoining both Garland Road and Camp Road was brought before the board for consideration.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the allocation, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Other New Business

Councilman Horsey recommended for the board to consider charging a room tax for the purpose of tourism. Staff suggested to consider for this tax to apply to Bed & Breakfast establishments as well. Staff was directed to research.

Mr. Bob Rauch came before the board to give an update on the project he is working on in West Denton and to seek their support in the future for annexation. Councilman Horsey expressed that the board recognizes the need to grow.

Councilman Foster asked about the power outage at the 2nd St. pumping station during the hurricane. Staff advised that the power was out for along period of time. After 12 hours of being without power the back up motor failed. Sewage was then pumped from the manhole by a private hauler. There was leakage which had been minimal. Councilman Horsey provided staff with information from EDA in which they may be willing to provide funding to update the system to help avoid problems in the future when the electric goes out. Staff will look into.

Councilman Branson inquired as to damage to Crouse Park with the flooding. Staff advised that they will know more in the next day or two as the water continues to disappear. Staff advised that the Public Works crew will continue picking up debris all week and continue until complete.

Mayor Goldsborough asked for consideration to go into an executive session to discuss two letters she had received. State Article 10-508(a) 1 (ii).

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to close the regular meeting and to open an executive session at 8:16 PM, seconded by Councilman Foster. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. At 8:18 Councilman Branson left for a fire call.

At 8:40 PM Councilman Horsey made a motion close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded b Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously 5-0.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Goldsborough adjourned the meeting at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*