

October 6, 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.

Reverend Dieter provided the opening prayer.

Mayor Goldsborough asked that the record reflect that all board members were present.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2003 Council meeting and the special meeting held on Sept. 29, 2003. The motion was seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

**Petitions, remonstrances and communication**

Mayor Goldsborough presented Ms. Patricia Little with a proclamation for her devoted service to her community.

**Resolution and Ordinances**

Vehicle Traffic Code Ordinance Amendments

Ordinance #430 amends the parking enforcement to include Saturdays, eliminating free parking on Saturdays in the downtown district. Ordinance #431 creates no parking on Gay Street between N. Fourth and N. Fifth St. due to poor visibility.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to introduce ordinances #430 & #431, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

**Agenda #1- Market and Eight Street Infrastructure Project**

**8<sup>th</sup> St.** - Ms. Judy Schwartz of George Miles & Buhr was present to provide updates to the board. Only one bid was received for the 8<sup>th</sup> St. Utility Improvements and it came in higher than expected. Ms. Schwartz discussed ways to scale back the project. The Town will submit a request for additional funding from Maryland Department of Environment through the cost share program.

Councilman Branson made a motion to award the bid if MDE supplemental funding is received, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley. Further discussion was held, in which Councilwoman Stockley questioned the need for trees, Ms. Schwartz advised that it was not necessary to cut back on them, the Town is obligated to replace some trees that need to be removed with the project. Ms. Schwartz advised that it is intended to have another public meeting once the contractor is on board. The motion passed unanimously.

**Market St.** - Only one bid was received on this project. Ms. Schwartz along with staff have looked at possible cut backs, found that \$117,000 can be taken out, but still provides a budget deficit. Staff recommended that the board look at prioritizing items and moving forward with the one million funding that has already been received, and rejecting the bids. Then seek additional funding in the round.

Councilman Branson made a motion to reject the bid and direct the Town Administrator to work with the engineer to rebid, seconded by Councilman Horsey.

Further discussion was held, in which staff asked to consider not rejecting the entire bid, to pull out an award the portion for the Police Dept. water line. It was discussed that the current water line is not adequate to support the sprinkler system in the new police facility. Ms. Schwartz advised that it could be more cost effective to look at directional drilling.

Councilman Branson amended the motion on the floor, giving Town staff permission to get the water main to the Police Dept., motion died for lack of support.

Ms. Schwartz stated that the preference would be to look at directional drill from 4<sup>th</sup> St. over to 3<sup>d</sup>. Councilman Branson questioned if the developer can share in the cost, since his project will benefit from the upgrade. Mayor Goldsborough suggested to contact MML and NLC to see if other areas charge special fees. This item will be placed on the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> agenda for further discussion.

#### **Other Old Business**

Ms. Yolanda Ringgold and Ms. Cassandra Ringgold came before the board to discuss their concerns about trash and loitering on their streets. Chief Cox advised for the citizens to file charges against those that they see breaking the law. Councilman Horsey mentioned that there are State Laws for littering, the complaintant must make an application including the name and address of the violator, and needs to appear in court. There is also a municipal local ordinance. The individual who sees the person drop the trash need to be the one to make the application. Chief Cox advised that officers can respond to loitering, and must make a determination of the reason for the individuals being on the streets. If socializing there is not much that can be done. If they are doing something illegal action can be taken. Citizens state that Law enforcement responds to complaints, the kids vacate the area and then come back once law enforcement leaves. It's going to take a collaborative effort to eliminate the problems. Mayor Goldsborough advised that she has compliment/complaint forms available for those wishing to express themselves. The Mayor asked the board to hold a special public meeting on Oct. 20, to further discuss and resolve the problems, and asked to invite key persons from other agencies that may be able to help. Councilman Horsey suggested to the citizens in attendance that when they see someone do something wrong to write it down include the names, date and time of day, and what they did.

#### **New Business**

##### **Agenda #1 - Holiday Schedule**

This year Christmas and New Years falls on a Thursday, staff requested permission from Council to close the Town Office on Friday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, not as a paid holiday, but would be intended for personnel to use personal time.

Councilman Horsey made a motion to follow the holiday schedule as presented, seconded by Councilman Branson, the motion passed unanimously.

##### **Other New Business**

Councilman Branson asked the status of the intersection of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Market Streets, and was advised that we are seeking new bids, Councilman Horsey is going to take back

*to the road safety committee.*

*Councilman Horsey announced that regretfully Ms. Patricia Little has given her resignation on the Road Safety Committee, expressing that she has been a tremendous value to the committee. The Committee is searching for a new member.*

*Mayor Goldsborough went over some handouts, announcing that she will be holding a fund raiser to attend the fall conference. Staff mentioned that there were other members that had expressed wanting to attend the fall conference, and asked if the board would consider approving the funding to pay for them to attend even though it was not budgeted. Councilman Branson supports for fellow council member that wish to attend the conference to go ahead and attend. Staff advised that if there were no objections from the board, staff will process the registration and fund out of meetings. There were no objections from the board.*

*Staff announced that the Town of Denton received and honorable mention from the Maryland Vision program.*

*With no further business to discuss Mayor Goldsborough closed the meeting at 8:26 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer*