

December 5, 2005

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

Mr. Scott Getchell provided the invocation.

Mayor Horsey asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2004 regular meeting, and the notes of the November 21, 2005 working session, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

None

Petitions, remonstrances and communication

None__

Introduction and adoption of resolutions and ordinances

Resolution #671 - Allston/Foster Annexation Request:

At the request of the Town Council the Planning Commission has reviewed the petition for annexation received from Mr. Allston, Dixon Brothers, and Superior Rentals Inc for the annexation of land on the east side of Route 313. The 3 parcels total 54+/-acres and include the annexation of that portion of Route 313 in front of the property. The maintenance of Route 313 remains with State Highway. The property is within the town's growth area, and represents the final properties adjoining the growth boundary at this location. Town Attorney Brynja Booth has prepared an annexation resolution for introduction.

The Planning Commission has given this project favorable review. Ms. Shull provided an overview. Councilman Gregory asked about proposed development, and staff advised that would need water and sewer allocation before development could be considered.

Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to introduce resolution #671, seconded by Councilman Branson, the motion passed unanimously.

Reports of officers, board and committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1 - Chesapeake Culinary School

The Friends of the Grape Inc., operating as the Chesapeake Culinary School submitted a small business loan application for the Town's Small Business Revolving Loan Fund. Seeking funds to assist with the start up of the restaurant operation and incubator at 4 S. First St. location. They are looking to borrow \$20,000. This application has received a favorable recommendation from two of the loan officers, the other officer has not replied yet.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to approve the small business revolving loan request to the Chesapeake Culinary School, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #2 Vineyards at Legion Road PN/PUD:

The Planning Commission has evaluated the request for PN Zoning and PUD approval for the Vineyards at Legion Road. After several working sessions, and a public hearing, the Planning Commission has unanimously recommended that the Town Council approve the request for both PN zoning and PUD. The Town Council has begun discussion of the Developer's Rights and Responsibility Agreement. This was informational only.

Other Unfinished Business

None

New Business**Agenda #1 Caroline County Planning Department Request for Information**

A letter of request from the Caroline County Planning Office was presented to the Council. This item was deferred to executive session.

Agenda #2 Health Care Coverage-

Attached is a copy of the information/request prepared by Councilman Gregory. This item was deferred to executive session.

Agenda #3 End of the Year Employee Luncheon:

The Employee End of the Year Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2005. Requesting authorization to issue Employee bonus. This is 1% of base salary and is reflected in the FY-2006 budget.

Councilman Branson made a motion to issue the 1% bonus, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #4 EPA Presentation:

Representatives from EPA will be present December 12th to present the Town of Denton and the Public Works Department with an award recognizing their outstanding operations of the Denton Wastewater Treatment Facility. Afterwards there may be an opportunity for the Council to meet with Delegates to discuss Town concerns for the upcoming Legislation Session.

Agenda #5 Critical Area Text/Map Amendment:

The Planning Commission has forwarded proposed text changes to the critical area program and zoning ordinance for consideration. These text changes are mandated by state legislation. The Planning Commission has also had the town's critical area map updated to reflect the property along the Choptank River that was annexed. A public hearing and resolution will be required to enact the amendment. Staff provided an overview advising that this will be brought back in January for introduction.

Other New Business

Mayor Horsey expressed that the Christmas Parade was fabulous.

Concerns were raised about destruction of historic structures, and the need to review an adopt an ordinance to be able to issue fines in the historic district. Staff advised that the Town presently has a 60 day review for a property over 100 years of age before a change in structure can occur. This item was referred to the Town Attorney for review.

Executive Session

The Mayor entertain for a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advised from the Town Attorney on health care coverage and the Caroline County request for information.

At 7:26 PM Councilwoman Stockley made a motion to hold an executive session, seconded by Councilman Foster.

At 8:20 PM Councilman Branson made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #1 Caroline County Planning Department Request for Information

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A letter of request from the Caroline County Planning Office was presented to the Council.

Councilman Branson made a motion to direct the Town Administrator and the Town Attorney to respond to the County letter, seconded by Councilman Gregory, the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #2 Health Care Coverage-

Attached is a copy of the information/request prepared by Councilman Gregory.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to have the Town Attorney look at a health benefit packet and see if the Council can have the option to participate, seconded by Councilman Foster, the motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve a letter to the West Caroline Adhoc Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Stockley, the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*