

December 15, 2003

A special meeting of the Denton Town Council was held at 6:00 PM to meet with the Town Attorney to seek legal advice. A public notice was published in the Times Record on Dec. 10, 2003, announcing this meeting.

Mayor Goldsborough called the meeting of the Denton Town Council to order on this date at 6:00 P.M. leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Goldsborough asked that the record reflect Councilwoman Stockley was absent and all other members were present.

Petitions, remonstrances and communication

None

Resolution and Ordinances

None

Reports of Officers, Board and committees

Councilman Horsey mentioned that Mid Shore Regional Council has hired a consultant for wastewater management. They are recommending areas to merge wastewater together. Denton is on top with WWTP, listed as most advanced station. The MSRC is anticipating that it will cost \$135,000-\$195,000 per mile to connect each town.

Councilman Horsey advised the board to take a look at the drawing that has been prepared for a restaurant for Crouse Park.

Councilman Horsey will be meeting with the Lt. Governor tomorrow as the Denton Development Corp. has been awarded \$175,000 for redevelopment projects.

Councilman Horsey shared an article with the board that was recently published in "The Sun" for Luxurious Places in which Tanglewood Conservatory of the Denton Industrial Park was featured.

Mayor Goldsborough asked if there was any other unfinished or new business from the Board, Staff and the Public, none was acknowledged. The Mayor then asked for consideration from the board to hold an executive session to discuss legal matters with the Town Attorney. Items to be discussed included Ethics Code and Employee Theft.

Executive Session

At 6:11 PM Councilman Horsey made a motion to go into executive session to meet with the Town Attorney, seconded by Councilman Branson. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

After discussion on the Town's ethics policy, the Board moved on to discuss employee theft issues. Councilman Foster was asked to leave the room for this discussion. At 7:02 PM Councilman Foster left the meeting and did not return.

At 7:15 PM Councilman Horsey made a motion to close the executive session and reopen the special meeting, seconded by Councilman Branson, the motion passed 3-0.

Councilman Branson made a motion to refer the ethics ordinance to the Town Attorney to review and see that it complies with the State Code, seconded by Councilman Horsey, the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

With no further business to discuss Mayor Goldsborough adjourned the meeting at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*