

November 20, 2017

Working Session – 6:00 PM

The Working Session of the Denton Town Council was called to order by Mayor McNinch at 6:00 PM on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In Attendance:

Council: Mayor McNinch, Councilman Branson, Councilman Lister, and Councilman Johnson were present. Councilman Porter arrived at 6:05 PM.

Staff: Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, Karen Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer were present.

Discussion:

Police Security Cameras

Discussion on this item was postponed due to Chief Cox absence.

Election Update

Staff briefed the Council on the Elections and discussion was held on how to promote the Elections for larger voter turn-out.

Community Solar

Mr. Mulrine shared information recently obtained on a pitch for Community Solar and the Delmarva Grid.

Royal Farms – 5th & Market St. Concerns

Mr. Mulrine shared information on a recent conversation he held with the owners of the Royal Farms and their concerns with parking. He will be in touch with them again in January.

Spectrum Energy

Discussion was held pertaining to a meeting scheduled in Annapolis with the State Delegation and the County for Nov. 29. The meeting will be posted to comply with the Open Meeting Act.

Mr. Mulrine recently met with the County Economic Development Staff to talk about the parameters of the proposed project.

A Public Meeting pertaining to the proposed Power Plant Project is tentatively scheduled for January 18th for 7PM at the Visitor Center. Once confirmed, the meeting will be posted for the public.

Franklin Street Parking

Discussion was held about a request seeking designated residential parking in the Franklin Street Municipal Parking Lot and the newly created parking by the State on Franklin St. The Council asked Mr. Mulrine to talk with SHA, to come up with a way to safely promote the new traffic pattern and the additional free parking lane on Franklin.

Legion Road

Discussion was held on the prior request for a curb cutout on Legion Rd., and the consensus was to hold off and wait for the planned new development and incorporate a fix. Mr. Mulrine shared that the Town is waiting on approval from SHA on the “road to nowhere”, across from Walmart and connectivity to Rt. 404 near Gay St.

Miscellaneous Correspondences

Discussion was held on correspondences with Staff on 404 Gay St. – recommendations on what information to include for the Council.

A request seeking donations for His Hope Haven Shelter was provide to Council Members. Discussion was held on the 2018 Town Council Meeting Schedule.

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Mr. Mulrine confirmed the Council was ok with the latest rendering of the Visitor Center Sign – Council was supportive, Mr. Mulrine will move forward with ordering.

Mr. Mulrine shared a conversation he recently held with Sue Simmons regarding Crouse Park and the original Program Open Space Equipment Grant Agreement from 1976. Staff is coordinating with DNR to maintain compliance with the Grant, and put a sign up acknowledging DNR contribution.

Mayor McNinch recently hosted a local Girl Scouts Troop. The Scouts visited the Town Council Chambers and learned about Municipal Government and participated in a mock Town Council Meeting.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 24 – NUTS serving Thanksgiving Dinners – Meet at the Police Dept. at 8AM

Dec. 7 - Denton Holiday Parade

Dec. 15 – Annual Employee End of the Year Luncheon – 11:30 at the Visitor Center

Dec. 18 – Police Academy Graduation at Wor-Wic Community College – Denton Police Dept. currently has 2 recruits attending and anticipated to Graduate.

Jan. 15 – Lockerman School Association 7th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day March.

November is Municipal Government Work's Month; the Town has been promoting Municipal Government and posting pictures on the MGW- MML Website.

Councilman Porter talked about the recent dedication of the dualization of Route 404. He shared that Ed Richards, former County Administrator, started this project many, many years ago, then in recent years the C-Team has really pushed the State to make this project happen.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*