

*February 1, 2018*

**Regular Meeting**

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

*Vice Mayor Branson requested everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Karen Monteith and her family.*

*Vice Mayor Branson asked that the record reflect that four Council members were present. Mayor McNinch was excused due to attending the Mayors Conference.*

*Vice Mayor Branson deferred the minutes of the January 4, 2018, Regular Meeting and January 22, 2018, Working Session minutes until the next Regular Meeting.*

**Swearing in Officer Daniel Fallert**

*Vice Mayor Branson swore in Officer Daniel Fallert, of the Denton Police Dept.*

**Public Hearing**

*None*

**Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication**

**2017 Financial Report Presentation**

*Mr. Roy Geiser of TGM Group LLC provided an overview of the Town of Denton's June 30, 2017, Annual Audit and Financial Report, as per auditing required communications. There were no issues to report. The depreciation expense causes a loss in the Sewer Fund.*

**Proclamation – 404 Dualization C-Team**

*Vice Mayor Branson read a proclamation congratulating the Freeman family for their dedicated drive of the Maryland Route 404 dualization.*

**Communication – Annual Transportation Plan FY19**

*Talbot County is hosting an informational meeting at the Caroline County Public Library in Denton on February 15, 2018, 10:00-11:00 a.m., regarding a grant application for the Delmarva Community Services.*

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution #849 – Declaration of Intent for Wastewater Treatment Plant**

*Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided an overview of the purpose is this document is required to retain funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

*Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution #849, seconded by Councilman Lister. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Reports of officers, board and committees**

*None*

**Unfinished Business**

**Agenda #1 – FACES Building**

*Mrs. Marina Dowdall, on behalf of the Caroline County Council of Arts, would like to purchase the FACES building located at 7 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Denton.*

*Councilman Lister made a motion to sell the building to FACES for the Caroline County Council of Arts, with the permission from Director Kevin Baynes, DHCD, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.*

**New Business****Caroline County Council of Arts Public Art**

Mrs. Marina Dowdall, Executive Director of the Caroline County Council of Arts, provided an overview of the upcoming public art project. Mrs. Dowdall provided copies of the art survey results and a list of current projects to the Council. Mrs. Dowdall invited a Town Council Member to serve on the panel selecting the public art project.

Mrs. Dowdall informed the Council that Downtown Denton Main Street is currently seeking applicants for the Main Street Program Coordinator position, and a space for this position.

**Town Office Roof Replacement**

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided a brief overview of the Town Office roof replacement bids provided by Public Works. Staff is recommending the bid from Bayside Exteriors.

Councilman Lister made a motion to approve the Bayside Exteriors' bid with the contingency, in the amount of \$63,965.00, for a 40-year asphalt shingle, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tax Differential**

Vice Mayor Branson provided an overview of the tax differential by Caroline County.

Councilman Lister and Councilman Johnson are selected to attend the tax differential meetings, and to negotiate the tax differential rate for the Town. Councilwoman Wilson is the Alternate.

**Water Sewer Rate Study Contract**

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided an overview of the Water Sewer Rate Study contract from the College of Southern Maryland. The study will determine the rate adjustment.

Councilman Lister made a motion to approve the water sewer rate study contract provided by the College of Southern Maryland, in the amount of \$7,729.00, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tree Planting Quotes**

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided an overview of the tree planting quotes for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Denton Industrial Park Water Tower.

Councilwoman Wilson made a motion to approve the tree quotes, in the amounts of \$13,245.26 and \$951.25, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided MML literature on the 2018 Legislative Priorities.

Mr. Chris Drummond, Town Attorney, provided an overview of the small cell tower equipment and local issues.

Vice Mayor Branson provided an overview of the MML priorities for restoration of Municipal Highway User Funds, email lists maintained by the towns and protection of personal data, and small cell equipment.

Councilman Lister discussed the status of the response from the Council regarding the proposed power plant.

*Councilman Johnson will be visiting the power plant in Charles County.  
With no further discussion, Vice Mayor Branson adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donna R. Todd  
Administrative Aide II*