

January 23, 2023

**Working Session – 6:00 PM**

At 6:00 PM Mayor McNinch called the Working Session of the Denton Town Council to order on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and thanked everyone for coming.

**Attendance:**

Mayor McNinch asked for the record to reflect that all Councilmembers were present.

Staff in attendance included Scott Getchell, Mark Chandler, Joanna Reedy, Donna Todd and Chief George Bacorn.

Bret & Kurt Davis from Simple Fiber, Victoria McConnell- President of FACES Board of Directors, Doris Walls and Kevin Waterman.were also present.

**Discussion was held on the following:**

**Planning Commission Candidate Interviews**

The Town received three letters of interest for the Planning Commission Vacancy. Letters of interest were received from Doris Walls, Kevin Waterman, and Angel Perez. Mrs. Walls and Mr. Waterman were present. Councilman Johnson interviewed the 2 candidates present, Doris Walls and Kevin Waterman for the Planning Commission vacancy. The questions were 1). Why do you want to serve? 2).What background do you have that would benefit the Commission? 3).What is your vision for the Town of Denton? Councilman Johnson asked if the candidates or Council had any questions. Being no questions were asked Mayor McNinch thanked the candidates and said that the Council will vote on this at the next Council meeting.

**Simple Fiber Business Loan**

Bret & Kurt Davis, representatives from Simple Fiber, were present to discuss the loan application that was submitted to the Business Loan Committee. The loan for \$150,000 was not approved by the loan committee due to lack of collateral. The Council was updated on the progress of the installation and so far about 30 customers have been connected. Their goal is to install every resident and business in the Town. A map showing the plan of progression was shared with the Council and the representative's answered questions from the Council.

**9 N. Fourth Street Property – Fiber Arts Center**

Victoria McConnell, F.A.C.E.S. President of the Board, was present to discuss support for 9 N. Fourth Street. A Project Manager will be needed, and she asked for the Town's help in finding one. Mr. Getchell will assist Ms. McConnell with what is needed for a feasibility study to be done.

**Trash Service Bidding**

The Town Administrator Scott Getchell made a proposal in regards to extending the agreements with Bigg Thyme Trash (domestic pickup) and Republic (dumpsters) for another year. This would allow for both bids to go out at the same time.

**Closing Comments**

Aldi's will be opening on Thursday, January 26. For All Seasons will be having an open house at the new office on Market Street and a Community Resource Day will be held at St. Luke's on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

With no further comments, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Reedy  
Account Clerk III