

April 18, 2022

Working Session

At 3:05 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 in person.

Staff in attendance included Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, Chief of Police George Bacorn, Phil Clark, Mark Chandler, David Renshaw, and Karen Monteith.

Discussion was held on the following:

FY23 General Fund Budget

The second draft of the FY23 General Fund Budget was presented.

Discussion was held pertaining to personnel changes, salary adjustments, implementing a new PayScale, position vacancies and staffing needs.

Other discussion was held seeking to lower the real property tax rate to \$.74 per \$100 of assessed value, moving forward with the sprinkler system at the visitor center, and holding the freeze on one police officer position.

Establishing a Community Organization Grant Program, setting aside \$25,000 to use as an opportunity to help fund outside agencies that provide a much-needed public service to the residents of the Town, those that without the assistance they give to the community may create a burden on the Town to provide.

The Fire Department Budget request was also discussed, where it was suggested to keep the contribution flat, the same in FY22 as in FY21, and to put some funding in a separate capital line item for the Council to designate toward a specific use.

Staff will schedule the Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing to be held on May 5, 2022.

The Council confirmed that they will hold a special meeting on April 25, 2022 at 8:00 PM to consider introducing the GF23 General Appropriations Ordinance and LEOPS Resolutions.

The Public Hearing and consideration for the adoption of Ordinance #734 - FY23 General Fund Appropriations and Budget will be scheduled for May 5, 2022.

Staff will work the recommendations into the budget for discussion for the next Working Session scheduled for April 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

With no further comments, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 4:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk-Treasurer