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April 7, 2025

Working Session – 1:00 PM

At 1:00 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.

Attendance:

Mayor McNinch, Councilman Lister, Councilman Branson, Councilman Taylor were in attendance. Councilman Johnson arrived around 1:05PM.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, Chief George Bacorn, Mark Chandler, Donna Todd, and Karen Monteith.

Discussion was held on the following:

Morale Committee Citations

On behalf of the Denton Town Council, Mayor McNinch read and presented a Council Citation thanking each of the Morale Committee Members for all they do for the betterment of staff morale.

Morale Committee members present to receive the citations included: Bill Clemens, Robin Lahnemann, Lisa Orendorf, Jerry Stivers, Cindy Todd, and Bryan Trice.

FY2026 Budgets

Mr. Getchell, Town Administrator, provided historical data on real estate tax rates, pay history, revenue and expense pie charts explaining budget needs.

Discussion was held on balancing the FY2026 General Fund Budget that was introduced on April 3, 2025. The current draft includes reducing the real property tax rate from \$.69 per \$100 of assessment to \$.66; salary adjustments – COLA/bonus. Time was spent discussing concerns about whether there may be some revenue cuts passed down by the State as they try to balance their budget and how it could affect the Town.

Discussion on the General Fund transfer to the Highway Fund to cover operations cost led to discussion of the FY2026 Highway Fund Budget.

Mr. Getchell presented the 5-year capital plan.

Staff will make adjustments based on the discussion and provide an adjusted budget for additional discussion at the next working session.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch asked for a motion to close the Working Session.

At 2:58 PM Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the Working Session, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer