2026-13

October 19, 2026

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.

Attendance:

Mayor McNinch asked for the record to reflect that all Council members were in attendance.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, Mark Chandler, Donna Todd, Acting Chief Jamie Secrist, and Karen Monteith.

Discussion was held on the following:

Shore Rivers Presentation

Ms. Darran Tilghman, Director of Community Engagement at Shore Rivers, made a presentation about mosquito control and shared alternatives to the current fog spraying the County does for the Town. She said that the current fogging program not only kills adult mosquitoes, but also bees, bats, butterflies, birds, and crabs. The best way to control mosquitoes is before they hatch, by using larvicide dunks, and planting native species, as well as introduce other management strategies such as bat boxes and to educate citizens on how to reduce mosquito breeding areas. Ms. Tilghman shared that they have been working with Chestertown and were able to provide free mosquito dunk kits to the residents.

Ms. Concetta Gibson, Chapter President of the Delmarva Wild Ones also participated in the discussion, advocating for the alternatives shared by Ms. Tilghman.

Mayor McNinch thanked everyone for coming and sharing alternate options for the Town to explore.

Executive Session – Personnel

Mayor McNinch stated that the Executive Session previously scheduled for tonight was canceled, the Topic will be discussed during open session at the November 5th meeting.

Miscellaneous

Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, reminded everyone that Habitat for Humanity is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony on the first two homes on Gay St., tomorrow October 20th at 4PM, and encouraged everyone to attend.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk-Treasurer