

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor Pro Tem Deanna Grubb Commissioners: Julie Loflin, David Askew, Scott Morris, Anne Carter Bean.

Town Attorney Misti Witman; Interim Town Manager, Kelly Craver; Town Clerk, Angel Jenkins

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Ward called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mayor Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Adoption of Agenda** - Commissioner Grubb made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Bean seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
4. **Approval of March 7 and March 31, 2022 Minutes** - Commissioner Morris asked for the March 7, 2022 minutes to be corrected to state his recusal was only for voting, and did not apply to the discussion. Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the March 7, 2022 with the stated correction by Commissioner Morris, and approve the March 31, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

5. **Public Comment-** *Citizens may speak on items not listed on the printed agenda. Please state your name and address and observe the three-minute time limit.*

Fred Lankford, Jr. of 4370 North NC Highway 109, High Point. Mr. Lankford is a candidate for the Davidson County Commissioners. He wanted to introduce himself to the Town of Denton. He stated he is a Republican, Conservative Christian. He is new to politics. He is a blue-collar, hard-working guy building racing engines in High Point. He wants an effective, efficient Government.

Michael & Tiffany Moore, owners of Tiffany's Bar and Grill, 58 East Peacock. Would like to provide food during the Town's Memorial Day Event. Would like to provide a voucher to the Town residents to have a free meal.

Mayor Ward met with the Moore's about doing a ribbon cutting and they wanted to do it on Memorial Day. This is how the idea came about to have them participate in the event. The Board will discuss this later in the meeting when reviewing the Memorial Day Events.

6. **Proclamation Declaring April 2022 Public Health Month** – Lillian Koontz- Mayor Ward thanked Ms. Koontz for all the work she and the Health Department does for the citizens of Davidson County. Mr. Craver read the Proclamation declaring April 2022 Public Health Month.

Ms. Koontz thanked the Board and the Town for having her join them in person. Ms. Koontz stated that April is Public Health Month. She represents about 100 people that work at the Davidson County Health Department. They love what they do and they love the Town of Denton. They appreciate the Proclamation of Public Health.

7. **Disabling Disabilities – 5K – April 30, 2022 - Alexis Smith** - Ms. Smith stated that the Disabling Disabilities is a nonprofit for children with disabilities. They would like to host a 5K on April 30, 2022. It will start at Harrison Park and will walk/run on North Main Street to Highway 109 and back to Harrison Park. Ms. Smith asked for a Police escort. The Board was in agreement for the 5K to be hosted in Harrison Park.

Commissioner Morris approved the 5K for Disabling Disabilities. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

8. **Captain Promotional Ceremony for Ryan Scherer** – Chief Hicks stated that Ryan Scherer has been serving as Sergeant. While doing so, he has been helping Chief Hicks with Administrative duties, the hiring process, and grant processing. Chief Hicks would like to recognize his recent promotion rank to Captain on February 13, 2022. Captain Scherer's wife Christy was present to pin his Captain badge.

9. **Public Hearing for Consideration of Rezoning Property – James Lowe Garner (PIN ID 6668-02-99-5906) RA to R8** - Mr. Craver stated that this property is the site of the old Town Water Plant. It does not conform to R8 standards, being less than 20,000 square feet. It is adjacent to the new subdivision that is being proposed on North Main. The staff recommends the Board approve this rezoning.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Loflin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0) Public Hearing opened at 6:15pm.

James Lowe Garner stated that he is requesting the property to be rezoned to R8 in order to market the property for sale.

No one else was present to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Bean Seconded.

Public Hearing closed at 6:16pm.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the rezoning request for James Lowe Garner from RA to R8. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

(5-0)

10. Public Hearing for Consideration of Rezoning Property – Carleen Terrell (PIN ID 6678-01-07-9163 Cox Avenue) R8 to HB - Mr. Craver stated the Terrell property starts at Highway 109 and East Salisbury Street and runs to Cox Avenue. This property is across the street from O'Reilly's on NC Highway 109. This request for rezoning is to conform to their adjacent property from R8 -HB. This rezoning is recommended from the Planning and Zoning Board. Staff also recommends this rezoning.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Loflin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Public Hearing opened at 6:18pm.

Karen and Billy Biscoe, stated they own two (2) properties that join this property on East Salisbury Street. They are for the rezoning of the property to HB.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Loflin Seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Public Hearing closed at 6:19pm.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to approve the rezoning request for Carleen Terrell on Cox Avenue from R8 to HB. Commissioner Loflin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

11. Public Hearing for Consideration of Alleyway Closure – Cox Avenue -

Mr. Carver stated that the property that was just rezoned on Cox Avenue for the Terrell's has an existing Alleyway. The alleyway is between the property on NC Highway 109 and the property on Cox Avenue. When the alleyway is closed the property is divided 50/50 to the property owners.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Public Hearing opened at 6:21pm.

No one else was present to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Askew seconded.

Public Hearing closed at 6:22pm

Commissioner Bean made a motion to close the alleyway at Cox Avenue.

Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

12. Public Hearing for Consideration of Alleyway Closure – Daniel Street

Mr. Craver stated the alleyway is between Daniel Street and Varner Street. The request is from Todd Smith who owns the property at the corner of Daniel Street and Carroll Avenue.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0) Public Hearing opened at 6:25pm.

No one else was present to speak for or against the rezoning.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Grubb Seconded.

Public Hearing closed at 6:27pm.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to close the alleyway between Daniel Street and Varner Street per request of Todd Smith. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

13. Presentation of Pavement Condition Survey, SEPI – Chris Corriher- Mr. Craver

stated the SEPI has completed the Pavement Condition Survey and Chris Corriher will present this information to the Board.

Mr. Corriher stated that SEPI started in 2001. It is a woman owned company and they are based in Raleigh. Mr. Corriher reviewed the Pavement Condition Survey with the Board and the recommendations on how to proceed with the needed work. There are several areas of need in the Town.

The Board was in agreement to do a Mix of Fixes in order to cover the most street repair allowed by the budget.

14. Approve Fiscal Year 2021 / 2022 Audit Contract with Eddie Carrick and Tony

Brewer - Kelly Craver - Mr. Craver stated that the contract with Eddie Carrick and Tony Brewer is for the Fiscal Year 21-22 Audit. The cost for the audit is the same as the previous year. Commissioner Grubb made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Audit Contract with Eddie Carrick and Tony Brewer. Commissioner Loflin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

15. Town Attorney Update –Misti Whitman - Mrs. Whitman stated that most everything she has worked on this month has been Attorney/Client privilege, so she doesn't have anything to report at this time.

16. Town Manager's Report – Kelly Craver -

Mr. Craver provided a copy of his report to the Board, and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Craver reviewed a few items with the Board.

-There is still a water leak at the Water Plant. Dellinger is going to look at the area again to see if they can locate a leak. We will have a staff member on site at all times.

-The Police activity log for March. Chief Hicks is working a shift while Officer Basinger is recovering from surgery.

-Public Works has hired Thomas Rawls and the Water Plant has hired Chris Taylor. Both employees will be full time.

-The banner project is still under review by Duke Energy.

Mayor Ward stated that the banners in Mt. Gilead has faded a lot. The Town needs to make sure the banners we are looking at will hold up better than the ones in Mt. Gilead have.

Mr. Craver stated that replacement cost will need to be considered when the cost is established for the banners. The banners should be replaced approximately every three (3) years.

-New bushes have been planted in several areas in Harrison Park, and the pine needles will be put down tomorrow.

-Cranford's Landscaping has started mowing this week. Their contract runs April to October.

-Mini Splits will be installed at Town Hall in about two weeks by Palmer's Heating and Air Conditioning.

-The Storm Water piping project on Peacock Ave has not started. According to NC DOT, they will be starting in three weeks.

-The culvert project on Jones Street is funded by the SCIF Funds. Yates Paving will be doing the work. More information will be forthcoming.

17. Commissioner Comments / Concerns

Commissioner Morris asked when the Board will be discussing the Town Hall project at 70 N. Main Street.

Mayor Ward stated he would like to discuss the Town Hall project at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Ward asked the Board what they would like to do for the Memorial Day Event.

Mrs. Jenkins stated that in the past two (2) years the event has been held at Harrison Park with a car show and a service of honor, and food was not provided. The national

time of recognition is 3pm

Commissioner Morris stated that he would be against limiting the food to just the Town residents. The event is open to everyone and has been free to those that attend.

There was a lot of discussion in regards to food being served at the event. More information will be gathered and presented back to the Board.

Mayor Ward stated that Ronnie Harrison would like to have the car show this year on Memorial Day at Harrison Park.

Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Bean asked to review the Planning and Zoning Permitted Use Table at the next Board meeting.

18. Closed Session for Personnel Matters in Accordance of NC G.S. 143-

318.11(a) (6) Mayor Ward asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Bean seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Mayor Ward dismissed the Department Heads.

The Board went into closed session at 7:30pm.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to go into open session. Commissioner Bean seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

The Board went into open session at 8:15pm.

19. Updates / New Business- There were no other updates or new business.

20. Announcements

April 9 – Easter Eggstravaganza – Harrison Park- 12pm – 2pm

April 16 – Run for the Cure – 5K – 9am

April 19- Town Wide Spring Litter Sweep – Harrison Park - 6pm-8pm

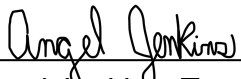
April 11 - P&R Board Meeting – Town Hall – 6pm

April 18– P&Z Board Meeting – Town Hall – 6pm

21. Board of Commissioners Adjournment - Commissioner Grubb made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.


Larry D. Ward, Mayor


Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk