

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor ProTem Deanna Grubb
Commissioners: Julie Loflin, David Askew, Scott Morris, Anne Carter Bean
Also in attendance: Town Attorney, Misti Whitman, Town Manager, Angel Jenkins; Town Clerk, Paula Hedrick

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Ward called meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Adoption of Agenda** Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to adopt the agenda.
*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to adopt the agenda
*Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)
4. **Approval of March 6 & 28, 2023 Minutes** Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to approve Minutes.
*Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve minutes.
*Commissioner Loflin seconded the motion. 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.*
No one was present to speak.
6. **Consideration of request for Davidson County Health Department – Public Health Month Proclamation – Lillian Koontz**
*Mayor Ward read aloud the Town of Denton Proclamation for Public Health Month.
*Ms. Koontz thanked the Town of Denton and advised that the COVID cases have slowed, and they are seeing very few deaths. In the Spring they anticipate that individual private insurance will have to pay for the vaccination. The Town of Denton presented Ms. Koontz with the Proclamation for Public Health Month.
7. **Public Hearing** - Request for Water & Sewer Tap Grant Under Town of Denton Jobs & Business Creation Program – Buddy Ball 120 Bryon St. & 136 Bryon St. – Angel Jenkins
*Ms. Jenkins stated that Mr. Ball has presented a request for a water and sewer tap grant for both of the duplexes built on Bryon Street. There were only 3 taps needed as there was already one tap initially on the property from a prior house. Buddy Ball has presented the certificate of occupancy for both properties and has met the requirements for this grant. It is staff recommendation that we grant \$4000.00, which is what remains in the budget at this time for this request.
*Commissioner Bean stated that in his request he only requested \$4,000, is that correct.
*Ms. Jenkins stated that he initially requested \$6,000, he has two taps at one location and one tap at another location. There was a second request that came in for the \$4,000 at a later time, that may not have been included in the packet, the public hearing was advertised as \$6,000. However, we only have \$4,000 left in the current budget for this grant.
*Commissioner Loflin made a motion to open Public Hearing.
*Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)
No one present to speak for or against.

*Commissioner Bean made a motion to close Public Hearing.
*Commissioner Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)
*Commissioner Loflin made a motion to approve the water and sewer tap fee grant for

\$4,000 and would close out the line item for the 2022/2023 budget year.

*Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed (4/0)

*Commissioner Morris asked for clarification in what is meant by close out that line item.

*Commissioner Loflin stated that it brings that line item to a zero balance for this budget year.

*Commissioner Morris stated, unless we appropriate more funds.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that the current budget \$8,000, and the remaining balance is \$4000.

*Commissioner Morris asked if there were any others out there that have not submitted their request for the grant yet.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that there are not currently any that she is aware of but there are several houses currently under construction. (6 houses on Kinney Avenue and 18 houses at the end of Broad Street)

*Commissioner Morris asked if any of those under construction had asked for any grants so far.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that as of today, they have not.

*Commissioner Morris asked if this was the only one that we are not fulfilling the complete request.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that is correct, this is the only one that has been presented within the last two months.

*Commissioner Morris stated that he hated to hold him back on this.

*Commissioner Loflin stated that adjusting the budget would open up the door on others to make a request, until we could revisit and revamp the Jobs and Business Creation Grant.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that we will be reviewing this grant later in this agenda.

*Commissioner Bean asked if it would be good to appropriate the funds to fulfill this request and then revisit the Jobs Creation Grant since this project was already started?

*Ms. Whitman stated that they would need to restate the initial motion.

*Commissioner Loflin made a motion for staff request to lock the \$4,000 that is left in the budget to close out this line item for the 2022/2023 budget year.

*Commissioner Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed (5/0)

8. Public Hearing - Resolution for Volunteer Annexation by Denton Development Group located at 19037 S. NC Highway 109 Parcel #10002B0000002 – Angel Jenkins

*Ms. Jenkins stated the Denton Development Group for Tractor Supply has requested a volunteer annexation for 19037 S. NC Highway 109. Ms. Jenkins stated this annexation has been approved by the Davidson County Board of Commissioners on February 13, 2023. The Town of Denton will also have to approve the annexation of the property into Town. This is a volunteer annexation. (Documentation enclosed)

*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to open Public Hearing.

*Commissioner Loflin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

No one present to speak for or against.

*Commissioner Bean made a motion to close Public Hearing.

*Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

*Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Annexation of 19037 S. NC Highway 109 into the Town limits.

*Commissioner Loflin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

9. Consideration Of Petition to Close Undeveloped Street by Steve and Deanna Grubb – Roosevelt Street – Angel Jenkins

*Ms. Jenkins stated this section of Roosevelt Street is undeveloped, with no future plans for development. Staff recommendation is to close this portion of the road. If the petition is approved, we will advertise this in the 4 weeks of May and present for Public Hearing in June.

*Mayor ProTem Grubb asked to be recused from voting.

*Commissioner Morris made a motion to recuse Mayor ProTem Grubb from voting.

*Commissioner Loflin seconded the motion. Motion passed (4/0)

*Commissioner Morris made a motion to consider the petition to close undeveloped Roosevelt Street.

*Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed (4/0)

10. Call Public Hearing for the Purpose of Amending the following Town Ordinances:

10.1 Chapter X, Article A: Section 6.1(a) Special Events Permits

*Ms. Jenkins stated this is a recommendation to allow alcohol sales by permit only for special events. The requestor would have to present a request to the Board and the Board approves the request by resolution. The amending Ordinance provides an outline of steps that the requestor would have to follow. This provides the locations of Harrison Park, The Outdoor Market at Harrison Park and the Denton Civic Center. This will be advertised for 2 consecutive weeks. (Documentation attached)

*Commissioner Bean asked if it had to state that the event had to be sponsored by a non-profit.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that would fall under the ABC laws and terms are noted in the NC G.S. 18-101. We could add this to the Ordinance if the Board felt it would be good to have it listed.

*Commissioner Bean stated that she thought it would be a good idea to state that in the Ordinance as a precaution.

*Ms. Whitman stated that you could add that to 1.a.

*Ms. Whitman questioned the statement that they had to come before the Board for a resolution. She stated that she did not think that they had to come before the Board for each one since this reads that the manager can give approval.

*Commissioner Morris stated it would be good if starting out that the non-profit would come before the Board to approve before the permit is issued.

*Ms. Whitman stated that 1.b. needs to read the Town Board of Commissioner has adopted a resolution approving the event.

*Commissioner Morris questioned 1(d)(i) where it stated those attending will be 20 years old or younger.

*Ms. Whitman stated that she has seen this before and what this is directed to, if you have an event that will be primarily youth, and children's events, then alcohol will not be permitted.

10.2 Chapter XVII: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

*Ms. Jenkins stated this is a recommendation to amend ordinance Chapter XVII stating the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Advisory Board shall be composed of seven members rather than the initial eight-member Board. Four members will be residents of the Town of Denton and three members may be either Town residents or live outside Town limits. Their terms shall run from January 1 to December 31. Ms. Jenkins stated that the recommendation includes allowing the chairman to vote on all action items. Ms. Jenkins stated additional recommendations which include stating the board members are required to attend regular scheduled monthly meetings and the Board will review a member's position if the board

member has three consecutive unexcused absences.

*Commissioner Bean stated that the following needs to be changed:

Sec 170-34 change the wording on the red line copy, the Members will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners with monetary compensation.

Sec 170-35 we need to change the wording on the red line copy, The term of the vice-chairman should begin as of the first meeting in January.

Sec 170-35 it states the chairman will vote in all action items. Is that correct? When she was on the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) committee the chairman did not vote on action items.

Sec 170-36 we need to be specific on the excused and unexcused absences. That can be subject of interpretation.

*Commissioner Morris stated that they have to come before the Board for review and discussion.

*Ms. Jenkins will make corrections to Ordinances and submit those back to the Board for review.

10.3 Denton Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 12: Planning Board

*Commissioner Morris asked who can call for a Planning Board meeting?

*Ms. Jenkins stated that in the past the meeting has been called by the Manager.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that it does not state, but she will note that it will be the manager or designee in the manager's absence.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that this recommendation includes allowing the chairman to vote on all action items. Ms. Jenkins stated additional recommendations which include stating the board members are required to attend regular scheduled monthly meetings and the Board will review a member's position if the board member has three consecutive unexcused absences.

*Commissioner Bean stated that she has spoken with other Towns to see if they have a Board member present at either P&R or P&Z meetings. She is curious if this has ever been done here and how the Board feels about that. Commissioner Bean stated that she attends all the meetings and hears things that are not recorded in the minutes that she feels is good information to have.

*Ms. Whitmans stated that in some towns a Board of Commissioner can be a liaison on the advisory boards.

*Commissioner Bean stated that she felt it would be a good idea.

*Mayor Ward stated that he had a question. He asked Commissioner Bean, "Is it broke"? He did not think anything was wrong with the advisory boards.

*Commissioner Bean stated that there is a lot of information in both advisory Board meetings that the Commissioners never hear about.

*Mayor Ward stated that he does not feel that it is necessary.

*Commissioner Loflin stated that from time to time someone from the Parks & Recreation Board has come to the Town Board meeting to give a presentation.

*Commissioner Morris stated that they are welcome to come anytime. They could come every month if they wanted.

*Commissioner Bean stated that she had read somewhere that the Planning Board for the outside of Town limits are to be appointed by the County Commissioners.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that Tom Beanblossom is approved by Davidson County as a representative for our extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) on the Planning and Zoning Board.

*Mayor Ward stated that if anyone on the Board would like to attend the Advisory Board meeting then they are welcome to anytime.

*Commissioner Loflin asked Ms. Jenkins if she was at every meeting of the advisory Boards.

*Ms. Jenkins stated she was and that she doesn't provide all the details of the meetings to the Commissioners, especially the P&R Board as they do a lot of planning during the meeting. If the Board feels that more information is needed, she will be glad to provide it. She would just need to know what information they would like to have reported.

*Commissioner Morris stated that maybe have the chairman of the boards come quarterly and give updates if they wanted to.

*Commissioner Bean stated the reason she brought this up was, the Board stated that we wanted the P&R Board to select five events and do them well. There is a calendar of events that hasn't been presented to the Board for approval, but they ended up putting something in every month including another queen pageant. Which she doesn't feel is necessary as we already have a Queen pageant that includes a Miss Denton, Teen Miss Denton and Little Miss Denton. That is why I don't feel we need to have another queen pageant. This is the reason she feels it necessary to have someone at the meetings.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that she hasn't presented the calendar of events to the Board for approval as a lot of the events on the calendar are community events. The P&R events for this year include Easter in March/April, Summer Kickoff in June, End of Summer Bash in August, Halloween in October, and the Hometown Christmas and Love Lights on the same evening in December. The Dog Days in Park has been previously co-sponsored by Barbara Simpson and they are waiting to confirm this event with her. .

*Ms. Jenkins continued to state that there are events planned each month but several of those events are sponsored Town events, Memorial Day Service, Downtown Antique Festival, 911 National Day of Service, Denton Street Festival and Christmas Parade. The pageant and corn hole tournament were included with the Denton Street Festival, so we have combined the best of the canceled Watermelon Festival with the Street Festival.

*Commissioner Loflin stated that the main concern was combining two festival events into one event.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that the pageant would be Friday evening before the Denton Street Festival and Corn hole tournament . On Saturday we have scheduled two bands, vendors, and a beer garden. The pageant will crown winners between band performances.

.If this is not the pleasure of the Board, staff will need to know now, as we are already sending out information to our vendors.

*Commissioner Morris stated that at some point and time the Board does need to approve the Calendar of Events and stated that the main concern of the Board was that the P&R Board does not get burned out. We don't care what they do, as long as they don't get burned out.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that we did have new Board members. One reason that the prior P&R Board felt overwhelmed was due to the Watermelon Festival and the Christmas Parade being added to their calendar. Combining portions of the Watermelon Festival with the Street Festival and having the Christmas Parade taken care of by the Town, this will take a lot off their schedule.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that she would bring the calendar to the Board for approval, and she apologized that she was not aware that she needed to.

*Mayor Ward wanted to remind everyone that each of the Advisory Boards are made up of volunteers and we appreciate all they do. He wishes all the Boards the best.

*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to call for a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending the following Ordinances: Chapter X, Article A: Section 6.1(a) Special Events Permits, Chapter XVII: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Denton Zoning Ordinance Chapter 12: Planning Board at the May 1, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting.

*Commissioner Loflin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

11. Review Jobs and Business Creation Program and Downtown Beautification Grant

- *Ms. Jenkins stated that the Jobs and Business Creation grant was established in 2012.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that she received a request for this grant to be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners. A recommendation is being made that we review item #3 regarding the water and sewer tap grant, with a change in reimbursement requirements or a shared cost, of 50/50. The expense of the taps is much higher than it was when this grant was initially written. The grant request has been mainly from the local contractors for reimbursement of the tap fees.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that a recommendation has also been to review item #5 Downtown Beautification Grant. A review is needed of the wording of this grant, looking at the beautification grant being approved and granted by the Planning & Zoning Board. It states that they approve the financial amount given to the requestor. However, the grant program states that there must be a public hearing and the Board of Commissioners approve all requests. In reviewing it appears that this grant has been utilized a few times.
- *Commissioner Loflin stated that the main one that needs to be reviewed is item #3 for the Tap Grant.
- *Commissioner Morris asked if a request has been made by Century Hosiery, Ms. Jenkins stated that there has not been a request made.
- *Commissioner Morris asked what has been brought in, in tax value and revenue?
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that the grants come from the General Fund and not the Enterprise Fund. The grants that are given out are taxpayer dollars.
- *Commissioner Morris asked if we have received numbers from Davidson County on what to expect for budget?
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that we have not received information from Davidson County, but they must have been built by January 1st. The county just sent out today that we are at 97% collections on 2022 taxes. The information should be forth coming any day now. If the property is not sold or built by January 1st, then we would not recognize that until the next budget year. We do not have the figures to provide an answer to Commissioner Morris question yet.
- *Mayor ProTem Grubb made recommendation that we push this discussion to our Budget meeting.
- *Commissioner Morris asked Ms. Whitman if he could request additional funds for the Tap Grant at this point in the meeting.
- *Ms. Whitman stated that he could.
- *Commissioner Morris made a motion to appropriate \$2,000.00 from the Fund Balance for the Tap Grant on Item #3 in order to award the full \$6,000 to Buddy Ball as requested in item 7, prior in this meeting.
- * Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion not passed. (Yay: 2; Nay: 3)
Yay: Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Bean
Nay: Mayor ProTem Grubb, Commissioner Loflin, Commissioner Askew

12. Consideration and Approve Police Department Assigned Police Vehicles Policy

- *Ms. Jenkins stated she received a request from Chief Hicks for consideration and approval for a Police Department assigned police vehicle policy. Law enforcement agencies in surrounding towns Thomasville, Lexington and Davidson County Sheriff's Department are providing a take home vehicle. As many of you may know, most police agencies are now going to take home cars for their officers. We have discussed this in the past. This policy outlines the guidelines for the officer to have a take home car. We currently have enough vehicles for this policy to be activated upon approval. This can also help in retaining staff as that seems to be a bonus for those going to other agencies.

- *Ms. Whitman stated that the printed copy appeared to not be the corrected copy.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated the printed copy was provided for review and the corrected copy was updated and provided to the Board after Ms. Whitman reviewed for accuracy.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that Chief Hicks was available to answer any questions the Board may have.
- *Commissioner Morris asked Chief Hicks if this policy would help with recruiting?
- *Chief Hick's stated that he felt it would help with the recruiting and retaining current staff.
- *Commissioner Loflin asked if everyone lives within 30 miles so that you do not have to park it at another location?
- *Chief Hicks stated that all Officers live within the 30-mile radius. However, one Officer would prefer to go to the local Police department near his house. No items would be left in the car.
- *Commissioner Loflin asked how does the Liability Insurance work if it is parked at another Police station? Is it covered by our Liability coverage or the entity where it is parked.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that our Liability insurance would be responsible.
- *Chief Hicks stated that the policy also addresses that use of lights and sirens is not allowed outside of our jurisdiction, equal to 1 mile of Town limits.
- *Commissioner Bean asked if this addressed passengers.
- *Chief Hick's stated that it does address passengers.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that we currently have a vehicle for each Officer.
- *Commissioner Morris asked if we would have a spare car sitting at the police department for a reserve.
- *Chief Hick's stated that with Captain Scherer being on leave, his patrol car is at the Police Department and can be used if needed, and the Chief's patrol car could be available if needed.
- *Commissioner Morris asked if we budgeted for an additional car this year.
- *Chief Hick's stated that we are budgeting for a car next fiscal year. He also stated that he has spoken with Elderton Dodge. They have one vehicle available, but no guarantee it will be available in July.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that Chief Hicks has spoken with another Municipality which had purchased vehicles from Gov Deals or other agencies.
- *Chief Hicks stated that the surplus is available twice a year.
- *Commissioner Morris made a motion to adopt the Police Department Assigned Police Vehicles Policy.
- *Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

13. Approve Fiscal Year 2022/2023 audit contract Eddie Carrick CPA

- *Ms. Jenkins stated that we have received the contract for Eddie Carrick, CPA to conduct our Fiscal Year 2022/2023 audit. Mr. Carrick has performed our audit for the several years, and the rate has not changed. The fee for Mr. Carrick's service is \$7,000. We will also receive a contract for Tony Brewer who will assist with the audit, will have a separate fee.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated the Local Government Commission is requiring more input from the auditors this year.
- *Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 audit contract.
- *Commissioner Loflin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)
- *Ms. Jenkins asked if we could move item 17 in the agenda before Close Session so that the Department Heads can leave for the evening.

14. Town Attorney Update

- *Ms. Whitman stated that she and Angel are having weekly updates. There is a small issue with the agreement with Mr. Wayne Shuler's regarding his duplexes and the contractor bond. It

should be resolved soon, and she will bring it back to the Board for approval.

*Ms. Whitman stated that she had responded to Mr. Henry Morris with Backyard Builders regarding his request at the last Board meeting. He has not responded.

*Commissioner Morris stated that he had heard that the Mayor can request public hearings without having a motion and second to open and close the public hearing, is that so? Will that expedite things?

*Ms. Whitman stated that the Mayor can request public hearings without the motions if stated that way. If that is something that you would like to do, then we would need to change the policy and procedures.

*Mayor Ward stated that would be good if we could do that.

*Ms. Jenkins asked for point of clarification.

*Ms. Whitman stated that the Mayor can strike his gavel to open a public hearing and strike his gavel to close a public hearing without requesting a motion for each from the Board.

15. Town Manager's Report

*Ms. Jenkins stated that included in the packet was the Fire Department report, and the Police Department report.

Ms. Jenkins stated that March was a busy month. (Manager's report below)

- March 13 – The Town hosted the Mayor Manager's Breakfast at The Park Place. There was 12 in attendance.
- March 14 – Mayor Ward and Ms. Jenkins attended the EDC meeting in Lexington.
- March 16 – Ms. Jenkins attended a Manager's meeting at PTRC. The issues we face for our Town are shared with other Towns no matter what the population.
- March 25 - The Parks & Recreation Board hosted the Easter Eggstravagaza. There was a great turn out from the community. Several Churches and Businesses help make it a success.
- March 28 – The Board toured the Town facilities and was able to see firsthand how each Department operates. It was also a great time for Department Heads to provide information on the needs for the upcoming budget year.
- Public Works has installed the pipe at the water plant for their discharge water. We are waiting on the equipment to be repaired in order to completely fill the area back in with dirt.
- Architect John Fuller has presented renderings of the layout for bathrooms at Harrison Park. Ms. Jenkins stated that she has provided the needs for the Town Hall building, for the daily functions, and Mr. Fuller is evaluating the needs in order to come to the Board with recommendations.

*Commissioner Morris shared concerns with the minimal drawings supplied by Fuller Architecture.

*Mayor Ward feels that the restrooms need to be located closer to the road from a vandalism standpoint.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that she had spoken with Scott Hulin with Davidson County P&R that they have spent over \$40,000 since January of this year on repairs to County parks due to vandalism.

*Commissioner Bean stated that we need a minimum of two stalls per restroom. Two for men and two from the women.

- Last week was bulky item pickup week for the Town.

This week we will be meeting with:

- USDA regarding grants they have for Water and Wastewater facilities.
- LaBella will be meeting with Public Works, Water and Wastewater Department

Heads.

- W. Johnson Park Subcommittee will meet this week to do a walk through the property. The date will depend on the rain.
- *The Planning & Zoning Board will start the review process of the Town Subdivision Ordinance at the April 13, 2023 meeting. Copies have been provided to them.
- Handy Sanitary District's Manager, Darrell Hinnatt will present information to the Board at our May meeting regarding the water line connection with the City of Albemarle.
*Commissioner Morris asked to have a Special dinner meeting with Darryl Hinnatt and the Handy Board of Directors so that they can all discuss any questions or concerns.
- *Summey Engineering has received the approval from the State on the sewer line extension on Highway 109. They are waiting on the water line extension approval.

*Commissioner Morris asked if we are doing the work in house or are we bidding it out for the Highway 109 extension?
*Ms. Jenkins stated that this project will be bid out. Due to the nature of the project, NC DOT will provide the encroachment agreement and their requirements.
- Ms. Jenkins stated that we will be sending out bid packs for the town mowing contract.
- Ms. Jenkins stated that we are waiting on the individual microphones for the Diaz to be delivered and some technical work to the network in order to have the cameras in operation. She also stated that they should be working by the next Board meeting.

16. Commissioner Comments / Concerns

*Commissioner Morris stated that he had spoken with Representative Sam Wafford at the meeting the other evening. Mr. Wafford stated that will be money out there and we need to make sure we get in line. Mr. Morris advised that we have several projects that we need funds for.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that she would reach out to Mr. Wafford to provide information on projects that we need funding for and rely on that any assistance would be appreciated.

*Commissioner Morris asked if there was any way that we could pave this year before winter. We haven't paved in 3-4 years.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that we haven't paved since 2020.

*Commissioner Morris stated that all the work we have done will not be there anymore.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that we are still waiting on information from two contractors. Michael High advised he had provided both of them a list from SEPI and meet with them to discuss the paving project.

*Commissioner Bean stated that the potholes on Fourth street have been repaired and asked if there any way that the same thing be done for Broad Street.

*Mr. High and Ms. Jenkins both stated that the patching in that area is only temporary, as it needs to be repaved.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that Garner Street and Spring Street are in poor condition.

*Commissioner Bean stated that she knows this is a temporary fix, but if we could look at Broad Street that would be great.

*Commissioner Bean stated that she knows that we have had position changes and new staff but if we could give some attention to our website. She pointed out that the website still shows Kelly Craver as our interim Town Manager.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that we have our website on our agenda to update.

- *Commissioner Bean pointed out that Thomasville and Lexington websites look nice and ours not so much. She stated that there isn't a Board Member picture of the site.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that Chief Hicks is working on getting staff ID badges, when pictures are taken, we can look at taking an updated picture of the Board. It is something that Elizabeth Elswick is working on updating. The website updates are done in house.
- *Commissioner Morris stated if we had to pay money, we need to get this updated.
- *Commissioner Bean stated that the 2023 minutes and agendas are not up to date.
- *Commissioner Bean stated that so much information is outdated. She is glad to know that it is on the radar.
- *Commissioner Morris stated that we need to have Bulky Item Pickup for a complete week.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that we do provide the service for a complete week. We ask that items be placed at the curb by Wednesday of that week so that the Public Works department can get everything picked up by Friday. Anything that is still out on Friday of that week is picked up at no charge.
- *Commissioner Loflin asked about the fire hydrant at 18073 NC Hwy 109 South, if it could be moved back.
- *Mr. High stated that the fire hydrant is located there because of fiber optic lines that NC Department of Transportation put in place for the control of the stop lights.
- *Mayor Ward stated that Ms. Hedrick had reached out to all the area churches for assistance with the Spring Litter Sweep and hopes to be more organized this year.
- *Ms. Jenkins stated that during the past litter sweep events, we provide a map of the Town assign teams to cover different areas. At the last event, there was only 5 people present and not we were not able to cover the Town as well.
- *Ms. Hedrick stated that she had spoken with Chris Phelps with Keep Davidson County Beautiful. He is coming to help this year and will have volunteers to help. Ms. Hedrick stated that information was sent to the local churches to get involvement from their youth groups.

16. Closed Session for Personnel Matters in Accordance with NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to go into Closed Session.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into Closed Session.

Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0) 7:10pm

Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to come out of Closed Session.

Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to come out of Closed Session.

Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0) 7:52pm

17. Updates / New Business

*Ms. Jenkins budget meeting set for April 19th at 5:30pm at Town Hall.

*Commissioner Morris asked if the Department Heads would be doing their presentation at that time.

*Ms. Jenkins stated that the Department Heads would present their request for the new budget year. Ms. Jenkins asked the Board if they wanted the Department Heads have to prepare a power point for the meeting.

*Commissioner Morris stated that they do not have to provide a power point. This was the concise of the Board. Dinner will be provided.

18. Announcements

April 18, 2023 Spring Litter Sweep – Harrison Park – 5:30pm

April 29, 2023 The Strength Compound & Disabling Disabilities 5K Walk/Run

19. Board of Commissioners Adjournment

*Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to adjourn.

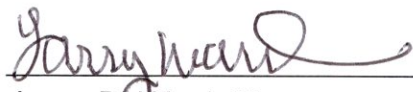
*Commissioner Bean made a motion to adjourn.

*Commissioner Askew seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.



Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk



Larry D. Ward, Mayor