

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor Pro Tem Deanna Grubb,

Commissioners: David Askew, Barbara Hogan, Julie Loflin, and Scott Morris.

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 those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Adoption of Agenda** – Commissioner Grubb made a motion to Adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
4. **Approval of August 2 & September 7, 2021 Minutes** – Commissioner Hogan made a motion to Approve the August 2 & September 7, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Askew 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.*
There was not anyone signed up to speak during the public comment period.
6. **Public Hearing – Consideration of Special Use Permit – 551 Denton Road from the Planning Board-**
Commissioner Morris made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
Public Hearing opened at 6:05pm
Interim Town Manager, Kelly Craver stated that the Planning & Zoning Board met and is recommending the Special Use Permit for Martin Coble at 551 Denton Road to replace a mobile home with a new mobile home. Permeant underpinning and removal of existing mobile home is required for this property. Mr. Coble is aware of these requirements. There was no one to speak for or against the Special Use Permit for 551 Denton Road. Commissioner Hogan made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
Public Hearing closed at 6:06pm.
Commissioner Loflin made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit as recommended from the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
Point of Order – Commissioner Morris asked that staff follows up on the removal of the existing mobile home.
Mr. Craver stated that staff will follow-up with Mr. Coble.
7. **Consideration of Pavement Assessment and CIP contract – SEPI Engineering and Abbotts Creek Engineering (Tabled at September 7,2021 meeting)-** Kelly Craver
Mr. Craver reviewed both proposals for street repair, one from Abbott's Creek Engineering and one from SEPI, Inc.
Abbott's Creek Engineering has provided 5 years of service to the Town. Mr. Austin presented an updated proposal with COVID restrictions, a cost increase for services and

recommended no paving to take place again this budget year.

SEPI, Inc., would provide a street assessment of the current conditions of the streets, review our CIP for street repairs and make recommendations for a possible five (5) year plan.

Mr. Craver explained that the cost for the assessment can be paid from Powell Bill Funds. There was much discussion in regards to the work that was preformed by Abbott's Creek Engineering and the proposed work to be done by SEPI, Inc.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the contract with SEPI, Inc.

Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

8. Approval Appointment to vacant seat on Parks & Recreation Board –

Mr. Craver stated that Kayla Surratt has resigned from her position on the Parks and Recreation Board due to her job requirements.

Commissioner Morris asked if there were any other applicants for the position presented.

Mr. Craver stated the other applicant was Tony Ramsey.

Mrs. Jenkins stated she did not include his application in the agenda packet and this item could be tabled until the Board could review both applicants.

The Commissioners proceeded with approving Mr. Gallimore.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to approve Dylan Gallimore for the vacant seat (Kayla Surratt). Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

9. Approve Surplus for Police Department – Chief Hicks presented the list of firearms that are on the surplus list. The firearms will have to be disposed of through a Federal Firearms Dealer. Chief Hicks stated they maybe able to trade the surplus firearms for other firearms that the department is in need of.

Commissioner Hogan made a motion to Approve the Surplus list for the Police Department. Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

10. Approve Budget Amendment 2021-01 – Police Department Salaries – Mr. Craver reviewed with the Board that the Police Department has had two (2) Officers leave and go to work at the Sherriff's Department. In looking at our Police Department beginning salaries (\$33,354) and the surrounding Police Departments: Thomasville (\$40,256 plus 600 per year for a two year degree or 1200 per year for a 4 year degree), Lexington (\$39,256), Davidson County Sherriff's Department (\$30,877 plus \$1,000 signing bonus, after completion of a 2 year contract a bonus \$2,000) and Troy (\$29,369) in order to be in line with neighboring Police Departments, it is recommended that the rate of pay be increase for Officers by \$2500, approximately 6% (six percent). This can help maintain the current Officers and also help in the recruitment for new Officers.

In order to fund the proposed budget amendment, the funds would be taken from the Fund Balance. The amount is based on three quarters of the year, starting with the first full payroll in October.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment 2021-01 for the Police Department Salaries. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

11. Discussion of Comparison Permitted Use Tables (1999 / 2021) – Mr. Craver stated that he has provided a copy of the edited Permitted Used Table to the Board. There are 203 changes in the Permitted Use Table. In reviewing the Permitted Use Table, some items were removed carte blanche. Mr. Craver stated that he can not explain the

changes. There are duplicates in the Permitted Use Table with differences in each listing, i.e., Tiny Houses.


The Planning & Zoning Board did not have a full Board present at their last meeting and the review of the Permitted Use Table was tabled until their next meeting.

After much discussion, it was recommended to send the Permitted Use Table back to the Planning and Zoning Board for complete review.

12. **Commissioner Comments / Concerns** – The Town was not approved for the PART-F Grant.
13. **Town Attorney Update** –Misti Whitman – Mrs. Whitman stated it has been a busy month working on mediations and will provide an update to the Board at a later time.
14. **Town Manager's Report** – Kelly Craver – Mr. Craver has provided the Board with a copy of his monthly Manager's report and reviewed the information provided. (Copy attached to these minutes)
15. **Updates / New Business** – There was not any updates or new business.
16. **Announcements** October 8- Family Fun Night / Concert in the Park 6pm-9pm
9- Denton Street Festival – 9am-3pm
23 & 27- Denton Historical Ghost Walk, 6pm
30- Monster Mash
17. **Board of Commissioners Adjournment** – Commissioner Askew made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Loflin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.



Larry Ward, Mayor



Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk