

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held in Town Hall on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00pm.

The following members were present: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor Pro Tem Deanna Grubb, Commissioners: Barbara Hogan, Julie Loflin, David Askew and Scott Morris

1. Call to Order- Mayor Ward called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of January 6 Minutes – Commissioner Loflin made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
4. 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.

Brian Bishop, 205 E. Salisbury Street- presented a request to the Board of Commissioners to change the area in front on his house to allow parking on the street. Mayor Ward thanked Mr. Bishop for the information and stated the Board would take into consideration.

Trent Williams, 546 S. Main Street- stated that the traffic on S. Main Street is heavy and several vehicles speed through the area. It is of great concern. Mayor Ward thanked Mr. Williams for bringing this to the Boards attention. Mayor Ward addressed Sergeant Scherer and asked if the Police Department could look into this matter. Sergeant Scherer said they would.

5. Adoption of Agenda – Commissioner Hogan made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
6. Surplus Property Resolution – R-2020-03 – Angel Jenkins- Mrs. Jenkins stated that the list before the Board was items from the Police Department and the Fire Department to be added to the surplus and dispose of through Govdeals. Commissioner Loflin made a motion to approve the Surplus Property Resolution R-2020-03. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
7. Amendment to Denton Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Plan – Ken Gamble – Mr. Gamble stated that Phase 1 of Harrison Park was completed with a PART-F grant, which included a composite playground. The Town would like to expand the current park site by developing the old Suntrust Bank property at 71 N. Main Street into a community center with recreation amenities. Theses amenities include a picnic shelter, outdoor cornhole and horseshoe pits. Other amenities could include outdoor restrooms, grills, power hook ups for food trucks and additional water resources.
8. Donation of Surplus Fire Turnout Gear to South Davidson High School – Chief Travis Morris – Chief Morris was not present. Mr. Gamble stated that the Fire Department would like the Board to approve donating the surplus turnout gear to the Public Safety class that will be offered at two of the Davidson County High Schools beginning next semester.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to donate the surplus turnout gear to the Public Safety Class for Davidson County Schools. Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

9. 2020 Parks & Recreation Event Calendar – Ken Gamble – Mr. Gamble presented the 2020 Parks & Recreation Event Calendar that was approved at the last P&R Board meeting. Mr. Gamble asked if there were any updates to the Calendar. Commissioner Hogan stated that the Harrison Park 5K Run is April 25, 2020 and the Denton Historical Ghost Walk is October 24, 2020 at 6:30pm. With no other updates, Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the 2020 Parks & Recreation Event Calendar. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)
10. Consideration of Denton Five Point Jobs and Business Plan – Ken Gamble – Matter was left open pending Attorney rewrite.
11. Town Attorney Update – Paul Mitchell - Attorney Mitchell stated that he has worked with Mr. Gamble on several items over the last month. There is a Personal Matter that will be discussed in Closed Session. Mr. Mitchell has reviewed the Five Point Business Plan and Job Creation. Mr. Mitchell also researched an open alley way for Kevin Wall. The alley way has trees growing in the middle of the alley and they requested permission to cut the trees down. Mr. Mitchell gave the permission to remove the trees. Mr. Mitchell stated that there is a possible zoning violation for the adult game rooms in town. He is waiting on more information. There is an insurance claim that has been submitted to the Town and Mr. Mitchell has been contacted by an Attorney's office in regards to the pursuit chase that happened over a year ago. Mr. Mitchell has left several messages for the Attorney to call him back. As of today, he has not heard from them.
12. Town Manager's Report – Ken Gamble – Mr. Gamble – Mr. Gamble has provided the Board with the Manager's report. He stated he wanted to highlight a few items from the report:
 - January 23, 2020 Mr. Gamble met with the DCCC staff and local businesses interested in starting a Welding apprenticeship program, in Southern Davidson County.
 - There is a disposed of property list of items that did not sell on Govdeals and was disposed of according to the state regulations. The dump truck sold for \$5450, which was more than the Town paid for the truck many years ago. The surplus items that have been sold on Govdeals is a total of \$14,005. The figure that was given prior included items previously sold on Govdeals.
 - The pump station at Nicoma Park is having pump issues. Michael High Public Works Director noted problems with the three-phase power causing alarms and pump failures at the station and requested a Duke Energy engineer to look at the power supply / infrastructure. Duke Energy staff visited the station on January 17, 2020 and installed monitoring equipment to determine what is happening when phase alarms occur. They advised that the problem is in the control panel, which we have had checked out in the recent past with no issues found. We currently

have two of our three pumps sent off for repairs and had to pull the last pump on January 28. We have a bypass pump in place until this matter can be resolved.

- Update on 156 S. Snider Street - John Ganus plans on serving an Administrative Inspection Warrant on the property on February 4, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Once the inspection is complete, Mr. Gamble will be able to advise the Board as to what items Mr. Ganus can enforce. A Police officer will be present due to past history with the resident. Mr. Gamble is also planning on being there as well.
- The Vacant Public Works Crew Leader Position -This position has been advertised in the Orator, League of Municipalities Job Board, Indeed, Town website and social media. Mr. Gamble selected 11 of the 17 applicants for telephone interviews and 7 of those made themselves available. Only one potential candidate made it past the telephone interview. He was sent to Michael for a skills test and second interview. The person did not have the necessary water-sewer knowledge or heavy equipment skills for the position. Mrs. Jenkins has checked with a temp agency in Lexington, but they do not allow their employees to drive or do any confined space work.
- Mr. Gamble has addressed the maintenance issues and lack of use of the electric vehicle with the department heads. Troy Branch is going to see if the vehicle is practical for use at the sewer plant and for use in the job tasks that are split with public works. If the vehicle can't be utilized in a cost-effective manner that supports Town operations, I will ask that it be declared surplus and sold.

Mr. Gamble asked Mayor Ward if the Department Heads could be dismissed while the Board met in Closed session, if there were no concerns from the Board.

Commissioner Morris stated that he has reviewed information from the Budget retreat and wants to know what can be done in order to fix the I/I issue for the Waste Water Plant. If you look at the loss, it is at 63%.

Mr. Gamble stated that with the WWTP, the more water in the system, the less it cost to retreat per thousand gallons. When the water content is decreased, the cost of treatment will rise.

Commissioner Morris stated that there is fixed cost involved with the treatment. He asked if the fixed cost was 25%.

Mr. Gamble stated he could not say, however, there is \$75,000 in the budget for next year to do camera work in order to find where the issues are.

Mr. High stated that the lines need to be checked in wet weather. They will also need to contract with a company that has a lateral camera system.

Commissioner Morris asked if they can check with the City of Lexington to see if the Town could contract with them for the service.

13. Closed Session – In Accordance with NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

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

Mayor Ward called the Board into Closed Session at 6:30pm

Commissioner Hogan made a motion to go into open session. Commissioner Morris

seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0)

Mayor Ward called to Board back into open session at 7:45pm.

Attorney Mitchell stated that the Board met in closed session and no action was taken.

14. Commissioner Comments / Concerns – Commissioners discussed the parking request from Brian Bishop at 205 E. Salisbury Street. The Commissioner asked Mr. Gamble to look at the possibility of having some parking in front of Mr. Bishops property.

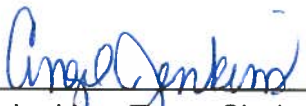
Mr. Gamble asked the Board of Commissioners to look at the area when they are in Town and they can revisit the request.

15. New Business/Other Updates -

16. Announcements

February 4th 6:00 p.m. Town Hall – PART-F / LWCF Site Specific Master Plan Public Meeting

17. Board of Commissioners Adjournment – Commissioner Hogan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (5-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm



Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk



Larry Ward, Mayor