

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held their regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

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

Absent: Commissioner Barbara Hogan

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 lead the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Adoption of Agenda – Commissioner Grubb stated that item eight (8). Public Hearing – Consideration of Special Use Permit – Haywood Street from the Planning Board, needed to be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Grubb made a motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of item eight (8). Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)
4. Approval of August 2, 2021 Minutes – Commissioner Morris made a motion to table the August 2, 2021 minutes until the October 4, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)
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 no public comment.
6. **Recognition of the 2021 Denton Watermelon Festival Queens** – Rebecca White, Pageant Director, introduced the 2021 Watermelon Queens. Mrs. White stated that the pageant promotes community service projects. Last year the Queens made 160 fall baskets and 160 stockings for the Town shut-ins and residents at Mount Vista.
Mrs. White stated that through their good luck seeds, they collected \$2970 and 3500 canned food items for the local food pantry and backpack program at Denton Elementary School and Silver Valley Elementary School. Mayor Ward and Mayor Pro Tem Grubb pinned the Queens with a Town pin. Mayor Ward presented the checks to the representatives from each school for the backpack program.
7. **Public Hearing – Application for Water & Sewer Tap Grant Under Denton Jobs and Business Creation Program- Buddy Ball- 358 Floyd Street – Kelly Craver**
Mayor Ward asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:13pm
Commissioner Morris made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Mr. Craver stated that Mr. Ball has met all requirements for the Water & Sewer Tap Grant. He has also presented the Certificate of Occupancy for the property at 358 Floyd Street. Staff recommends to approve the grant for \$2000 to Mr. Ball.

There was no one else to speak in regards to this item.

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:15pm. Commissioner Askew seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to approve the Water & Sewer Tap Grant Under Denton Jobs and Business Creation Program- Buddy Ball- 358 Floyd Street. Commissioner Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

8. **Public Hearing – Consideration of Special Use Permit – Haywood Street from the Planning Board –** (Item removed from agenda.)
9. **Consideration of Pavement Assessment and CIP contract – SEPI Engineering and Abbotts Creek Engineering (Tabled and Updated from August 2, 2021 meeting)- Kelly Craver –** Mr. Craver reviewed the information from SEPI Engineering and Abbotts Creek Engineering. The Commissioners discussed Mr. Austin’s work with the Town, also the possibility of the work being handled by Public Works Staff.
Commissioner Askew made a motion to table this item until the October 4, 2021 Board meeting. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

10. Commissioner Comments / Concerns

-Commissioner Morris asked the Public Works Director, Michael High if the sprinklers in Harrison Park were in operation.

-Mr. High stated that the system is damaged due to items being driven in the ground and breaking the lines. He stated the lines were not deep enough in the ground and a cheap system was originally installed 20 years ago.

-Mayor Ward asked about the ceiling fans at Harrison Park and the Market being replaced.

-Mr. High stated that they had measured the fans and were waiting for them to be delivered.

-Mayor Ward stated that the PART-F Grant would be announced on September 24, 2021.

-Commissioner Morris asked if power and water could be turned on to the former Suntrust building.

-Mr. Craver stated that staff would look into the power being turned on. Mr. High stated that the water was already on at the building.

11. Town Attorney Update –Misti Whitman-

Mrs. Whitman stated that the two (2) Town properties that the Town sold will be closing soon. Mrs. Whitman has been dealing with pending litigation and she has found a space for her Denton office.

12. Town Manager’s Report – Kelly Craver –

Mr. Craver stated that we have been contacted about someone sponsoring a Memorial Grove in Harrison Park. He has researched the original plans for the park, spoken with Paul Mitchell and Wilson Carter in regards to what they remember the groves to be.

Upon review of the rules for Harrison Park, alcohol is not allowed in the park. This will be enforced at future events.

13. 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 at 6:45pm.

Commissioner Morris made the motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Commissioner Grubb made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Loflin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Mayor Ward called the meeting back into open session at 8:13pm

14. Updates / New Business – There were not updates or new business

15. Announcements

September 11- 9/114 National Day of Service and Remembrance

September 21- Fall Litter Sweep- 5:30pm – 7pm

September 25 -Dog Days in the Park 10am-12pm

October 4 – Board of Commissioner’s Meeting

October 8- Family Fun Night / Concert in the Park 6pm-9pm

October 9- Denton Street Festival – 9am-3pm

16. Board of Commissioners Adjournment – Commissioner Askew made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Grubb seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Larry D. Ward, Mayor

Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk