

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton a Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor ProTem Deanna Grubb  
Commissioners: Anne Carter Bean, Barbara Hogan, Hayden Hicks  
Town Manager, Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk, Paula Hedrick  
Absent: Town Attorney, Misti Whitman, Commissioner Scott Morris

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Ward called the meeting to order. 6:00pm

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to adopt agenda

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

**4. Approval of February 26, March 4, March 19, 2024 minutes**

\*Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve February 26, March 4, and March 19<sup>th</sup> minutes

\*Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. 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.*

\*Carter Burns located at 334 Broad Street spoke regarding issues of speeding on Broad Street and noted that individuals have actually run over stop signs. He asked if the Davidson County Sheriff's Department could assist the Denton Police Department with patrol in the area. He stated that if there were speed bumps added to the street, who is responsible for maintaining them.

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that the issues were being reviewed by Chief James and his recommendation is to start with additional stop signs to be placed at Fourth and Spring Streets, and Broad and Fourth Streets. This will help control the speed in the area. This is on the agenda for this meeting.

**6. Proclamation for Volunteer Appreciation Month - April 2024 – Mayor Larry Ward**

Mayor Ward read into record the Proclamation to recognize April for Volunteer Appreciation Month.

**7. Approve Resolution R23/24-12 Supporting a Potential Davidson County Sport Complex and Multi-Use Facility – Angel Jenkins**

Ms. Jenkins presented Resolution R23/24-12 Supporting a Potential Davidson County Sport Complex and Multi-Use Facility. Davidson County is seeking the support of local municipalities in their efforts to develop a County Sport Complex and multi-use facility. They are currently looking at property near Hwy 64. Initial thoughts are to develop a complex with soccer fields and a building for public use. Other counties are developing this type of facility, and has been well received. The facility would provide more opportunities for involvement in outdoor activities. The complex could provide more positive mental and

physical outcomes for the youth of Davidson County as well as a potential to increase the local tax base and provide additional amenities. Davidson County is in the planning stages and have asked if the Board would provide a resolution of support.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve the Resolution R23/24-12 Supporting a Potential Davidson County Sport Complex and Multi-Use Facility

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

**8. North Carolina Utility Management Best Practices Introduction – Angel Jenkins**

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that the attached presentation was presented at an educational training held by North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that Mayor Ward, Mr. High, Ms. Hedrick and she attended in Fayetteville. The presentation provides information on the Viable Utility Program. There are steps that have to be taken, first attending the education training, asset inventory and assessment (AIA) and rate study.

Ms. Jenkins stated that a representative from Wooten Engineering Firm met with our Operators in Responsible Charge (ORC) at the Water and Waste Water Plants to review concerns with our utility system. The following day they reached out to us to inform that there is a grant available for Viable Utilities for the AIA study. It is due by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Information is already being pulled together to apply for the grant. It is per unit and can be awarded up to \$400,000 for the AIA.

These are items that need to be addressed and this would be a way to cover the expense of the study. The following Resolutions are stating that we are applying for the grant and if awarded we will use the funds for the purpose of the AIA.

Ms. Jenkins stated that Wooten Engineering Firm recommends that we advertise a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for On Call Engineering. This would allow us to review Engineering firms that can meet our on-going engineering needs. This is part of the AIA process. An on-call engineering firm would provide hands on assistance and work with our plants, ORC and the Board. She asked the Board to review the RFQ and advise if there were any questions. There were no questions from the Board.

**9. Approve Resolution R23/24-13 Town of Denton 2024 Water Asset Management Plan; Resolution R23/24-14 Town of Denton 2024 Waste Water Asset Management Plan – Angel Jenkins**

\*Ms. Jenkins presented Resolution R23/24-13 Town of Denton 2024 Water Asset Management Plan and Resolution R23/24-14 Town of Denton 2024 Waste Water Asset Management Plan.

\*Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve Resolution R23/24-13 Town of Denton 2024 Water Asset Management Plan.

\*Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

\*Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve Resolution R23/24-14 Town of Denton 2024 Waste Water Asset Management Plan

\*Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

**10. Consideration of Request- Davidson County Senior Services Café Signage Located at the Denton Civic Center – Angel Jenkins**

Ms. Jenkins stated Davidson County Senior Services are promoting their meeting location as The Denton Café. They have requested to place a sign at the Civic Center to notify the public of their program and times. The sign would be placed in an area that would not block the view of traffic.

\*Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the Davidson County Senior Service to place the Café signage at the Denton Civic Center.

\*Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

**11. Amend Town Ordinance Chapter VI, Section 23: Schedule II Intersections at which Stop is Required Before Entering – Angel Jenkins**

Ms. Jenkins presented an amendment to Town Ordinance Chapter VI, Section 23 to include additional stop signs at the following intersections – Fourth Street and Spring Street, and Broad Street and Fourth Street. This will create a 4-way stop at each intersection. With the addition of Tower Mountain Estates we have seen an increase in traffic; issues being reported are speeding, running stop signs, and running over street/stop signs. There is minimal cost associated with signage, and this comes as a staff recommendation.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve amended Town Ordinance Chapter VI, Section 23

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

**12. Town Department Head Reports**

\*Police Department – Chief Mike James

\*Water Treatment Plant – Michael High

\*Fire Department – Brandon Dorsett

\*Waste Water Treatment Plant – Troy Branch

\*Public Works – Michael High

\*Administration – Paula Hedrick

Report copies from each department are attached for reference.

**13. Town Attorney Update**

Ms. Whitman could not be with us tonight.

**14. Town Manager's Report**

Ms. Jenkins stated that Public Works has completed the Free Bulky Item pickup week and will resume their schedule to catch up on normal brush and debris. Ms. Jenkins included a copy of the proposed NCDOT paving that was included on the bid in the fall of 2023. They have 18 months to complete the projects. The streets in Town to be paved, Peacock Avenue from Highway 109 to High Rock Road, High Rock Road to Salisbury Street / North Main Street & South Main Street / Farmer Denton Road from Highway 109 to the County line / Highway 109 from Klopman Road to Highway 49.

**15. Commissioner Comments / Concerns**

\*Commissioner Hogan asked if the Police Department could offer support for the upcoming Harrison Park run on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Chief James stated they would assist with the 5K run.

\*Commissioner Bean asked about the future Town Hall. Ms. Jenkins stated that she would cover in the budget during the May meeting.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb asked if there has been any mention from the Railroad on the signage for First Street. Ms. Jenkins stated she will reach out and check status.

\*Mayor Ward asked about lighting on Hwy 109. Ms. Jenkins stated North of Town, Duke Energy has built out the specs, South of Town, Energy United has to add onto an account.

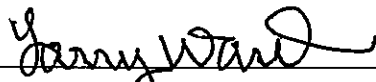
**16. Announcements -**

- Spring Litter Sweep – April 16, 2024 at 5:30-7:00pm
- Elected Officials Business Social – April 18, 2024 6:15pm

**17. Board of Commissioners Adjournment**

\*Commissioner Hogan made a motion to adjourn. 7:10pm

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

  
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Larry Ward, Mayor

  
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Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk