

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton a Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 6:00pm at Town Hall. - **Amended**
The following members were in attendance: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor ProTem Deanna Grubb. Commissioners: Anne Carter Bean, Scott Morris, Hayden Hicks, Barbara Hogan
Town Attorney, Misti Whitman, Town Manager, Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk, Paula Hedrick

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor ProTem Grubb stated we need to add 10a to approve Amended Plat Map for Mt. Vista Health Park and 14a Closed Session to the agenda.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve agenda with the addition of 10a. and 14a.

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

4. Approval of August 5 and September 3, 2024 minutes

Commissioner Bean questioned the comment on September 3rd minutes under item 12. Town Attorney Update. Ms. Whitman clarified that the question was presented, was Labella waiting on anything from the Town of Denton to move forward and the response was no.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to accept August 5th and September 3rd with the amendment to September 3rd minutes.

Commissioner Hicks 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 present to speak.

6. Public Hearing-Rezoning Request R15 to R8 for First Global Methodist Church- Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that a request for rezoning has been received from First Global Methodist Church, the property is located on South Main Street across from the Church (formerly known as the community garden). The church property is being sold, and not developed by the church. The Planning and Zoning Board approved the zoning from R15 to R8 at their September 19, 2024 meeting. This is a nonconforming lot; with this rezoning it will allow for a single-family home. It is staff recommendation for the property to be rezoned R8.

Mayor Ward asked to Open Public Hearing

Commissioner Morris made a recommendation to Open Public Hearing

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

Eddie Gallimore with First Global Methodist Church was present to answer any questions.

No questions asked.

Mayor Ward asked to Close Public Hearing

Commissioner Bean made a recommendation to Close Public Hearing

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

Commissioner Morris made a recommendation to rezone the property owned by First Global Methodist Church on South Main Street from R15 to R8.

Commissioners Hogan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

7. Approve Town Ordinance X Article A Disorderly Conduct Public Nuisance Section 9 – Social Media Policy-Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated this ordinance update is recommended by the School of Government. This policy will be posted on the Town Website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

This Social Media Policy outlines the Town rights to control Social Media post under certain circumstances, and stating what is allowed. As noted in previous correspondence if anyone represents themselves as an elected official of the Town, or an employee of the Town, deleting comments could be considered an infringement on someone's First Amendment Rights.

Commissioner Bean questioned the spelling of perpetrates under Section 9.C

Ms. Whitman stated that the spelling is correct according to the G.S. from the state.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve Town Ordinance X Article A Disorderly Conduct Public Nuisance Section 9, Social Media Policy.

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

8. Approval Budget Amendment 2024/25-02 for Automated External Defibrillators-Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated the budget amendment is to appropriate the funds for the final cost of the defibrillators that were approved for purchase. All have been distributed to the proper locations and installed. We have also notified the Davidson County EMS where they are located in Town buildings.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve budget amendment 2024/25-02 for automated external defibrillators.

Commissioners Hogan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

9. Review Proposed AMI Water Meter Quotes – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that we have received 3 quotes for the AMI Water Meters. A fourth person inquired but did not submit a quote. The quotes are provided for your review.

Commissioner Morris asked Mr. High what Handy Sanitary District (HSD) was using. Mr. High responded that HSD uses a drive by system.

Commissioner Morris asked if we know what Davidson Water uses. Ms. Jenkins stated that they use an automated system with automated cut off.

Commissioner Bean asked if the Fortiline quote was good through December 31, 2024. Ms. Jenkins stated that it is good through the end of the year.

Ms. Jenkins stated that we could set a meeting night for each company to meet and present their products if the Board would like.

Commissioner Hogan and Commissioner Hicks stated that they would like to see the AMI Water meter presentations.

Commissioner Morris asked Mr. High, out of the three quotes received which product does he recommend.

Mr. High stated that he recommended Fortiline, they have great customer service, they can do master meters and they would have the quickest turn around time.

Ms. Jenkins asked if October 15th, 2024 would be a good date to meet with Fortiline for their presentation. All Board members were in agreement.

10. Consideration of Joint Project with Handy Sanitary District – MBD Consulting Engineers-Reservoir Impoundment Engineering Investigation – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that we have received a request from Handy Sanitary District, Manager Darrell Hinnant, proposing a joint effort to do a study for the intake lagoons at the Denton Water Plant. This study would be performed by Charlie McGougan Engineering firm (MBD) at an estimated cost of \$40,000 with a 50/50 shared cost with HSD.

Mr. High stated that we do need to do a study and recommends that we use Wooten Engineering Firm rather than MBD, since we have an agreement with Wooten to handle our as needed projects.

Commissioner Morris asked that we reach out to Wooten Engineering Firm to see if he would be able to do the Intake Lagoon study.

10a. Approve Remaining Portion of Mt. Vista Health Park, Inc. Preliminary Plat Map-Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that in reviewing the information for the updated plat map for the remaining portion of Mt. Vista Health Park with Davidson County Zoning and Summey Engineering, it

was discovered that the updated plat map had not been approved by the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Jenkins stated this was an oversight on her part, after the Planning and Zoning Board approved the updated subdivision plat map.

Commissioner Morris stated he was on the Board at Mt. Vista Health Park but does not receive any payment for his service. He asked Attorney Whitman if he needed to be recused. Ms. Whitman stated he would not have to be recused from the vote.

Mayor ProTem Grubb made motion to approve the final updated Mt. Vista Plat Map. Commissioner Hogan second the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

11. Town Department Head Reports – documentation attached for reference

Administration – Paula Hedrick

Public Works – Michael High

Police Department – Chief Mike James

Water Treatment Plant – Jason Faunce

Fire Department – Ch. Brandon Dorsett

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Troy Branch

12. Town Attorney Update

Ms. Whitman stated that we need to review our 2023 Aid agreement and make sure it is up to date, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene in the Western Carolina area. Ms. Whitman's office is working with 64 Portables to collect items to reach out to smaller communities. The current need is for bottles, distilled water, hygiene products, and gently used blankets. Samaritans Purse is currently working with FEMA to help organize the needs.

13. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Jenkins stated that she has included a copy of the article from the Lexington Dispatch regarding Davidson County Sheriff's Office denies refusing animal control calls in Denton. Ms. Jenkins stated that she, Mayor Ward and Chief James were in attendance of the Davidson County Board of Commissioners meeting. Sheriff Simmons was asked to provide statistics on animal calls across the county including Denton.

Ms. Jenkins stated that she has looked at the Microsoft 365 for the Town. There is a government version with increased security. Option 2 would be Google Docs which is a different operating system. The basic Microsoft 365 license with exchange and desktop office application, would carry an annual cost of \$5102.00. We would need to verify the exact number of emails that are needed for the Fire Department, as that will make the annual cost fluctuate.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve Microsoft 365 for the Town platform.

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

Ms. Jenkins stated that she has provided a Project Tracker for reference.

Ms. Jenkins stated that she has included the July 2022 Town of Denton Stormwater Inventory

prepared by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC)

Ms. Jenkins stated that the Police Department has recently hired its seventh officer, Sergeant Matthew Riddle.

Ms. Jenkins reported that the Denton Street Festival was a successful event. We had a great turnout for the event and the weather was beautiful.

14. Commissioner Comments / Concerns

Commissioner Bean mentioned that there were 8 locations on the Alliance Code Enforcement report that fall into last year. It was asked if Alliance Code Enforcement could come to the November meeting. Ms. Jenkins stated that we would certainly see if they are available on that date.

Mayor ProTem Grubb reported that since the last sub committee meeting that Paul Briggs had fallen and broke his ankle. Ms. Grubb stated that Mr. Briggs had provided a proposal for his services. We will need to review and advise if we wish to proceed. Commissioner Morris asked to add this to the October 15th, 2024 – Special meeting agenda.

14a. Closed Session for Attorney- Client Privilege in Accordance with NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to go into Closed Session. 7:45pm

Commissioner Hogan made a motion to go into Closed Session.

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

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

Commissioner Bean made a motion to go into Closed Session.

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

No action was taken

15. Announcements –

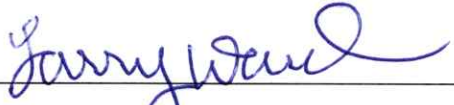
- October – Each Friday – Denton's Historic Ghost Walk
- October 12 – Denton Street Festival 9:00am-6:00pm
- October 14 – Planning and Zoning 6:00pm
- October 21 – Parks and Recreation 6:00pm
- October 26 – Monster Mash & 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff

16. Board of Commissioners Adjournment


Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to adjourn. 9:06pm

Commissioner Bean made a motion to adjourn.

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



Larry Ward, Mayor



Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk