

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Larry Ward, Mayor ProTem Deanna Grubb  
Commissioners: Scott Morris, Hayden Hicks, Barbara Hogan

Absent: Commissioner Anne Bean

Town Attorney, Misti Whitman, Town Manager, Angel Jenkins; Town Clerk, Paula Hedrick

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

**4. Approval of December 4, 2023 minutes**

\*Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb 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.*

\*There was no one present to speak.

**6. Presentation by Davidson County Fraternal Order of Police for Lodge 97 to Mark Hicks Retirement and 30 Years of Service – Tony Staley, President**

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that Tony Staley with the Fraternal Order of Police is out sick and hopes to be with us at our February 5, 2024 meeting.

**7. Approve Davidson County Economic Development Commission Bylaws – Angel Jenkins**

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that the Davidson County Economic Development Commission has restructured and updated their By-Laws. Mayor Ward serves on this Board and Commissioner Morris is the alternate for the Town. Each municipality in Davidson County will provide approval for the new By-Laws.

\*Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Economic Development Commission Revised By-Laws.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

**8. Approve updates to the Town Ordinance X: Disorderly Conduct, Article 8-General Nuisance Regarding Public Access to Town Facilities-Angel Jenkins**

\*Ms. Jenkins stated the ordinance revision of Town Ordinance X, Section 8.G.1 regarding Public Access defines specifically areas that are considered nonpublic forum areas.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve Town Ordinance X, Section G.1.

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

**9. Appoint Members to the Town Advisory Boards – Angel Jenkins**

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that the Planning & Zoning Board has two seats up for reappointment and two seats vacant. Dick Johnson and Kenny Small would like to continue serving and have submitted their renewal applications. The Town received applications from Mr. Wyatt Suggs and Ms. Lisa Brock as consideration for the two vacant seats.

Ms. Jenkins stated that is staff recommendation to reappoint Mr. Johnson and Mr. Small and appoint Mr. Suggs and Ms. Brock to the Planning and Zoning Board

\*Commissioner Morris made a motion to reappoint Mr. Johnson and Mr. Small and appoint Mr. Suggs and Ms. Brock to the Planning and Zoning Board.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that there are three seats up for appointment for the Parks and Recreation Board. Sam Grimes started with the Parks and Recreation Board in December 2022 has been a great asset. Mr. Grimes would like to continue serving and have submitted his renewal application. The Town received an application from Logan Berg as consideration for one of the vacant seats.

\*Ms. Jenkins stated it is staff recommendation to appoint Mr. Grimes and Mr. Berg to the Parks and Recreation Board.

\*Commissioner Hogan made a motion to reappoint Mr. Grimes and appoint Mr. Berg to the Parks and Recreation Board.

\*Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

**10. Appoint a Representative to the Davidson County Solid Waste Advisory Council – Angel Jenkins**

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that the Davidson County Solid Waste Advisory Council has requested that we appoint a representative from Denton to serve on the Council. The Council provides the rules and regulations for the Landfill. They meet every third Thursday, every other month from 10am – 12pm at the County Government building in Lexington, NC.

\*Mayor Ward stated that he would service for first meeting to what all the meeting intels. He will report back. No appointment has been set at this point.

## 11. Town Department Head Reports

a. Police Department – Chief Mike James (documentation attached): other items discussed

- The Department would like to surplus the 1988 Ford Van that was donated to the department several years ago. It will need to have a DMV inspector review it and we would need to secure a bond before selling.
- Provided an update on the status of current employment. Chief James requested a seventh officer be reinstated. This would give us more coverage for the town and provide assistance to the officers.
- Chief James strongly recommends a camera be purchased for the front of Town Hall. This will help protect our employees who work in the Town Hall.

\*Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the seventh officer for the Police Department.

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

b. Fire Department – Brandon Dorsett (documentation attached)

c. Public Works – Michael High (documentation attached)

d. Water Treatment Plant – Michael High (documentation attached)

e. Waste Water Treatment Plant – Troy Branch (documentation attached)

f. Administration – Paula Hedrick (documentation attached)

## 12. Town Attorney Update

\*Ms. Whitman stated that she is reviewing the Ordinances and will provide updated once complete. Thomasville is providing emergency overflow shelter and warming centers at Father's Store House.

## 13. Town Manager's Report

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that she has been working on the following.

- Reached out to Summey Engineering regarding Broad Street and Spring Street checking status.
- Chris Corriher with Hanes Paving has had three rewrites with the bonding company and approved was received in December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chris is also working with the NC Department of Transportation regarding the AST.
- The Generator for the Water Plant is now in production. Sanford Electric will notify us when it is ready to be installed. Production time is 2-3 weeks, with possible install in Mid-February.

- Working with USDA on the new Town Hall project and they are to advise what they need from us.
- Informal meeting with Paul Briggs scheduled for Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am to discuss the new Town Hall project.
- Duke Energy – many lights have been installed. Hwy 109 North and South, there are not current poles. Their engineers will be looking into placement.
- Images and documentation regard the flooding on North Main has been sent to Jamie Burkholder regarding the directional flow of the water.
- Darrel Hinnett with Handy Sanitary has confirmed at Board-to-Board meeting for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30pm
- She has requested a monthly report scope of work from LaBella

\*Commissioner Morris asked with we have obtained a grant writer.

\*Ms. Jenkins stated she is reaching out to Engineering firms Steve Chambers and Wooten Engineering who write grants for Water and Sewer.

\*Commissioner Morris asked if we have been notified by the State how or when to expect the grant that was awarded to the Town.

\*Ms. Jenkins stated we have not at this point.

\*Ms. Jenkins stated that Summey Engineering is working on the Hydraulic study and we should have maps and diagrams soon.

#### 14. Commissioner Comments / Concerns

No additional comments or concerns

#### 15. Announcements

- January 18, 2024 ~~5:30~~pm meeting with Handy Sanitary Board

#### 16. Board of Commissioners Adjournment

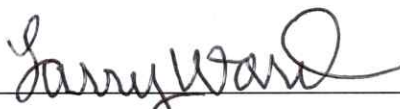
\*Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to adjourn.

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

7:25pm



Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk



Larry Ward, Mayor