

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton a Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: 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
Absent: Mayor Larry Ward

1. Call to Order

Mayor ProTem Grubb called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor ProTem Grubb led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor ProTem Grubb asked for a motion and second to adopt agenda.

Ms. Jenkins stated we need to add 13a to the agenda for review of the AMI meter system.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item 13a.

Commissioner Hick's seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

4. Approval of October 7th, October 15th and October 22nd, 2024 minutes

Mayor ProTem Grubb asked for a motion and second to approve October 7th, 15th and 22nd minutes.

Commissioner Bean stated that a motion and second needs to be recorded to October 7th minutes on item #13.

Commissioner Bean initially made a motion to move forward with Microsoft 365 platform for the Town
Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approved October 7th minutes with the correction to the minutes.

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

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the October 15th and October 22nd, 2024 minutes.

Commissioner Hogan 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.

There was one resident that sign the sheet to speak but was not present at the time of the meeting.

6. Police Department Swearing in of Sergeant Matthew Riddle.

Chief James introduced Sergeant Riddle to the Board of Commissioners and reviewed his 20 years of background in Law Enforcement. We welcome Sergeant Riddle to the Town of Denton.

Ms. Whitman led the swearing in of Sergeant Riddle.

7. The Wooten Company - Engineering Services and Grant Administration – Water AIA and Wastewater AIA – Miles Galloway

Ms. Jenkins introduced Miles Galloway with Wooten Engineering, Mr. Galloways is here to review the Water

Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) Projects and answer any questions regarding the study and task orders.

Mr. Galloway presented the scope of work (Task order 1 and 2) for the Engineering Service and Grant Administration for the Water (AIA) and the Wastewater AIA. Task order number 1 is to provide water system mapping, hydraulic modeling, Water Treatment Plant (WTP) evaluation, Asset Management Plan with CIP services associated with the Water AIA funding application also grant administration services. Task order 2 is to provide sewer system manhole location (mapping), manhole evaluation, smoke testing, clean and TV inspection of at least 5% of the collection system, lift station evaluations, Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) evaluation, sewer rate study, asset management plant report services, and grant administration. Commissioner Morris asked if there was a closing fee. Mr. Galloway stated that they were and is the responsibility of the Town. Commissioner Morris also confirmed this was a 24-month project. Mr. Galloway confirmed that was correct.

Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the Water AIA study (Task order number 1)
Commissioner Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the Waste Water AIA study (Task order number 2)
Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

8. Infrastructure Update- Summey Engineering

Ms. Jenkins stated she had met with Mack Summey and Bobby Kivett last week to discuss projects that they are working on. Mr. Summey and Mr. Kivett was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She will speak with them and ask for an update and report back to the Board.

9. Presentation from Flock Safety- LPR Cameras – Daniel Callahan and Jonathan Paz (via Zoom)

Flock Safety is an all-in-one technology solution, their intelligent platform combines the power of communities at scale – including cities, businesses, schools, and law enforcement agencies – to shape a safer future together. Their full-service, maintenance-free technology solution is trusted by more than 5,000 agencies in 49 states across the country to help deter crime in the pursuit of safer communities for everyone.

The Falcon system is solar powered, Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cloud storage and KMS-based encryption. This system is a License Plate Reader (LPR) which provides a vehicle fingerprint, it identifies vehicles by make, color, and license plate. It can provide more leads from local, stated and nationwide network of cameras. Davidson County Sheriff's Department, Lexington Police Department, Thomasville Police Department are looking to add within the next year. It is recommended that they be strategically placed throughout town but at the community's entry and exit points.

The Falcon system provides a faster install, no additional utility cost as the camera and pole are provided by Flock Safety and are easily moveable. Mr. Paz stated that images not on a watch list are deleted after 30 days.

Commissioner Morris asked if we could start with a set amount and add to or take away as needed. Mr. Paz

stated that we could build the set-up as we see needed.

Commissioner Morris asked if this was a lease or do, we own the cameras. Mr. Paz confirmed that this is a lease, that Flock Safety owns the cameras and poles.

10. Consideration of a Joint Project with Handy Sanitary District for MBD Consulting Engineers to Conduct a Feasibility Study for the Construction of a Reservoir Impoundment at the Town of Denton Water Treatment Plant – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that she attended the Handy Sanitary District (HSD) Quarterly meeting on October 30th, the main topic of discussion was the feasibility study for the “settling ponds”. Ms. Jenkins stated that the project understanding is to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a reservoir impoundment at the Town of Denton Water Treatment Plant.

Ms. Jenkins stated that the project understanding from HSD has been provided to Wooten Engineering for review. John Gray with Wooten stated that he did not feel that Wooten could provide service within the 150-day terms.

Commissioner Bean stated that she could approve the Project Understanding by MBD Consulting Engineers as long as Wooten Engineering reviewed the project.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to proceed with the Project Understanding from MBD Consulting. Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

11. Discussion of Proposed Renovation Project – Old Denton Jail Building – Barbara Hogan

Commissioner Hogan stated that she would like to save and preserve the Denton Jail Building. She has had several residents to ask the same. Commissioner Hogan reached out to Randy Hardister a local contractor and Steve Smith with Smith Builders to inquire what it would take to restore the Jail. Mr. Smith stated that he could parge the brick (The process of parging generally refers to the application of a cement coating, which is applied over a wall surface, such as over a foundation, or exterior), where the brick is coming apart and pressure wash the remaining. Mr. Hardister feels they would also be able to secure the wall that is leaning and replace the windows. Commissioner Hogan would like to add signage stating this is a historical site.

Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the renovations to the Denton Jail Building, not to exceed \$9,000.

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

12. Approve Proclamation Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that during the Veteran holiday many counties shine green lights in their public buildings to show support for our veterans from November 4th through November 11th. By shining a green light, all who participate will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve a Proclamation Supporting Operation Green Light for Active Military.

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

13. Resolution 24.25-06 Designation of an Official to Make Recommendations to the North Carolina

Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission on ABC Permit Applications.

Ms. Jenkins asked Chief James if he would like to speak on behalf of the Resolution.

Chief James stated that the attached resolution is to designate an official to make recommendations to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission on ABC permit applications. As of to-date we have not had a representative of the Town to make recommendations.

Chief James asked for approval of the Resolution so that he could make recommendations based on the suitability of the person or location and it would not delay a facility in moving forward with the acquisition of their license.

13a. Review presented AMI Meter System quotes – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins asked if anyone had any questions regarding the AMI Meter System quotes that had been updated and provided for review.

Commissioner Morris asked if Fortiline was a turn key job, with the option of variable size meters, and installation was included in the quote.

Ms. Jenkins stated with the exception of the Pole installation at the Water Plant if needed, which is \$15,000.

Commissioner Bean stated she liked Fortiline AMI meters with the leak detectors, and that they provide a reading up to eight times a day. She stated that their leak detection meters seem to be better.

Mr. High stated that they could mix the leak detection meters in the locations that may be prone to more leaks. If needed they could move those meters from area to area as needed.

Commissioner Morris asked if we could use the State Funds that are available.

Ms. Jenkins stated that yes, they should be able to use the State funds. Ms. Jenkins stated that she has a meeting this week with a representative to discuss the use of those funds.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to approve the Fortiline AMI meters as long as we can pay with State funds.

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

14. Town Department Head Reports – documentation attached for each department

Administration – Paula Hedrick

Public Works – Michael High

Police Department – Chief Mike James

Water Treatment Plant – Jason Faunce

Fire Department – Chief Brandon Dorsett

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Troy Branch

15. Town Attorney Update

Ms. Whitman stated that there is a new law regarding pornography on government networks and devices that has been passed through legislation and will take effect January 1, 2025. This gives the government entity the right to go in and remove and or uninstall saved pornography from all devices.

The Town needs to create a policy stating this new legislation.

Ms. Whitman stated that there are new regulations coming for Title VI that requires documents to be accessible in other languages. She will be providing more detail at a future meeting.

16. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Jenkins highlighted updates on current projects involving the Waterline Rehabilitation project Labella-Bid Opening will be November 14th at 10:00am, Bar Screen & Screw Conveyor replacement-we are still waiting on North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Modifications to the Waste Water Plant, I&I Town Infrastructure, AIA Water system, AIA Waste Water System, Sidewalk Project, Website, Hydraulic Study, Hydrant connection on Hwy 47, Public Hearings, Voluntary Annexation Hwy 109, Subdivision on North Main and Hwy 109 (Asher Heights), Roofing for Town buildings, Paving. (documentation provided via Project Tracker).

17. Commissioner Comments / Concerns

Commissioner Bean mentioned we have added several residential homes built in the area, now we need to focus on Commercial businesses that employ more than 30 people.

Ms. Jenkins stated that it would benefit to reach out to the Davidson County Economic Development Committee for suggestions.

18. Closed Session for Personnel Matters in Accordance with NC G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Commissioner Morris made a motion to go into Closed Session.

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

Commissioner Bean made a motion to come out of Closed Session.

Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously (5/0)

No action taken

19. Announcements –

- November 11 – Salute to Veterans 11:00am
- November 11 – Community Veterans Lunch (Southern Theatre) 12:00pm
- November 18 - Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 6pm
- November 21 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6pm

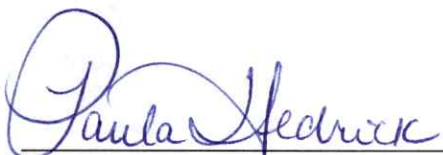
20. Board of Commissioners Adjournment

Commissioner Morris made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously (5/0) 9:10pm



Deanna Grubb, Mayor ProTem



Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk