

April 4, 2013

Regular Meeting

Mayor Danielson called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:30 PM on this date leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. (The start of this meeting was delayed so the Council could attend the Governor's Bay Cabinet meeting being held at the County Board of Education building.)

Mayor Danielson asked that the record reflect that all Council members were present except Councilman Porter. Councilman Porter arrived at 7:32 PM.

The minutes of the March 21, 2013 special meeting were amended to correct who was in attendance at the Chesapeake Culinary School Bid Meeting.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2013 regular meeting, the minutes of the March 21, 2013 special meeting as amended and the minutes of the March 21, 2013 working session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gregory, passing unanimously.

Swearing in Newly Appointed Town Council Member – Mrs. Abigail McNinch

Mayor Danielson swore in Mrs. Abigail McNinch to office to serve on the Town Council, filling the vacancy created in March by the resignation of former Councilwoman Agnes Case.

Public Hearing

None

Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication

Letter from Caroline County Commissioners – Shore Health Systems

Mayor Danielson read a letter from the Caroline County Commissioners thanking the Town for their support and assistance during the process to establish an agreement with Shore Health System to improve health care access in Caroline County.

Condolences – Bullock Family

Mayor Danielson announced with regret the recent passing of a very nice young woman, Ms. Angie Bullock, and expressed condolences to family.

Councilman Gregory suggested the Town Administrator draft a letter of condolences for the Mayor's signature to be sent to the Bullock family on behalf of the Town Council.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #782 – Refinancing of Loan for the Public Works Facility – 504

Choptank Ave.

A Resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to refinance the property located at 504 Choptank Ave with financing from Provident State Bank.

Councilman Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution #782, seconded by Councilman Porter.

In discussion: Mr. Donald Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided a background and shared loan terms received from several local banks. Provident State Bank had the best offer for 15 years at 65% of Prime or 2.11% minimum and 2.99% maximum.

The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #783 – Refinancing Loan for Police Dept. Facility – 100 N. Third

St.

A Resolution authorizing the Town of Denton to refinance property at 100 N. Third St. with financing from Provident State Bank.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to adopt Resolution #783, seconded by Councilman Gregory.

In discussion: Mr. Donald Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided a background and shared loan terms received from several local banks. Provident State Bank had the best offer for 15 years at 65% of Prime or 2.11% minimum and 2.99% maximum, amortizing the loan for 20 years.

The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1- Municipal Tax Differential

The Council reviewed and commented on a letter received from the Caroline County Administrator about the Municipal Tax Differential and formula.

A joint meeting of the Town Council and the Caroline County Commissioners is scheduled for April 15, 2013, 6PM at the Police Dept.

Agenda #2 – Savannah Overlook Deed

The Council reviewed the owner of Savannah Overlook's request the Town move forward with signing the deed.

The Town Attorney will review the Public Works Agreement and go over the list of items with Staff that have not been completed.

New Business

Agenda #1- FY2014 General Fund Budget

The FY2014 General Fund Budget was presented to the Town Council.

Mr. Mulrine gave an overview of the budget and each department's needs, pending refinancing and updated equipment.

The Council agreed to hold a budget working session on April 11, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

Miscellaneous

Maryland Municipal League Convention

Councilman Gregory asked if funding was available to send Councilwoman McNinch to the Maryland Municipal League Convention to attend valuable training for elected and appointed officials.

Staff acknowledged that funds are available.

LGIT Membership Award

Mr. Mulrine announced that the Town of Denton received an award for having been a member of the Local Government Insurance Trust for 25 years.

Critical Area Ordinance #650

The Council held discussions pertaining to the Critical Area Ordinance #650 that did not pass at the last meeting.

Mr. Drummond provided some guidance on the State Critical Area law and requirement.

No action was taken on reviving the Ordinance at this time.

With no further discussion, Councilman Gregory made a motion to close the meeting at 8:59 PM, seconded by Councilwoman McNinch, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk - Treasurer*