

August 6, 2015

Regular Meeting

Mayor McNinch called the regular meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 7:00 PM on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor McNinch asked that the record reflect that Councilman Branson and Councilman Clendaniel were present. Councilman Porter and Councilwoman Lightner were running late.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Councilman Porter arrived at 7:04 PM.

Public Hearing

None

Petitions, Remonstrance's and Communication

Proclamation – 27th Annual Caroline Summerfest 2015

Mayor McNinch read a Proclamation “In Celebration of the 27th annual Caroline Summerfest”. This is a joint proclamation that will be presented with the County Commissioners at the opening ceremony on August 21, 2015.

Mrs. Sue Simmons was present and thanked the Town Council for their continued support of the festival.

Proclamation – Charles Moore 100th Birthday

Mayor McNinch read a Proclamation in honor of Mr. Charles Moore who is celebrating his 100th Birthday on August 21, 2015. Mayor McNinch will present Mr. Moore with the Proclamation as part of the Summerfest Pedestrian Parade festivities.

Proclamation – Tristan Merson

Mayor McNinch read a proclamation extending the Town’s congratulations to Tristan Merson who will be receiving his Eagle Scout award during a ceremony scheduled for September 19, 2015.

Sharp Road Park

Mrs. Sue Simmons, Director of Caroline County Recreation and Parks, and Mayor McNinch provided an update on the Sharp Road Park project. Mrs. Simmons announced they are currently preparing a grant application to seek funds to building a multi-purpose field. The County has designated \$15,000 in local park funds and the Choptank Athletic Association has agreed to match these funds to help refine the plans and get the park development moving forward.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to support submitting the Community Parks and Playground Grant application, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #816 - MML HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign

A Resolution of the Town of Denton in cooperation with the Maryland Municipal League to make a commitment to obesity prevention in the town.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Resolution #816, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Reports of Officers, Board and Committees

None

Unfinished Business

Agenda #1- LEOPS – Municipal MOU Agreement

The Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the Municipalities (Federalburg, Ridgely and Denton) for sharing the cost for the Maryland State Retirement Actuarial Study has been drafted by the Town Attorney and was presented to the Council for consideration of approval.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the LEOPS Actuarial Study Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Agenda #2 – Town Council Health Care

The Council agreed to have this item placed on the October working session for further discussion.

Agenda #3 - WWTP Cell One Liner Update

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the WWTP project. Announcing that the scope of the project has changed some. Staff has been working with GMB on preparing an application to seek Federal assistance from USDA for a Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Report that would combine many of the Sewer capital upgrade needs with the liner replacement, all into one project.

Staff will move forward with submitting the grant application and advertising public notices as required.

Agenda #4 - Duffey Land Track

Mr. Mulrine presented a letter received from the Maryland Dept. of Transportation inquiring on the Town intent for the former Duffey property. The Town had previously placed a hold on the land for the Board of Education for a new school.

Councilwoman Lightner arrived at 7:35 PM.

Councilman Porter made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Education requesting their intent of this property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Clendaniel, passing unanimously.

Agenda #5 - MEA Grant

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the FY2015 MEA Grant, announcing that he would like to modify the scope of work to cover the cost of the HVAC system that is not working properly at the 9 N. Fourth St., FACES building. He is working with MEA to modify the grant to change the scope to include the HVAC unit rather than replacing lights at this time.

Councilwoman Lightner made a motion to allow the Town Administrator to move forward to amend the grant and replace the HVAC with a maintenance agreement as discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Branson, pass unanimously.

Agenda #6 - Energy Purchase

Mr. Mulrine discussed with the Council about making a decision on who will be the Town's energy consultant. Mr. Mulrine needs to explore one more option and he will bring this item back to the Council for consideration in September.

New Business

Agenda #1 - HVAC Proposal

Mr. Mulrine discussed the status of the first floor HVAC unit at the Town Hall and that it needs to be replaced. The estimate to replace it was shared; funding will come from what was left over from the building renovation loan.

Councilman Clendaniel made a motion to authorize to make the purchase from Shorely Comfortable Air as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Lightner. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda #2 - Water & Sewer Allocation

Mr. Andrew Hanson, of the Osprey Company, submitted a request for approval for thirty-one (31) water and sewer allocations on behalf of Village Circle, LLC, for Riverwoods at Denton.

Councilwoman Lightner made a motion to approve the allocation request, seconded by Councilman Clendaniel. The motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Councilwoman Lightner thanked the Police Dept. for doing an outstanding job in the community, mentioning some recent activity in her neighborhood.

Mr. Chris Drummond, Town Attorney, briefed the Council on the General Assembly new medical marijuana rulings and what the Town may see as a result.

Mr. Drummond and Staff shared that Mr. Ronald Diem has contacted the Town in regards to extending the cattle operations on their property for another 5 years. The Council supported the extension. A Resolution and modification to the Annexation Agreement will come before the Council for consideration in September.

Mayor McNinch mentioned the Council needs to conduct the Town Administrator's annual evaluation. An Executive session was scheduled for September 3, 2015 to be held at 6:30 PM just prior to the Regular meeting.

Mayor McNinch commended Nationwide Insurance on the fantastic job they have done on their building. She suggested the Town send a letter of thanks or possibly hold a ground breaking ceremony to recognize them.

Mayor McNinch spoke with regards to some recent negative media on the 404 Tap House and the misconception of the Town's involvement.

Councilwoman Lightner complimented the recent article about the Turn Bridge Point B&B; the State of Maryland, Comptroller Franchot's visit to the Denton Police Dept. and recent recognitions.

With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk - Treasurer*