

October 16, 2017

**Working Session – 6:00 PM**

*The Working Session of the Denton Town Council was called to order by Councilman Branson at 6:00 PM on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**In Attendance:**

*Council: Councilman Branson, Councilman Lister, and Councilman Johnson were present. Mayor McNinch arrived at 6:04 PM and presided over the remainder of the meeting. Councilman Porter was absent.*

*Staff: Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, Chief Rodney Cox, Karen Monteith, Clerk-Treasurer were present.*

**Discussion:**

**FACES Lease Renewal – 7 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.**

*Mrs. Marina Dowdall, Executive Director of the Caroline County Council of Arts, and Mrs. Donna Hayes, Board Member, came before the Council and discussed the history of the Arts & Entertainment District, the building, FACES Program, the proposed lease renewal for 7 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. and ownership of the building, pertaining to the Town's financial obligation to work toward fulfilling the goal of the project.*

*Staff will reach out to the State regarding the Community Legacy Grant/Loan and ownership requirements and pull together Town cost.*

**GMB Stormwater Study and WWTP Update**

*Mr. Scott Getchell of George, Miles & Buhr, made a presentation to the Council on the the Stormwater Study Project, which is grant funded. He shared maps of areas identified for improvement. GMB will continue to finalize the study that the Town will be able to use to apply for outside funding for the areas identified.*

*Mr. Getchell provided an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Ultra Violet Upgrade and the Liner Repair. He shared that the design is about 80% complete. Once the design is completed it will be sent to MDE for review, with the possibility to start advertising for bids in January 2018.*

**Micro Enterprise – HotDesk Project**

*Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the Hotdesk Project for 323 Market St.*

**Mallard Landing Easement**

*Mr. Mulrine shared that the Town Attorney is working on an agreement for the area set aside in Mallard Landing known as Sand Piper Lane to be turned over to the Town.*

**Strategic Plan**

*Mr. Mulrine provided an update on Staff progress on the Strategic Plan.*

**Legal Discussion**

*Mr. Mulrine shared some legal correspondences from the Attorney.*

*Mr. Mulrine shared that Spectrum Energy is trying to schedule a meeting with Senator Hershey to provide the Town Council an opportunity to discuss the proposed power plant. A meeting is tentatively being scheduled for November 9, to be held at the Visitor Center with Eastern Shore Energy. Emails notifications will be sent to those guests on the list from the last meeting.*

**Miscellaneous**

*LGIT's Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2017 – topics will include the revised Open Meetings Act and Conducting Effective Meetings. Mayor and Staff are registered to attend.*

*MML – Security at meetings; discussion was held on having staff receive active shooter training.*

*Mr. Mulrine shared business update.*

**2017-19**

*Visitor Center is now staffed.*

*Mayor McNinch commended Mr. Mulrine on a great job done helping with the Ridgely Car Show.*

*Town's Employee End of the Year Luncheon is scheduled for December 15. Councilman Johnson shared that it would be a good idea to recognize an employee of the year from each department.*

*Chief Rodney Cox shared information on obtaining a new K9 through donations and grants.*

*With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer*