

November 19, 2018

*The Working Session of the Denton Town Council was called to order by Mayor McNinch at 6:30 PM on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*All Council members were in attendance, except for Councilman Lister, when the meeting opened. Councilman Lister arrived at 6:33 PM.*

*Staff present included – Mr. Don Mulrine, Lieutenant George Bacorn, Phil Clark, David Renshaw, Emily Spencer and Karen Monteith.*

**Discussion was held on the following items:**

**Summerfest Quilt Presentation**

*Mrs. Cindy Towers, a long-time resident of the Denton area, recently worked her magic and updated the amazing Summerfest Quilt, adding the past 5-years of festival T-shirts. The quilt now reflects all 30 years of the event.*

*Mrs. Sue Simmons, Director of Caroline County Recreation & Parks, and Mrs. Cindy Towers came before the Council to unveil the newly modified Summerfest Quilt, and in good humor, presented the Town with a custody agreement.*

*Mayor McNinch read and presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Towers thanking her for her time and dedication in creating and modifying the Summerfest Quilt.*

**Caroline County Economic Development**

*Mrs. Debbie Bowden, the new Director for the Caroline County Economic Development, came before the Council to introduce herself and discuss what is happening in the area. Topics discussed included Work Force needs, tax incentives, Main Street, Tourism, Industrial Park, One Maryland, and Denton's designation as a federal opportunity zone.*

*The Mayor shared that the Town is most concerned with affordable work force housing, and with the County's new fee for new housing units and how it may deter businesses from coming to the Town's and being able to keep up with the work force needs.*

*Staff will work with Mrs. Bowden to update and put together a package of what Denton has to offer and what benefits are available through the State.*

**Strategic Planning**

*Council and Staff continued working on updating the Town's Strategic Plan priority objectives and goals.*

**2019 Council Meeting Schedule**

*The 2019 Meeting Schedule draft was presented and discussed. Staff will amend the schedule and bring before the Council in December for consideration of approval.*

**2018 Holiday Schedule**

*With the December holidays falling on Tuesdays, discussion was held on closing the Town Offices on Monday's for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and for employees to utilize accrued leave.*

**Staff Update**

*Mr. Mulrine shared that the January 28, 2019 Working Session will be designated to meet jointly with the Planning Commission to discuss potential amendments to the Town Code.*

**Franklin Street Water Main Project**

*Mr. Mulrine provided an update on the Franklin Street Water Main Replacement Project, indicating the Town has been awarded some of the funding. He will be meeting with the Utility Commissioner to discuss scaling the project back to be affordable.*

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**Main Street Coordinator**

*Discussion was held about the Downtown Denton Main Street Program restructuring and the Coordinator position.*

*With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 8:40 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk-Treasurer*