

*December 4, 2017*

**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 thanked everyone for coming and asked that the record reflect that Councilman Lister was absent, and all the other Councilmembers were present.*

*Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented; seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously.*

*Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 Working Session as presented; seconded by Councilman Johnson, passing unanimously.*

**Public Hearing**

*None*

**Petitions, Remonstrance's, and Communication**

**Proclamation – Corporal Daniel J. Franklin and K9 Bart**

*Mayor McNinch read and presented proclamations to Corporal Daniel J. Franklin and his partner K9 Bart.*

*Corporal Franklin recently retired from the Denton Police Department and was recognized for his 16 years of Public Service to the Town.*

*K9 Bart recently retired from the Denton Police Department and was recognized for his 10 years of Public Service for the Town.*

**Proclamation – Mrs. Carol Stockley**

*Mayor McNinch read and presented a proclamation to wish Mrs. Carol Stockley, a Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and thank her for all that she has done for the community.*

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance #689 – Rental Ordinance Amendments**

*Ordinance #689 was adopted on November 2, 2017. Staff asked for clarification on the Council's intent.*

*Councilman Porter made a motion to clarify the language in Ordinance #689, it was not intended to remove any of the existing language from the Code, but to add to the existing language. The motion was seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.*

**Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees**

*None*

**Unfinished Business**

**Agenda #1- GMB Presentation – Storm Water**

*Mr. Scott Getchell, Project Manager for George Miles and Buhr, gave a presentation on the Denton Stormwater Drainage Management Study that was recently conducted by GMB, using grant funding. Ms. Kathleen McAllister and Mr. Griffin Bear Anderson from GMB were present, providing additional information and assisting with answering public questions and comments.*

*Mr. Getchell shared that the draft has been submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for consideration of approval.*

*This item was informational only, no action was taken.*

**New Business****Agenda #1 – Franklin Delano Roosevelt 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speech**

Mr. Santo Mirabile, Jr., submitted a request recommending a special celebration be held in Sept. 2018 to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's appearance in Denton. Mr. Mirabile mentioned, that since he submitted his request, that he has learned from the Caroline County Historical Society they held a special event on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He recommended to have a statue installed, instead of a plaque.

The Council will add to their Strategic Plan and work to put a plan together to discuss.

Mr. Robert Willey shared a story of when the Jaycees installed the original Plaque.

No action was taken on this item at this time.

**Agenda #2 – Coalition Against Bigger Trucks**

The Council reviewed a request received from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks seeking a letter of support to keep big rig trucks at a certain weight limit and keep trucks from being allowed to expand their length and weight capacity.

Councilman Porter made a motion to send a letter of support, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

**Agenda #3 – Water and Sewer Allocation – Choptank Community Health**

A request from Choptank Community Health Systems, Inc., seeking approval for seventeen ERU's for the proposed medical facility to be located at 808 South Fifth Ave was reviewed.

Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the granting of a water and sewer allocation as requested, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

In discussion, Mr. Mulrine, Town Administrator, shared that Choptank Community Health and GMB made a presentation to the Planning Commission and received preliminary site plan approval in November 2017. The Choptank Community Health Project will come back to the Planning Commission in February 2018 seeking final approval.

With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch called for a vote on the motion on the floor to approve the allocation.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda #4 – Planning Commission Appointment**

Councilman Branson made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Doris Walls to serve another five-year term on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously. The new term will begin January 1, 2018 and end December 31, 2022.

**Agenda #5 – Historic & Architectural Review Commission Appointment**

Councilman Branson made a motion to reappoint Ms. Kathy Mackel to serve another three-year term on the Historic & Architectural Review Commission, seconded by Councilman Porter, passing unanimously. The new term will begin January 1, 2018 and end on December 31, 2020.

**Agenda #6 – 2018 Council Meeting Schedule**

The 2018 Council Meeting Schedule draft was presented.

*Mr. Mulrine asked to change the date for the December 3, 2018 to be December 10, 2018.*

*Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the 2018 Council Meeting Schedule as amended, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.*

**Agenda #7 – Board of Appeals Appointment**

*Councilman Branson made a motion to reappoint Ms. Jennifer Shull to serve another three-year term on the Board of Appeals. The new term will begin January 1, 2018 and end on December 31, 2020.*

**Agenda #8 – Main Street Maryland Letter of Agreement**

*Mr. Mulrine provided a synopsis of the Main Street Maryland Designation and asked for consideration to enter into a new agreement to maintain the Town's Main Street Designation.*

*Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Main Street Maryland Agreement, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.*

**Agenda #9 – Corsica IT Contract Amendment**

*An amended contract with Corsica Technologies was submitted for consideration to consolidate billing for services being provided.*

*Councilman Branson made a motion to approve the contract amendment as presented, seconded by Councilman Johnson, passing unanimously.*

**Miscellaneous**

*Mayor McNinch requested the Strategic Plan be placed on the agenda next year to be reviewed for updates.*

*Mayor McNinch recently attended LGIT's Annual Meeting and Board Retreat.*

*Mayor McNinch announced the next Eastern Shore Association of Municipalities Dinner is scheduled for January 23, 2018 and encouraged board members to try to attend.*

*Mayor McNinch shared information from the recent State Highway – Caroline County Legislation Meeting. A letter of support for improvement to the traffic lights on 404 was included in the request submitted, as well as, seeking approval for the road to no-where across from Walmart to be extended to Rt. 404 and Gay St.*

*Mayor McNinch shared that the prior request for improvement to Legion Road near the Subway is pending future development.*

*Councilman Porter shared some words of wisdom regarding the Legion Road Emergency Response request and expressed for the Council to stay focused on maintaining safe travel patterns.*

*Mayor McNinch shared that she has been working on municipal education and outreach for the youth. She recently invited a local Girl Scout Troop to visit the Town Council meeting chambers, during which they held a mock Council meeting.*

*Mayor McNinch encouraged board members to join her in meeting with the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders at Denton Elementary School this winter to promote the Maryland Municipal League "If I were Mayor Contest".*

*December 8<sup>th</sup> - Lockerman Middle School Career Day*

*Councilman Johnson announced that the NUTS (Neighbors United to Serve) held its 26th annual event on Thanksgiving Day, providing 1165 meals.*

*Shop with a Cop was held again in which many Denton Police Officers, Caroline County Sheriff's Deputies and Maryland State Troopers participated.*

*The Denton Police Dept. participated in “No Shave November” and raised funds for St. Jude’s.*

*January 17, 2018 – the Eastern Shore Energy will be holding a public meeting at the Visitor Center. Staff will send email notices to those that attended prior meetings on the proposed power plant.*

*Mr. Drummond, Town Attorney, discussed briefly a Public Information Act request received from the Choptank Riverkeepers; acknowledging that he has sent a response to Mr. Pluta.*

*December 15, 2017 – Annual Employee End of the Year Luncheon at the Visitor Center.*

*January 15, 2018 – Martin Luther King Day Walk will begin at Lockerman Middle School.*

**Special Presentation – Dennis Porter**

*Mayor McNinch presented a proclamation and plaque to Councilman Dennis Porter extending the Council’s gratitude for his 15 plus years of service on the Town Council.*

*Councilman Porter stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the Town Council and Utility Commission and he asked that the current board continue to make decision based on what is best for everyone, and best for the community. He thanked everyone for their support.*

*Mayor McNinch introduced Councilwoman Elect, Ms. Doncella Wilson. Ms. Wilson was welcomed by all and will be sworn into office in January.*

*With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk - Treasurer*