

May 18, 2020

Special Town Council Meeting

Special Meeting

Mayor McNinch called a Special Meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 6:30 PM on this date and thanked everyone for attending.

Mayor McNinch lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This meeting was held using online Microsoft Teams Meeting Format – access to the meeting was made available on the Town website and published in the Sunday Star.

Roll Call

Mayor McNinch conducted roll call and asked that the record reflect that all Councilmembers were present.

Staff attending the meeting included: Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, Chief Rodney Cox, Lt. George Bacorn, Karen Monteith, David Renshaw, Phil Clark, and Mark Chandler.

Mayor McNinch announced this is a Special Meeting of the Denton Town Council regarding the Public Hearings that were held on May 7, 2020. During the hearings, the time to accept written public comments was extended through May 14, 2020. The Denton Town Council will review written public comments received by the May 14, 2020 deadline; take action to establish the Town of Denton Fiscal Year 2021 Real Property Tax Rate and to consider adoption of Ordinance #705 – the FY2021 General Fund Appropriations Ordinance.

Unfinished Business:

Constant Yield Tax Rate - July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Mayor McNinch announced that a Public Hearing was held on May 7, 2020 concerning the State of Maryland Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification indicating the real property assessable base for properties located within the Denton Town limits is estimated to increase by 1.2% and that in order for the Town of Denton to receive the same real property tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2021 as received in Fiscal Year 2020, the Town should reduce the tax rate from \$.77 per \$100 of assessed value to \$.7606 per \$100 of assessed value. Stating that the Town of Denton is considering not reducing the real property tax rate enough to fully offset the increasing assessments and is proposing to maintain the current tax rate at \$.77 per \$100 of assessed value, that may generate \$34,489 in additional property tax revenues.

Mayor McNinch asked to have any public comments received read into the record.

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator stated that no public comments were received by email or mail.

Mayor McNinch announced she would entertain a motion to maintain the current tax rates for Fiscal Year 2021.

Councilman Branson made a motion to set the tax rate, seconded by Councilman Lister.

Mayor McNinch called on each Council member to vote on the motion to set the tax rate, maintaining the current tax rate of \$.77 per \$100 of assessed value.

The vote in favor was unanimous, motion carried.

Ordinance #705- FY2021 General Fund Budget Appropriations

Mayor McNinch announced that on May 7, 2020, the Denton Town Council held a Public Hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #705 – an Ordinance of the Town of Denton to appropriate funds and estimate income in accordance with the General Fund Budget adopted for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. The Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund Estimated Budget of \$4,129,059. The time to accept writing public comments was extended through May 14, 2020.

Mayor McNinch asked to have any public comments received read into the record.

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator stated that no public comments were received by email or mail.

Mayor McNinch announced she would entertain a motion on Ordinance #705.

Councilman Branson made a motion to adopt Ordinance #705, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mayor McNinch called on each Council member to vote on the motion to adopt Ordinance #705.

The vote in favor was unanimous, motion carried.

With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:40 PM.

The Special Meeting was followed by the regularly scheduled Working Session.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk - Treasurer*