## TOWN OF DALLAS MINUTES FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MEETING AUGUST 28, 2017 5:00 PM

The following elected officials were present: Alderwoman Thomas, Alderman Huggins, Alderman Withers, Alderman Cearley, and Alderwoman Morrow. Mayor Coleman was absent.

The following staff members were present: Maria Stroupe, Town Manager; Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk; Allen Scott, Police Chief; Steve Lambert, Fire Chief and Bill Trudnak, Public Works Director. Tom Hunn, Town Attorney; Crystal Certain, Finance Director, and Doug Huffman, Electric Director were absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alderman Withers called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. He opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He asked if there were any additions or deletions to amend the agenda. Alderwoman Thomas requested to add a discussion regarding the Recycling Location as Item 6D. Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda with added Item 6D, seconded by Alderman Cearley, and carried unanimously.

## <u>Consent Agenda:</u>None <u>New Business:</u>

**Item 6A** was to Discuss Downtown Revitalizations for the State Grant. The Town of Dallas was awarded a \$50,000 grant to go toward Downtown Revitalization. The Board discussed and would like to use the State Grant money towards purchasing property & making enhancements for the Town events. Progress reports to the State are mandatory regarding the use of the grant funds.

**Item 6B** was to Discuss Traffic Calming. There were two petitions submitted by citizens to the Board to improve their area traffic by adding speed humps. The Manager recommended creating a policy for traffic calming measures taken before addressing the two requests. The Board requested staff to look into costs with State specs to address the petitioned concerns on the next agenda and then want staff to work on a proposal Traffic Calming policy.

**Item 6C** was to Discuss Public Safety Personnel Grants. The Police Department and the Fire Department would like to apply for grants to assist with bringing on additional staff. Both grants are for 3 year terms to assist in adding staff and the Town would need to pick up a percentage of the cost of each position added. The grant is tier so contribution would be reduced every year, increasing the Town's portion with a stipulation to keep the added position for a number of years. Staff will bring back more information and cost factors to the next Board work session.

**Item 6D** was to Discuss the Recycling Location. Alderwoman Thomas asked staff about the recycling location overflow because she is receiving complaints from citizens. Mr. Withers allowed audience member Ms. Beverly Huddle an opportunity to address that Board. Ms. Huddle is a new citizen in Dallas and she expressed concerns surrounding the recycling area due to the full recycle bins as well as overflow items. Being an avid recycler, she made some recommendations to help the current situation. The Public Works Director Mr. Trudnak addressed some of her concerns and expressed the costs involved to remedy the situation. Mr. Trudnak will take measures to look into improvements to the recycling location concerns.

Alderwoman Thomas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderwoman Morrow, and carried unanimously. (5:55)

Hoyle Withers, Pro-tem Mayor



Da'Sha Leach, Town Clerk