

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2018

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President Mike Neilson called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order at 7:00 pm on February 5, 2018 in the Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne Street.
- II. **Roll Call**: President Mike Neilson acknowledged a quorum of the Council and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council President Mike Neilson noted the following Council members in attendance: Jim Stephens, Marcia Lynch, Dennis Wynn, Mike Neilson and Tom Pado. The following Administrative officials were present: Gary Eakin; Town Manager, Laura Parker; Assistant Town Manager, Jenny Percy; Clerk-Treasurer was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: The minutes for January 16, 2018 will be approved at the next meeting February 20, 2018.
- IV. **Public Meeting**:
 - a) **Executive Session Discussion/Vote**- The Council met in Executive Session on February 1, 2018 and interviewed three candidates for the Public Works Superintendent position. A motion was made by Dennis Wynn to appoint Ray Whitaker as Public Works Superintendent. Seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Bid Opening for Farm Lease** – Town Manager Eakin opened bids for the 2018 farm ground lease. Only one bid was received from B & K Farms, 207 W CR 200 South for \$700.00. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch to accept the bid. Seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Engagement Letter with Taft Law** –The Danville Police Department is requesting the services of the Town’s attorney Chou-il Lee with Taft Law. Since the needed services are outside the scope of the existing agreement with Taft, a separate engagement letter for those specific services is required. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch and seconded by Tom Pado. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Short Term Fiber Use Agreement with Smithville**

Even though the Town and Smithville are no longer partnering on the fiber project, as part of the termination of their contract with Smithville, the Town agreed to allow Smithville to continue to use one pair of the Town’s fibers in order to serve the school. The fibers consist of approximately 18,216 feet of a single pair of single mode fiber. Smithville will be allowed to use the fiber pair without charge until January 1, 2020 or until termination of the school contract. Beyond that date, if Smithville is still contracted by the school, they can renew this agreement for an additional two years for an annual fee of \$2,000. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch. Seconded by Tom Pado. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Ordinance 1-2018 Airport Annexation** – Laura Parker explained that this was the introduction of phase one of the airport annexation. Because the Town received signed petitions to annex from both CSX and INDOT, the annexation became super-voluntary which means the annexation process can proceed at a much faster pace than otherwise anticipated. Phases two and three will follow to complete the full annexation of Gordon Graham Airport.
 - f) **Ordinance 2-2018 Establishing an Economic Development Target Area** – Laura Parker explained to the council that this ordinance will create an economic development target area for undeveloped property located at 2275 E. Main Street. If approved, this will allow for tax abatement for the assisted living project proposed for that location. A motion was made to suspend the rules by Marcia Lynch and seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0. Motion was made by Marcia Lynch to adopt Ordinance 2-2018. Seconded by Tom Pado. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Declaratory Resolution for Designation of Economic Revitalization Area** – Jeff Pipkin reviewed the application by Justus Rental Properties for tax abatement. The project would include construction of a 154-unit assisted living facility on 35 acres across from Beasley’s Orchard. They expect to employ 50 employees with the average salary of \$35,000. The estimated cost of this project is \$25 million dollars to be completed by 2020. A motion was made by Marcia Lynch to adopt the Declaratory Resolution. Seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.

V. **Public Comment** – no comment.

Marcia Lynch – Girls HS basketball won their sectionals and will be playing Saturday at noon against Ritter come out and show your support.

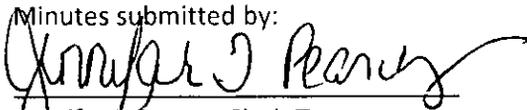
Dennis – Congrats to Ray Whitaker after 41 years of service as the new superintendent of public works.

Mike – Congrats to Ray Whitaker, some of the HS swimmers and wrestlers will be going to state and drive careful crazy weather is coming in tonight.

VI. **Claim Docket** –Dennis Wynn made the motion to approve the claim docket. Seconded by Tom Pado. Motion carried 5-0.

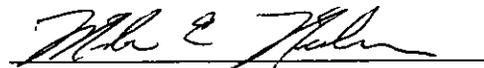
VII. **Adjourn** – President Mike Neilson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:



Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:



Mike Neilson, President