

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Mike Neilson called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order at 7:00 pm on March 4, 2019 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. Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy noted the following Council members in attendance: Jim Phillips, Mike Neilson, and Tom Pado. Dennis Wynn was absent. The following Administrative officials were present: Fire Chief/Interim Town Manager Mark Morgan, Park Superintendent/Interim Town Manager Will Lacey, Inspector/Stormwater Superintendent /Interim Town Manager Barry Lofton, and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes** Motion was made by Tom Pado to approve the minutes as read for the Town Council meeting of 2/19/2019, Work Study minutes of 2/14/2019, Executive Session minutes 2/28/2019 and Town Council meeting 2/28/2019 seconded by Chris Gearld. Motion passed 4-0.

Council President Mike Neilson requested that anyone interested in making a public remark please sign up. The interview committee had met that afternoon to discuss the Town Manager position and had succeeded in trimming the search down to 5 names that to be submitted to the council.

IV. **Public Meeting:**

- a) **Annexation Report** Fire Chief Mark Morgan; Interim Town Manager introduced two super involuntary annexations ordinances to the council.
 1. Introduction Ordinance 8-2019 Martin Property: Annexation Pedigree 2415/2417 E Main St. Council President Mike Neilson introduced the Martin property for annexation.
 2. Introduction Ordinance 9-2019 Williams Property: Annexation 167 S County Road 200 E. Council President Mike Neilson introduced the Williams property for annexation.
- b) **Sewer Service Agreement** Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp, Pre-Treatment Coordinator Darin Collier, and Kent Elliott of Banning Engineering explained that Waste Management in early summer 2018 had reached their limits of what could be discharged to the town. Darin and Kent had performed a study to raise the limits. Wastewater said it would provide a new sewer service agreement with the changes. WM agreed to go to IDEM to modify their permit and pay all costs. Motion was made by Tom Pado and seconded by Chris Gearld. Motion passed 4-0.
- c) **Bid Opening Water Tower Painting** Kent Elliott with Banning Engineering opened bids for the water tower painting. There were seven bidders, Classic Protective Coatings of Monomomie, MI bid \$364,000; Currens Construction of Harrodsburg KY bid \$241,200; Fedewa Inc. of Hasting, MI bid \$128,400; Horizon Brothers Painting of Howell, MI bid \$183,800; Industrial Painting Contractors of Taylor MI bid \$174,300; Seven Brothers Painting of Shelby Township, MI bid \$197,700; and Tank Pro of Tuscaloosa , AL bid \$225,647. Kent agreed to take these bids and make his recommendations to the council at the next council meeting. Water Superintendent Jim Russell gave the council two paint schemes for the water tower from which it might choose, either of which would include the logos of The Town of Danville and Hendricks Regional. HRH had offered to split the cost of the paint. The council chose exhibit A. Motion was made by Jim Phillips and seconded by Tom Pado. Motion passed 4-0. Kent Elliott with Banning agreed to let the hospital know of the council's choice.
- d) **Annual Report** Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy presented the town's annual report that will also be submitted to the state. All accounts came in under budget in 2018 except for 101-500-240—Gasoline/Vehicle Maintenance earlier in the year when there was an unexpected expense.
- e) **New Employee Intro Seth Hickey** Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy introduced her new hire of Utility Clerk Seth Hickey. Seth is an IU graduate, interned 3 months at the Statehouse after college and was hired to replace Rita Page upon her retirement.
- f) **Resolution 9-2019 Expired Warrants** Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy asked the consensus of the council for approval to destroy 2016 warrants. Jenny told the council that all efforts had been made to refunds the checks, which were for the General and Utility accounts. The council consented.
- g) **Tuck Point Bosstick Gym Repair** Superintendent Barry Lofton told the council that the brick inside Bosstick Gym had been painted over for so many years that enough moisture had become trapped in the brick to cause it to

deteriorate. He explained that the brick is the foundation of Bosstick Gym and needs to be tuck pointed. The project was funded for 2018 out of the Host Priority Project but the money is now encumbered for 2019. Barry asked the council to consent to enter a contract with Gotshall Building Restoration at the cost of \$58,400.00. The council consented.

- h) **Residency Requirements for Employment** Council President Mike Neilson suggested the idea and asked the council members to think about requiring that certain employees live in within 30 minutes' drive of their work. President Nielson did not enter it as a piece of legislation, only asked that the council members consider it.
 - i) **Compensation Time for Exempt Employees** Council President Mike Neilson suggested also that management and superintendents be exempt from overtime compensation. Anytime that they have accrued should be used by Dec 1st.
 - j) **Chamber of Commerce** Fire Chief/Interim Town Manager Mark Morgan had been appointed as a liaison between the council and the Chamber and was asked to update the council on the Chamber's activities. Mark had attended a meeting on February 12th in which Mark took some questions before the Chamber such as one concerning Attorney Amy Comer Elliott's reviewing the Chamber contract between the Chamber and the Town. Mark reported that the Chamber does have a budget but that they will still need the support of the town. The Chamber is enticing business but that this should still be deferred to Redevelopment Commission. It was reported that the Danville Chamber and several others in the county are teaming up with AIM Medical Trust and Hendricks Regional Hospitals to offer affordable insurance to its members, possibly increasing membership. The Chamber had increased its membership to 10 by this meeting. It was mentioned that the Chamber doesn't keep a list of vacant storefronts, but relies on a list from Jerry Vornholt. It was agreed that Mark would keep the council in the loop on the Chamber's activities. Mark also expressed that he was very pleased with the first meeting that he had attended and was looking forward to many more.
- V. **Public Comment** – Pam Chapman, 846 Stephanie Ct, Danville asked the council whether or not the town had an ordinance concerning solicitation. She claimed that AT&T was engaging in very aggressive solicitation tactics in her neighborhood. It was answered by the council that while the town does require permits in order to solicit, utilities are exempted from this requirement. The council thanked her for bringing it to their attention.

VI.

Council and Staff Comments

Park Superintendent/Interim Town Manager Will Lacey thanked Mark, Barry and Jenny for their support in the Administration office.

Fire Chief /Interim Town Manager Mark Morgan seconded Will's remarks. A citizen had called Mark and told him that Rader's Fabric building would be coming up for sale and it could be used as a parking lot if the town had any interest. Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy made the comment that she would like the building to stay for the tax revenue and expressed that she felt that the downtown already had sufficient parking.

Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp thanked Mark, Will and Barry for a job well done in the Admin office.

Public Works Superintendent Ray Whitaker seconded Jerry's remarks.

Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy also thanked everyone for their help, especially Department Heads and Chiefs, saying that she recognizes the challenges presented by having lost a Town Manager, Asst. Town Manger/Planner and Administrative Secretary in a short period of time. She reported that the town had advertised to establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund at the same rate as that of the previous year, at 5 %. The public hearing had been scheduled for the next meeting.

Taft law is currently updating our employee policy handbook any new updates will be added to the handbook.

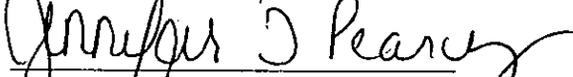
Tom Pado thanked Mark, Will, and Barry for the help.

Chris Gearld and Mike Neilson seconded Tom's remarks.

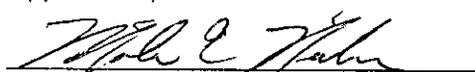
VII. **Claim Docket** – Tom Pado made the motion to approve the claim docket. Seconded by Jim Phillips. Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. **Adjourn** – President Mike Neilson adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


Jennifer I. Pearcy; Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:


Mike Neilson; President