

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President, Tom Pado, called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on March 4, 2020 in the Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne Street, Danville, Indiana.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President, Pado, acknowledged a quorum of the Council and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. The following Council members were in attendance: Tom Pado, Nancy Leavitt, David Winters, Greg VanLaere, and Chris Gearld. Clerk-Treasurer, Jenny Percy was absent. Town Manager, Mark Morgan and Courtney Bolton were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the minutes for the council meeting that took place on February 19, 2020 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Coronavirus Address**—Council President, Tom Pado, brought Fire Chief, Rob Roberts, and EMS Chief, Mike Alexander, up to talk about precautions being taken for the coronavirus. They explained how the virus manifests as well as preventative and quarantine measures. They recommended cautionary actions for the elderly and young. For those who have contracted the virus should self-quarantine. They also made mention to the websites of the Indiana Health Department and Center for Disease Control as trusted sources of information on the virus. Council President Pado asked about testing and it was explained by Rob and Mike that testing would be done by the hospitals. Rob also reported that they are having daily meetings with Hendricks Regional Health and the health department and would keep the council updated.
 - b) **Ordinance 4-2020**—Town Planner, Lesa Ternet, brought forward an ordinance to rezone the property at 1200 Sycamore Lane to go from an R2C to an OD property in which the Plan commission had approved. Sandra Miller, of Miller & Associates, which owns the property, explained the property would be used as office space with occasional therapy. Council President Pado said he thought that they would be good owners. Greg VanLaere motioned to suspend the rules in order to take a vote on the ordinance. Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the rezoning and David Winters seconded this. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Ordinance 5-2020**—This ordinance, presented by Town Planner, Lesa Ternet and Waste Water Superintendent, Jerry Crisp, would bring the wastewater construction standards up to date. Greg VanLaere asked about construction standards for new subdivisions. Mark explained that would have to do with the town's comprehensive plan and not with this ordinance. Greg VanLaere motioned to suspend the rules, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance, Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Road Closure**—Chamber of Commerce director, Kelly Dibenedetto, came before the council to inform them the Farmers Market vendors prefer to hold the market on the west side of the square. She stated vendors prefer the shade and current arrangement. David Winters motioned to close down Jefferson Street, west of the square, for the Farmers Market and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Ordinance 6-2020**—Police Chief, Jim Hilton, came before the council requesting a detective's stipend of \$2600. A discussion followed in which Council President Pado expressed concern that a spot on the street would have to be filled by the department. David Winters asked whether or not the town needed two detectives? Chief Hilton explained he thought two detectives were necessary to handle the cases the department receives. He currently had enough street coverage. Nancy

Leavitt motioned to suspend the rules, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the ordinance, Nancy Leavitt seconded. The motion passed 4-1 with David Winters dissenting.

- f) **One Choice Contract**—Town Manager, Mark Morgan, brought forward the town’s contract with One Choice Technologies. He mistakenly signed the contract earlier in the year not realizing that he could not authorize it on his own. He asked for the council to approve the contract. He said the only significant change since the last time it was before the council was to extend the contract from two years to three years. David Winters asked about concerns the previous council had expressed about paying more than was in the actual contract. Parks & Rec director, Will Lacey, who is chair of the town’s IT committee, explained that this was owing to projects within the individual departments that would be on top of the contract. He said that the IT committee was unanimous in approving the contract. David Winters motioned to approve the contract, Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- g) **Board Appointment**—The town still had an opening on the Park Board. At the last meeting Dave Glover was discussed as a possible candidate. There were no Democrats interested in the position which allowed Council President Pado to appoint a Republican (the board normally requires both a Democrat and a Republican). Legal counsel looked into the matter to determine whether or not Mr. Glover could serve on both the Redevelopment Commission (to which he was already assigned) and the Park Board at the same time and he found that he could. This being an executive appointment, Council President Pado appointed Dave Glover.

V. **Staff Comments**

Mark will be preparing a new council procedures packet containing the change in meeting dates.

Tom expressed it was premature to bring MS Consultants to the council retreat and they could talk about the comprehensive plan without them present.

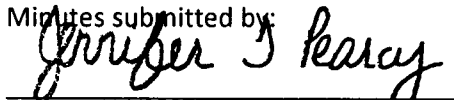
David wished the Danville Boys Basketball team good luck.

Chris congratulated Fire Chief Rob Roberts on assisting someone in an emergency on a flight back from his vacation.

VI. **Claim Docket** – Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the claim docket, David Winters seconded. The claim docket was approved 5-0.

VII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by:



Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:


Tom Pado, President