

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on May 6, 2020 in the Danville Town Hall.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Tom Pado, Nancy Leavitt, Chris Gearld, David Winters, and Greg VanLaere were all present. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present while Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the minutes for April 1, 2020, and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- IV. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Ordinance 9-2020 Utility Rate Amendment (Water)**—Buzz from O.W. Krohn & Associates spoke to the council regarding his firm’s work on amending the rates for water usage for the town.
 - b) **Ordinance 10-2020 Utility Rate Amendment (Wastewater)**—Buzz from O.W. Krohn & Associates spoke to the council regarding his firm’s work on amending the rates for wastewater usage for the town.
 - c) **Ordinance 12-2020 Utility Rate Amendment (Stormwater)**—Buzz from O.W. Krohn & Associates spoke to the council regarding his firm’s work on amending the rates for stormwater usage for the town.
 - d) **Ordinance 11-2020 Amendment to Fee Structure**—Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey brought forward an amended fee structure for various services that the town offers to its citizens. He said that this would help the town monetarily as it has been giving many of these services away too cheaply.
 - e) **Street Closure (Downtown Partnership)**—The Danville Downtown Partnership requested the council’s permission to close some streets on the square on the weekend of September 5-7 so that scenes from the movie “Mayberry Man” could be shot by its film crew. She briefly described the film’s plot and premise to the council. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the closures for that weekend and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. While she was up speaking, she also mentioned that the Partnership has used some of the money that the town has given them to create an emergency grant for businesses on the square that are struggling. Nine businesses so far have applied for it. Greg VanLaere proposed to the council extending more help to these businesses. Legal counsel interjected that this would be a complicated matter and that the council might want to wait before deciding until they know how liquid the town’s finances are going to be after the summer.
 - f) **Street Closure (Chamber of Commerce)**—Town Manager Mark Morgan spoke on behalf of Kelly from the Chamber of Commerce requesting the town’s permission to keep Jefferson St. on the square closed for the farmer’s market on the weekend that Mayberry Festival would have been (the festival has since been cancelled). Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the closure, David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Upstairs Rental**—Mark asked the council for permission to rent some space upstairs in the town hall for \$1200 a month to Hendricks County Solid Waste Management. The council gave its consensus for Mark to move forward with the negotiations.

- h) **Stormwater Employee**—Barry asked the council’s permission to hire an employee using the funds that he collects from the town stormwater fee. He said that this is necessary given the ever increasing workload that his department has. He confirmed that he does have the money. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve, Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- i) **Code Enforcement Officer**—Mark asked the council’s permission to hire an employee responsible for enforcing the town’s code and respond to reports of code violations. He said that 30% of this person’s salary would come from the general fund and the rest from the utilities fund. This individual would work directly for Mark and would work closely with other departments as needed. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the hiring of a code enforcement officer and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- j) **Capital Expenditure (Water)**—Water Superintendent Matt Ellison asked the council’s approval for a capital expenditure request in order to drill three wells as part of the water master plan. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the expenditure and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

V. **Staff Comments**

David reported that the Police Merit Board would soon be in the habit of giving regular updates to the council.

Mark asked the council’s consent to loan some of the town’s picnic tables out to local businesses so that they can have outdoor seating. This is intended to help them until they are allowed to have 100% capacity indoors, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic regulations. He needs the council’s consensus to loan them as well as to close down some street parking so that some of the restaurants have space to put out the tables. The council consented to this.

Will said that he was interested in looking into doing some landscaping on the town hall exterior.

Greg mentioned a good report he had received about work that Rob Roberts and his wife had done for a town citizen.

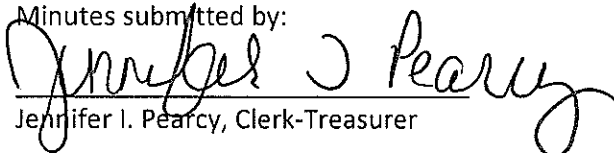
Chris thanked Will and Kelly from the Chamber for their work on the blood drive a few weeks prior.

Tom mentioned another good report he had received about Rob from the head of the hospital. He thanked all of the town’s public safety employees for their work through the pandemic.

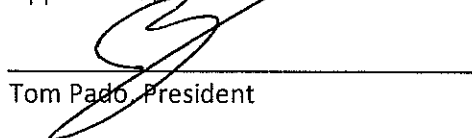
VI. **Claim Docket** – David Winters motioned to approve the claim docket and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes submitted by:


Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:


Tom Pado, President