

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on May 20, 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 Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the minutes for May 6, 2020, and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Citizen Sean Wilson from 266 N Wayne St spoke out on behalf of citizens who would like to discuss amending or removing a 1989 parking ordinance off of the town's code that forbids parking on North Wayne Street from North Street to Columbia Street. Another citizen, Chad Leistner, spoke out on behalf of citizens who would like to keep the ordinance in place because they believe that the street is too narrow for parking. Council President Tom Pado said they would discuss the issue in further detail at another meeting.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Request to Waive Fees**—Kevin Cavanaugh, who works for Hendricks County, came before the council requesting to have waived building fees associated with the county's construction of a new jail (including utility fees). He gave an overview of what the county would be doing with the new jail. The council decided that they needed to be sure of how much money they would not be making by waiving these fees, which could not be confirmed at the meeting. They agreed to return to the issue at another meeting before agreeing to waive any fees.
 - b) **Request for Street Closure**—Duane Lane requested to close off a portion of Mill Street to connect a few houses that he owns to the town water and sewer system. The closure would be May 26 and he did not anticipate that it would take more than a day to complete the work he described. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the closure and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Economic Stimulus**—The council had a long discussion regarding the possibility of allocating \$40,000 to help local businesses that are struggling to weather the hardships associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the council members gave their input on the idea, with some believing that a stimulus now would keep some businesses open, helping both them as well as the town in the long-term. Others feared that it would accomplish very little and could be abused either by the businesses (by businesses accepting money that they don't need) or by the government (by picking winners and losers). Greg VanLaere made a motion to approve \$40,000 as part of an economic "impact" plan but the motion failed without a second.
 - d) **Staff Comments**

Mark reported that Waste Management has delayed its large trash day owing to COVID-19. He remarked on the presence of the military banners on the square and thanked Public Works for putting them up. The Hendricks County Solid Waste District might be installed upstairs by July 1 and the contract is coming along well. He is preparing the RFQ for the Comprehensive Plan. He is putting together a permitting ordinance for food trucks that are doing business in the town. The State of Indiana is going to be rehabbing the concrete from Stratford Way to 267 in 2023. The town has distributed nearly 20 picnic tables to local restaurants.

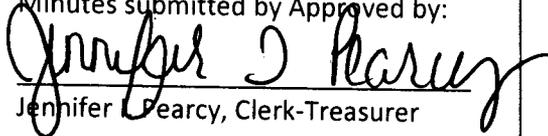
Greg attended a Planning Commission, BZA, and RDC meeting. Ben Comer told him that RDC is looking into the voluntary annexation of property between the waste management facility and the airport. Greg would like to revisit the golf cart ordinance. He also asked for a work-study to revisit some planning issues.

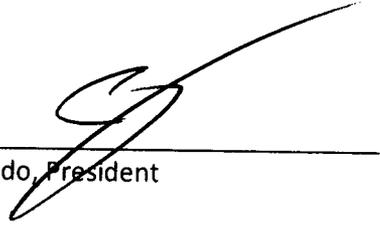
Will would like to refurbish the town hall for the amount of \$10,000. Jenny recommended using money from the Host Priority Projects fund. Mark suggested perhaps using money that would have gone to Rib Fest, which was canceled. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve \$10,000 to come from the Host Priority Projects fund and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Will also offered to show the council the progress that has been made on the DAC.

Jenny reported that there are 140 utility accounts past due and roughly 20 of those are three months behind on payments. She also noted that interest on the town bank accounts went down considerably owing to a technical error and that her deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Brenda Short, caught this error. On June 5 she would like to have a budget retreat with the town department heads. On July 25 she would like to have a budget retreat that would be open to the public.

- e) **Claim Docket** – Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the claim docket and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- f) **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn the meeting and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer


Tom Pado, President