

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on June 17, 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 and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy joined the meeting by phone.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the minutes for June 3, 2020, and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Ordinance 9-2020**—This ordinance was brought before the council for the third time. It would amend the town's utility rate for water. David Winters motioned to approve the ordinance, Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Ordinance 10-2020**—This ordinance was brought before the council for the third time. It would amend the town's utility rate for wastewater. Greg Vanlaere motioned to approve, Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Ordinance 12-2020**— This ordinance was brought before the council for the third time. It would amend the town's utility rate for stormwater. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Ordinance 13-2020**—This ordinance which had come before the council previously, would regulate food trucks doing business within town limits, ensuring that they are in compliance with town health codes and the food and beverage tax. Greg Vanlaere wanted to strike section 12 of this ordinance, which restricted the use of seating, drive-thru attachments, and alcohol, believing it to be unnecessarily restrictive. Town Manager Mark Morgan explained that this provision was included principally for reasons of safety. The council decided that they could always return to this section and revise it later if it was needed. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the ordinance as written, and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Ordinance 14-2020**—This ordinance would amend the town's zoning laws such that properties will no longer be limited to just three accessory structures and those structures can be as large as 10% of the total square footage of the property. This item was moved to the next meeting.
 - f) **Ordinance 16-2020**—This ordinance would allow the police department to establish reserve police officers. Council President Tom Pado thought this was a really good idea and needed, but did want to know how the department planned to pay for all of the equipment that would be needed for the reserve officers. Assistant Chief Allison said he would get back to the council with these details. Chris Gearld made a motion to approve the establishment of reserve police officers and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Ordinance 17-2020**—This ordinance would amend the town's parking ordinances to allow parking on Wayne Street from its intersection with North Street to its intersection with Lawton Avenue and from its intersection with Mill Street to its intersection with Poplar Street. It would also amend the parking ordinance such that parking would be allowed on North Wayne Street from its intersection with Main Street to its intersection with North Street. David Winters motioned to approve, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Greg VanLaere voting 'nay'.

- h) **Outdoor Dining/Sidewalk Expansion on the Square**—Town Manager Mark Morgan brought before the council a proposal to expand some of the sidewalks on the square to allow for more outdoor dining for the restaurants that are on the square. The project would cost \$5200. While they were on this topic, David Winters asked about a questionably situated parking space by Courthouse Grounds that he was concerned is blocking a handicap ramp. Mark acknowledged this problem and said that solving it was on his to-do list. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the expansion of the sidewalks for outdoor dining and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- i) **Police Merit Board Update**—Jim Stephens updated the council on the police merit board's business. The board passed its rules and regulations. Police Chief Hilton passed out several awards to officers for their work. The department planned a test for its 157 applicants for the Saturday following the council meeting. Council President Tom Pado asked whether the board had any role to play in hiring reserve officers and Jim confirmed that any applicants for those positions would be vetted by the merit board, though disciplinary matters pertaining to these officers would fall outside of its scope.

V. **Staff Comments**

Mark reported to the council that he received an invoice from the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership for the town's annual investor fee of \$23,605. The amount is high enough that Mark needs the council's approval to pay it. David Winters made a motion to approve the payment and Greg Vanlaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. He also reported that progress is being made toward selling one of the town's pieces of farm property. He also said that the town is continuing to get a lot of positive feedback for the veteran's banners on the squares and Mark has received requests to do it again next year. The council gave its consensus for this project to be done again next year. He also attended a meeting of council leaders to address what measures would need to be taken in the case of protests reaching Hendricks County. Mark also gave the council a run-down on what is going on with the various departments

Police: Will be testing their applicants this weekend and are preparing for the retirement of Sergeant Brian Everling. Corporal Oliphant will be leaving to go to work for the Danville schools.

Parks: The pool opened and it has been a great success.

Fire: Reported 710 runs. They had 150 applicants in their joint hiring process with Washington Township and Avon.

Water: Began its test wells and is doing major repairs on East Street. They are in the last phases of their consumer confidence report.

Public Works: Has been watering flowers and doing tree removal. They have filled their salt barn to capacity. Public Works Superintendent Ray Whitaker announced his plans to retire in October.

Will updated the council on an expenditure that had to be made on the pool in order to keep it up to date with safety standards. He asked the council to give its retroactive consensus. Greg Vanlaere motioned to approve it and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Will also said that he is moving closer to getting desktops for the council room and personal laptops for the council members, but that he needs to work out some details with Jenny.

Chris said that he would not like to receive paper council packets any longer.

David thanked Will and the Parks Department for their work getting the pool and parks back open and back to normalcy.

Nancy seconded David's sentiment.

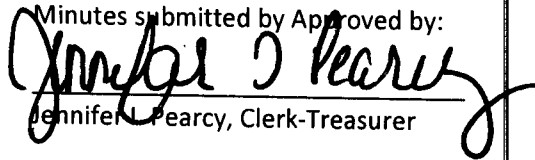
Greg attended several meetings. The Redevelopment Commission needs the council to appoint someone to a board concerned with annexation.

Tom asked about how many grant applications the town has received and Greg Vanlaere reported nine. Tom suggested using any leftover money to help pay for the reserve officers. He complimented the work that different departments have done on the utility rate amendments. He also thanked the police for all of their work.

VI. **Claim Docket** – Greg Vanlaere motioned to approve the claim docket and Chris Gearld 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 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer L. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer


Tom Pado, President