

## **Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**July 1, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on July 1, 2020, in the Danville Town Hall.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Tom Pado, Nancy Leavitt, David Winters, and Greg VanLaere were all present. Chris Gearld was absent. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the minutes for June 17, 2020, and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Kris Boe of 6 Danridge Drive spoke before the council about raising chickens within the city limits. A discussion followed between Mrs. Boe and the council regarding what all goes into raising chickens and what the pros and cons are of allowing them to be raised in town. Mrs. Boe expressed a desire to raise the chickens for reasons of sustainability, especially in response to COVID-19. The council decided that they would do a work study on the topic before the first council meeting in August.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
  - a) **HRH Proclamation**—The council was presented with a proclamation honoring Hendricks Regional Health. Council President Tom Pado wanted to present the proclamation to the hospital staff at the hospital to bring more attention to it. Nancy Leavitt motioned to adopt the proclamation and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
  - b) **Ordinance 14-2020**—This ordinance has been introduced already and is up for a vote. This would amend the town's code regarding what percentage of a property can be used for accessory structures. Town Planner Lesa Ternet explained that the idea of the ordinance is to reduce the number of variance requests that the zoning board receives and citizens could still come forward and ask for a variance if they have an unusual situation. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
  - c) **Ordinance 18-2020**—This ordinance would clean up the fee schedule by adding in some fees that were left out of the final draft of ordinance 11-2020 when it was passed. Mark asked for the rules to be suspended so that he could start the process of advertising the ordinance. Greg VanLaere motioned to suspend the rules and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance with a small amendment and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
  - d) **Ordinance 19-2020**—This ordinance would allow for a poorly placed parking space on the square to be blocked off so that it no longer blocks a handicap ramp. Mark asked them to suspend the rules so that he could get it done the next day. Greg Vanlaere motioned to suspend the rules and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark sent an email earlier in the day explaining that a large cleaning part broke in the water plant and that Water Superintendent Matt Ellison needs the council's approval on his purchase of a replacement immediately. It would be \$5,747 to purchase this filter and he does have the money in his budget for it. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the expenditure and David

Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Mark also reported that Superintendent Ellison requested that the town departments attempt to conserve water as much as possible until he knows that the water tables will return to normal. Mark also reported that the artist that painted the bison on the square is concerned that it will be vandalized if riots and protests should come to Danville and asked that the town remove it temporarily. Mark thinks that he can get the county to take it for the time being, but needs the council's approval. The council gave its consensus. He also reported that concrete pouring is planned for next week on the square to expand the sidewalks for outdoor dining. David Winters asked how much parking would be eliminated and Mark said that four parking spaces would be eliminated altogether and three others would be shortened. Mark also reported that he and Will are looking into ways to advertise Danville as a desirable location for visiting and doing business. He gave some reports on the departments.

Police: Are interviewing 24 applicants. Brian Everling retired and a new intern started. All of the officers now have body cams.

Public Works: Did a lot of mowing and landscaping recently and worked on the sidewalk project.

Water: Read meters and were finishing a report for the state.

Fire: Had three openings it was trying to fill and were getting ready to interview candidates. They had 53 runs for the month of June. They are trying to get ISO to come out and rerate the department.

Wastewater: Was working on free booklets for the public as well as street cuts.

Stormwater/Building: Woodland Terrace was making process. Miller Pipeline was filling in the street cuts. Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District had just moved in and had paid their first six months of rent.

Parks: Was working on landscaping around town hall as well as on the camera projects. There were three Eagle Scout projects in the works and Will was negotiating with the insurance company to have the roofs of several town buildings replaced. Will was also working on getting the council members computers.

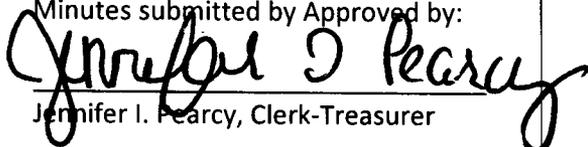
Tom asked about using the money left over from the grant applications to fund some police expenditures and Mark said he would have to talk to Jenny about that. Tom emphasized to Chief Hilton that he would like for him to make hiring reserve officers a priority and Chief Hilton said that the merit board was developing a hiring process.

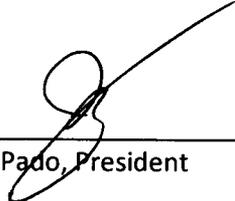
David received a call from a citizen about some landscaping in the park that needed to be done but said that the citizen voiced satisfaction with the town's record on this.

VII. **Claim Docket** – Greg Vanlaere motioned to approve the claim docket and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VIII. **Adjourn** – David Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tom Pado, President