

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on August 5, 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, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were all present. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy joined by phone.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the minutes for July 15, 2020, and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Max Stutz, a citizen of Danville, Indiana, spoke before the council about his concerns about drainage on 10th Street and some new construction coming on 10th Street which he feared would negatively affect his property. Council President Tom Pado and Nancy Leavitt assured him that most likely the construction would actually make the drainage situation better for him.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Ordinance 22-2020**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet brought a zoning amendment to the council for the property at 1269 East County Road 100 North, rezoning it from R2 to PUD. This ordinance had previously passed the Planning Commission’s review. David Winters asked a few questions about some of the technical details of the ordinance and Lesa Ternet answered them. David Winters made a motion to pass the ordinance and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Ordinance 21-2020**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy asked the council to pass this ordinance so that she could eliminate one of the full-time utility coordinator positions and create two part-time positions instead. As this was the first reading, David Winters motioned to suspend the rules so that a vote could be taken and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Request to use Town assets in Mayberry Man Film**—The producer of the film *Mayberry Man*, which is set to be filmed in Danville, appeared before the council to formally request the council’s permission to use town assets (locations, streets, manpower, etc.) to make the film. The council was very receptive to this. David Winters motioned to approve the request and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Resolution 7-2020**—This resolution would allow retired Sergeant Brian Everling to keep his duty weapon as a retirement gift. Several council members shared some kind words about Sergeant Everling. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the resolution and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Request to Complete Trail**—Parks Superintendent Will Lacey came before the council and asked their approval to spend some money towards completing a trail in Ellis Park. Greg VanLaere made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$40,000 and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f) **Request to Purchase Computers**—Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey asked the council’s permission to buy the town council computers so that they can start the process of going paperless at some point in 2021. David Winters motioned to allow it, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Consideration of HRH Clinic Contract**—Mark asked for the council to table this issue for now.

VI. Staff Comments

Nancy attended the Hendricks County Communications Advisory Board meeting and saw them pass their budget.

David thanked Matt Oliphant, who just left the Danville Police Department to be an officer for the Danville schools, for his years of service.

Mark brought Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp before the council to request \$26,000 in expenditures for easements to implement the wastewater master plan. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the expenditure on the easements and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mark then spoke to the council about Country Road 150 East and the struggle to get it repaired. He expressed an interest in having Banning Engineering do the repair work. He reported Banning's estimated cost for the project as just under \$23,000. He asked the council's approval to submit the contract to the town attorneys for approval so that he can move forward with the project and hopefully have it done by November. David Winters made a motion to approve the contract and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mark reported that he has also received several RFQs and RFPs for the town's comprehensive plan and he asked the council to appoint someone from the council to review some of these applications and the council chose Greg VanLaere. He told the council also that he received some kind letters from some town businesses and organizations regarding the extension of the sidewalks on the square as well as the economic stimulus. He also thanked the council and the Chamber of Commerce for surprising him with an award for his work at Court House Grounds. He also announced a few things regarding different departments.

Wastewater: Was working on a fee booklet for all of the services that the town offers. Jerry also got a VFD for the department that will come out to about \$5000.

Public Works: Has been doing some maintenance on the square.

Water: Had installed new meters, many of them radio read meters. One of the water department employees was shocked when some voltage from the house unexpectedly found its way into the meter pit.

Parks: The amphitheater project was starting up and the pool was scheduled to close shortly after the meeting.

Fire: Reported 940 runs for the year and made three offers of employment. They had to respond to a fire in one of the generator houses. They reported an uptick in overdose cases.

Police: Were planning on bringing four applicants to the Police Merit Board for their approval.

Planning: Was preparing a letter for Northview Christian Church and reported that another developer is interested in land on 200 East across from the fairgrounds.

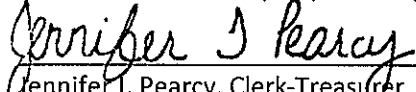
Admin: Was working on FEMA grants and getting reimbursed for the expenditures made on the pandemic. They hired a man named Blane Rout to be the town's code enforcement officer.

Mark also reported complaints that he had received about speeding. One was regarding traffic on 200 East from the roundabout to 10th Street, where the speed limit is currently 50mph. Mark asked the council's consensus to take advantage of their right to bring the speed limit down to 30mph. The council gave its consensus for this. The other complaint came from the Whisperwood subdivision which has a speed limit of 30 mph. The complainant requested that the speed limit be brought down to 20mph. The police are doing a traffic study and the

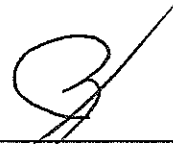
preliminary studies suggest that it might not be worth the change but Mark said the town would still need to do its due diligence.

- VII. **Claim Docket** – David Winters motioned to approve the claim docket and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Nancy Leavitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:



Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer



Tom Pado, President