

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2020

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on September 16, 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 present. Town Manager Mark Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the minutes for the town council meeting held on September 2, 2020 and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the work study minutes from September 9, 2020 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment**: Kris Dodson came on behalf of the Danville Tri Kappa and Danville Fair on the Square committee to thank the council for all of the town's help with the Fair on the Square.
- V. **Public Meeting**:
 - a) **Proclamation: Constitution Week**—The council adopted a proclamation declaring the week of September 17 through September 23 to be Constitution Week.
 - b) **Ordinance 24-2020**—This ordinance would establish a bond for police vehicles and other equipment. The interest rate would not exceed 3.5% and the bond could be up to \$475,000. The maturity date would be January 1, 2024. Council President Tom Pado opened the floor up to a public hearing. Nobody came forward to comment so the hearing was closed. Chief Hilton is anticipating to purchase 10 vehicles with this bond. David Winters motioned to approve establishing the bond and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Ordinance 25-2020**—This ordinance would establish a Bond Anticipation Note for the Wastewater department's four priority projects. Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp said that he liked the bond and thought that it was favorable to the town. It would help with the town's future growth. It could be for as much as \$6 million. The BAN would not exceed 3.5% and the bond itself would not exceed 5%. It would be a twenty-five year bond. Council President Tom Pado opened the floor to a public hearing and closed it after nobody came forward. Greg VanLaere made a motion to approve the ordinance, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Ordinance 26-2020**—This ordinance would amend the text of the zoning ordinance such that it would remove multi-family residential dwellings from the permitted uses in the local business district. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Resolution 6-2020**—This item was moved to another meeting.
 - f) **Library Declaration of Fiscal Body**—The council was asked to approve the Declaration of Fiscal Body for the town library. Greg Vanlaere motioned to approve the declaration and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Approval of 2021 Budget**—The council discussed particular items in the 2021 Budge on which they needed to vote. The first item was the subject of raises. David Winters made a motion for a 2% raise in the town employees salaries, Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Greg VanLaere voting 'nay'. The council next had to vote on whether to lower insurance premiums for town employees. Chris Gearld motioned to approve a decrease and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Greg VanLaere voting 'nay'. The council gave its general consensus to the 2021

Budget as it stood, acknowledging that it would be necessary to introduce an ordinance at a later date.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark had Water Superintendent Ellison and Kent from Banning come before the council to discuss a capital expenditure of \$59,000 for new test wells after the ones near Blanton Woods did not yield good results. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the expenditure and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Mark also told the council that Banning finished its surveying on 150 East. Banning says it could be fixed for around \$305,000, much less than what Mark had anticipated. He needs the council's permission to allow Banning to open the bidding process. The council gave its consensus to open the bidding the process. Mark also went over some of the work that different departments have been doing:

Admin: Malynn was learning about how to apply for grants.

Public Works: Had been doing sidewalk repair.

Water: Was doing work on hydrants and test wells.

Wastewater: Made some corrections to the plan for the Goodwill.

Parks: Had held a few concerts in the ampitheater. They had done work on the park sign, the roof of Blanton House, the awning for Bosstick Gym; the pool was winterized.

Planning: Lesa had been busy with her committees on several new sites including the new Starbucks, Goodwill, Fast Tracks, the new jail, and Northview Christian Church.

Fire: Had seen 1141 runs YTD. They had collected around \$13,050 for the baby box. They had three runs during the Boston Marathon pre-qualifier.

Stormwater/Building: Stormwater work was almost completed in Kensington. A few sinkholes were found on Kentucky and Broadway. Town Hall landscaping was underway. There was another major sinkhole found at Indiana and Clinton Streets.

Police: Had 633 runs in August and were working on their new hires. Chief Hilton provided the council with a written report.

Greg attended the Plan Commission meeting recently.

Chris announced that Toxaway Day was upcoming at the Fairgrounds.

David mentioned that the town has received a lot of positive comments from the filmmaking crew of *Mayberry Man*.

Tom made Chris Gearld the Fire Department commissioner and Nancy Leavitt the Police Department commissioner.

VII. **Claim Docket** – Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the claim docket and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:56pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer


Tom Pado, President