

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** Council Vice President Nancy Leavitt called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on November 4, 2020, in the Danville Town Hall.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council Vice President Nancy Leavitt acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Nancy Leavitt, David Winters, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were present, while Council President Tom Pado joined by phone. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy joined by phone.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the minutes for the executive session held on October 21, 2020 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg Vanlaere motioned to approve the council minutes from October 21, 2020 and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** No one came forward.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Selection of a Public Works Superintendent**—The council had to decide who to hire as the new Public Works Superintendent. The committee responsible for the interview process recommended Andrew Pitcher for the job. Greg VanLaere made a motion to extend the job offer to Andrew Pitcher and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Capital Expenditure Request**—Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp asked the council to approve his purchase of a new power capacitor after the old one broke, likely due to repeated power surges. The cost of the item would be \$13,240. David Winters made a motion to approve the expenditure and Greg Vanlaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Work Study Scheduling**—Town Manager Mark Morgan requested that the council schedule a work study to discuss the town's funding of the Downtown Danville Partnership as well as the Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce. He just needs the council to review the town's funding of those two organizations so that they can hopefully get a contract for each of them approved before the first of the new year. The council agreed to meet at 6:00pm on November 18 before the council's next regular meeting. Greg VanLaere asked Jenny about when the host budget would be coming before the council. He thought it would be a good idea to know the numbers on that before making a decision about the contract with the Partnership and the Chamber. Jenny said that she was hoping to have it before them some time in December. Mark said that the council could always schedule a work study to focus specifically on the host fund budget.
- VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark presented the department head reports.

Stormwater/Building: Barry was finishing up work on Kentucky and Broadway Streets. He was also pretty deeply involved in the new Goodwill project. The chillers were down at Town Hall.

Planning: Lesa had an annexation that would be before the council at their next meeting. She had another possible annexation in the works. Lesa and Barry had both been reviewing a lot of the plans for the new Starbucks. She also was working on an easement with Northview Christian Church.

Public Works: Was doing leaf pick-up but running a little behind owing to work that they're doing on 150 East. They were also doing asset management for the Community Crossings grant.

Police: Had an officer test positive for COVID-19 and were still working on getting PERF approval for a new officer.

Wastewater: Was working on evaluations and removal of a UV. They've also been working with a new housing project on Martin Drive.

Water: Was working with the new jail and getting their mains in place. They did their annual backflow testing and read meters. They were also planning on doing some hydrant flushing over the next few weeks.

Admin: Was helping Public Works with asset management for the Community Crossings grant.

Fire: Had 130 calls in October and 1,360 YTD. Their recruits had begun shift work and the baby box was scheduled to arrive two weeks from the time of this meeting.

Parks: They were working on winterizing some facilities. They were preparing for Winterland and working on the new sign. They were also completing some trail work and working with the IT department on cybersecurity.

Mark told the council that they did get an applicant for the Park Board that was a Democrat, which was needed; he said he would have everything squared away by the next meeting for Council President Pado to make an appointment. Mark also brought forward the contract for HWC which was in the amount of \$65,000. Town Council President Tom Pado said he would have the council sign it.

Nancy complimented the Town Key ceremony at Hendricks Regional Health the prior week.

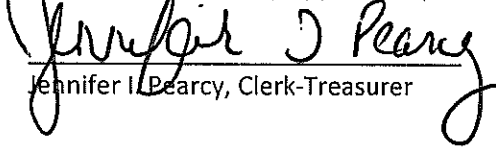
Greg talked about participating in Trunk or Treat and said that the feedback was pretty positive.

David asked about when the council would have the county representatives before them again to discuss the new jail's tap fees and Mark answered that it would hopefully be by the next meeting.

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

VIII. **Adjourn** – David Winters made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:21pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:


Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer


Tom Pado, President