

## ***Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes***

**December 2, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on December 2, 2020. The meeting was held virtually.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Winters, Tom Pado, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere joined virtually from various locations while Nancy Leavitt joined slightly later. Town Manager Mark Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy joined virtually, as well.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the minutes from the work study held on November 18, 2020 and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0, as Nancy Leavitt had not yet joined. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the council meeting on November 18, 2020 and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 4-0, again because Nancy Leavitt had not yet joined.
- IV. **Public Comment:** No one came forward.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
  - a) **Ordinance 31-2020: 2021 Salary Ordinance**—Clerk Treasurer Jenny Pearcy introduced this ordinance for a first reading. She mentioned that it includes a 2% raise for town employees.
  - b) **Ordinance 33-2020: Annexation Public Hearing**-- Council President Tom Pado opened a public hearing for anyone from the public that wanted to comment upon the ordinance that would annex 527 N. CR 50 E into the town. He closed it shortly thereafter as no one came forward to make any comment. This ordinance was left as introduced.
  - c) **Danville Downtown Partnership Contract**—Town Manager Mark Morgan gave the council his recommendation to give the Downtown Partnership at least one more year to see if they perform to the council's satisfaction and then decide whether to continue supporting them in the future. The council agreed with Mark. David Winters motioned to approve the contract of \$80,000 for one year and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d) **Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce Contract**—The contract for the Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce came before the council for a vote. The contract would be for the year of 2021 and would be for \$55,000. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve it and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **MOU for Jail Fees**—Town Manager Mark Morgan asked to have this tabled for now while he waits on supporting documentation. The council agreed.
  - f) **Approval of Expenditure by RDC**—Town Manager Mark Morgan brought forward an expenditure request from the Redevelopment Commission. The RDC succeeded in getting Danville Christian Church to lease a parking lot on the corner of N Cross and W Clinton Streets so that it could be public parking Mondays through Fridays with the exception of church events such as weddings and funerals, but the parking lot is in bad need of repaving. The RDC would like to spend \$17,650 to hire a company to repave the lot. Mark said it would probably be next year before this project could be completed. Nancy Leavitt suggested that a contract be entered into with whatever paving company the town hires. Mark said he could do that. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the expenditure and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VI. **Staff Comments**

**David** commented on the ribbon cutting for Danville Dips and said he was pleased to see new business coming into Danville.

**Greg** thanked David for speaking on behalf of the council at the Danville Dips ribbon cutting.

**Chris** commented positively on the new business and also talked about the high school football team's success that took them all the way to playing in Lucas Oil Stadium.

**Nancy** said she was pleased with the business opening and with all of the people that came out.

**Jenny** wanted to talk about scheduling the last council meeting of the year for either December 30 or December 31 to take care of some business that normally waits until the end of the year. The council agreed on meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesday December 30.

**Tom** briefly mentioned some updates regarding COVID and the vaccine coming out soon.

**Mark Morgan** gave the council an update on the departments:

**Public Works** was doing work on leaf pickup. The new superintendent was scheduled to begin on December 14. They were prepping for snow removal and did a lot of work in getting the lights on the square ready.

**Water** was doing non-payment shutoffs and reading meters. They had their monthly report ready. They were working with Goodwill on getting their water tap installed.

**Planning** was working on amendments to give to the Planning Commission and was working on some annexation letters to see if people would be interested in being annexed into town.

**Parks** was working on Winterland and worked on the football tower. They did remodeling of the train station restroom. They were preparing to remodel the DAC.

**Fire** had 1,499 runs YTD. They saw a surge in overdoses, which is common around the holidays and probably exacerbated by the isolation occasioned by the pandemic.

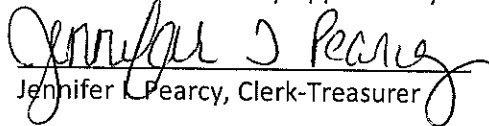
**Wastewater** was working on the Sheltering Wings lift station. They were working with the Clerk-Treasurer on their GL bond.

**Police** had four officers out positive with COVID and another four or five awaiting test results which was obviously causing some scheduling difficulties.

Mark also suggested that the council appoint Jerry Vornholt to the Hendricks County Economic Development Board for a second year. Greg VanLaere motioned to appoint Mr. Vornholt to that position again and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- VII. **Claim Docket** – Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the claim docket and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Greg VanLaere made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:33pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
Jennifer S. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tom Pado, President