

## Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Council Vice President David Winters called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on March 3, 2021 in Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne St., Danville, Indiana.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council Vice President David Winters acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Winters, Nancy Leavitt, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were present while Tom Pado joined by phone. Town Manager Mark Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy were both present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the minutes from the work study meeting held on February 23, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting held on February 17, 2021 and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
  - a) **Street Closure: Mayberry Man**—Dan Distler came on behalf of the filmmakers of the film *Mayberry Man* to request closing the square to have a small festival to celebrate the opening and screening of the film in Danville. The square would be closed for the entire day of that festival and screening. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the closing and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b) **Host Fund Budget**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy presented the 2021 host fund budget to the council which reflected the discussions that the council had during work studies covering it. Greg VanLaere made a motion to approve the Host Fund Budget as it stood but also to deposit \$300,000 into the Host Future Fund. Jenny expressed a desire that if such an amount were to be deposited that the council wait until the fourth quarter to do so. David Winters expressed sentiments similar to Jenny's. In the absence of a second, the motion failed. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the budget as it was without any additions and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c) **Resolution 5-2021: Amendment to Policy Manual**—Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy brought forward a resolution that would extend the town COVID-19 sick leave policy through March 31, 2021. Chris Gearld motioned to approve this resolution and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d) **Park Master Plan and RIF**—Parks Superintendent Will Lacey came before the council to present the Park Master Plan as well as previously proposed Recreation Impact Fees (RIFs) for their approval. A brief discussion took place on RIFs and Will explained that the purpose of assessing them is to save for future spending on the parks system. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve these two items and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **CER: Police K-9**—Police Chief Jim Hilton came before the council to request an expenditure of \$11,000 in order to buy a new K-9 dog for the police department. Sgt. Slayback of DPD came forward to answer any questions that the council had. He explained that the dog that they are looking at is fourteen months old. He said that the current K-9 dog is used on average about 100 times a year. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the purchase of the dog and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - f) **Resolution 4-2021: Surplus Equipment**—Public Works Superintendent Andrew Pitcher requested the council's permission to sell surplus items in the department's possession. He had prepared a list of items for their approval. He said that he would be using a website that specializes in selling government property and that he had experience with this website while he was still in Montana. Any money that is made off of these items would go into the fund from which money was originally taken to pay for the item. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- g) **Ordinance 7-2021: Increase in Speed Limit**—Town Manager Mark Morgan brought forward a letter explaining a study conducted on CR 200 E. The letter explained that increasing the speed limit to 40MPH would be acceptable. This ordinance would increase the speed limit there to 40MPH. Greg VanLaere motioned to suspend the rules to take a vote on it and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. **Staff Comments**

**Will Lacey** updated the council on the various departments in place of Mark:

**Parks:** Did Winterland clean-up, installed a new flag pole and lights, did the Tomahawk Trail Run, and had started ping pong.

**Water:** Was filling a water main at 300 East, reading meters, doing hydrant repairs, and had a plant inspection by IDEM.

**Stormwater:** Had a lot of inspections, was doing work at Goodwill, installed lights at Mary, Queen of Peace, was working on installing ceiling lights at town hall.

**Wastewater:** Had a UV installed, the Woodfield lift station was in good shape.

**Public Works:** Had military banners going up, was working on potholes, met with the schools on crosswalk signage, and had to take care of some lights that went out.

**Fire:** Had 313 runs YTD, was doing a medic refresh, and had several auto accidents.

**Planning:** Plan Commission letters were underway, she helped Will with RIFS.

**Police:** Had hospital mental health runs, an uptick in meth runs, and uniforms for reserve officers were due to come in soon.

**Rob Roberts** suggested that the council look at the new Danville Fire Department website. They are currently accepting applications for a paramedic position and the application is online. He also mentioned that the department assisted North Salem in putting out a commercial barn fire.

**Jenny Percy** mentioned that the annual report was finished and would be in the *Republican* the next day.

**Greg VanLaere** congratulated the Danville boys' basketball team on a recent win.

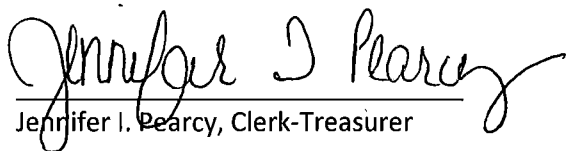
**Chris Gearld** commended Matt Ellison for some work that Will Lacey had brought to the council's attention and he also thanked the Fire Department for their work on the fire that Rob had mentioned.

**David Winters** congratulated the boys' basketball team and he also said that he found sitting in recently on a police merit board meeting to be an interesting experience.

- 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 7:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tom Pado, President