

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

**May 19, 2021**

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on May 19, 2021 in Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne St., Danville, Indiana.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Tom Pado acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Tom Pado, David Winters, Nancy Leavitt, Chris Gearld, and Greg VanLaere were present. Town Manager Mark Morgan was present while Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 5, 2021 and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the work study minutes from the same date and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** There were fourteen comments from the public, all regarding the Miles Property, all opposed to the plans for the development as it stands now. These were heard during item 'a' of the public meeting.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
  - a) **Ordinance 6-2021**—This ordinance would rezone the Miles property. A representative from D.R. Horton came forward to show the council the changes that the developer had made since last they came before the council. It was explained that one of the changes was to allow five acres in between the development and two of its neighbors. The representative also explained that the houses would run from around \$250,000-\$400,000. A very long and detailed discussion ensued between the developer and the council and a few townspeople were permitted to approach and ask the developer questions. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the ordinance with the 5 acre allotment promised to the two neighbors and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 4-1, with Chris Gearld voting 'nay.'
  - b) **Request for Road Closure**—Tracie Shearer of the Washington Street neighborhood requested a road closure on Washington Street on July 10, 2021 between Columbia and Jefferson Streets. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c) **Ordinance 2-2021**—This ordinance would amend the salary ordinance. This is a second reading for the ordinance, which was created in response to some personnel changes in the Clerk-Treasurer's office and the Parks Department. Town Manager Mark Morgan said that the ordinance had been cleaned up a little since it was last introduced. Chris Gearld motioned to approve and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d) **Ordinance 11-2021**—This ordinance was introduced at the last meeting. It would create a fund into which the TIF money can go. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance, David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **Ordinance 12-2021**—This ordinance would be creating another fund into which TIF money could go. David Winters motioned to approve and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - f) **Ordinance 13-2021**—This ordinance would establish an ARP fund. Town Manager Mark Morgan explained that it allows the town to establish a fund to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan. This item was left as introduced.
  - g) **Ordinance 14-2021**—This ordinance would establish a Recreation Impact Fee for the town. Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey and a gentleman from the company that performed a study on them gave the council one final presentation. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the ordinance and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

- h) **Request For Tax Abatement**—Victoria Ross-Frost spoke on behalf of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership requesting a tax abatement for the company Hawkeye Storage, which is planning on building a new storage facility in town. The council discussed with her what the benefit would be to the town that would justify the abatement. Ms. Frost argued that despite the few jobs that the facility would create, it would still net a benefit to the town from the fact that people outside of the town would be using the facility and frequenting Danville while they were at it. Greg VanLaere asked if there were similar abatements for storage units elsewhere in Indiana and it was established that there were not. No motion was made one way or the other by the council at this meeting.
- i) **Renewal of CF1 for Bio-Response, LLC**—Brian Bilger of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership requested a renewal of the CF1 for Bio-Response. Town Manager Mark Morgan said the town staff was favorable to this. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- j) **CER: Road Mapping in iWorq**—Public Works Foreman Alby Walker requested the council’s permission to perform a road mapping survey through iWorq. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve it and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- k) **CER: CVSA Computer**—Police Chief Jim Hilton requested permission to purchase a new CVSA computer. It would benefit his detectives. The current system is ten years old. Town Manager Mark Morgan said that Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy said it would be fine for the money to come out of the General account. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve it and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- l) **CER: SCADA System**—Water Superintendent Matt Ellison requested a capital expenditure to purchase a new SCADA system. He explained that the old one had failed on him and owing to the urgency of the purchase, he had already purchased a new one, but he still needed the council’s retroactive approval. David Winters motioned to approve and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **CER: Easements for Wastewater**—Wastewater Interim Superintendent Tony Kirkpatrick requested an expenditure to enter into a contract with Abstract & Title to perform easement work on a wastewater project. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the expenditure and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Wastewater Superintendent Jerry Crisp stepped forward to request the council’s consensus to engage the legal help of a law firm, preferably Taft Law, to work out the details of that contract. The council gave its consensus.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark thanked Jerry Crisp for his service for the town and mentioned his upcoming retirement open house.

Public Works: Superintendent Pitcher would be gone for two weeks; the department hung up banners and was working on potholes, road cuts, etc. They were also setting up flower boxes.

Stormwater/Building: Was doing concrete work in the park and was encountering some draining issues at Bosstick. Barry was working at Kensington and Camden Creek and doing inspections at the new jail and Goodwill.

Admin: Malynn was working on grants.

Fire: Dealt with a fatality on SR 75; they have had 720 runs YTD, and were receiving extrication and dive training.

Wastewater: Was doing routine management on the plant.

Water: Was doing work on meters and on the plant. They thanked the Wastewater department for some help they had given the department recently.

Planning: Had two Plan Commission applications and three new annexations.

Parks: Had painted the pool and installed the flagpole in front of town hall.

**Greg** thanked Jerry for his work for the town and mentioned going to the new website meeting.

**David** thanked everyone for their work on the Miles property.

**Tom** remarked that he thought that the Miles development would be good for the town and complimented the Planning Department.

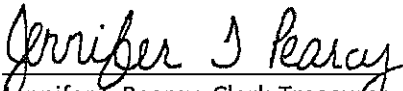
**Nancy** talked about some business relating to the Danville Downtown Partnership.

**Chris** thanked the staff for all of their hard work.

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

VIII. **Adjourn** – The council meeting was adjourned at 9:49pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Tom Pado, President