

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

**August 18, 2021**

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on August 18, 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, Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey, and Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Pearcy were all present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** David Winters motioned to approve the work study minutes from August 4, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0. David Winters motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 4, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
  - a) **Bid Award: Clear Well**—Kent Elliot of Banning Engineering recommended to the council that they award the bid to DN tanks to construct the new clear well. Nancy Leavitt motioned to award the bid to DN Tanks and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b) **Proclamation: Rhonda Beck**—The council adopted a proclamation recognizing Rhonda Beck for all of the good work that she does for the community, especially through honoring the town’s military veterans. Nancy Leavitt motioned to adopt the proclamation and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Rhonda Beck came forward and thanked the council.
  - c) **Resolution 22-2021**—This resolution would adopt the fiscal plan for the annexation of 2104 E. Main St. Council President Tom Pado gaveled open a public hearing and closed it shortly thereafter when there were no comments from the public. David Winters motioned to approve the resolution adopting the fiscal plan and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - d) **Ordinance 23-2021**—This ordinance would formally annex 2104 E. Main St. into the town. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the annexation and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **Ordinance 24-2021**—This ordinance would add the new building inspector to the town’s cell phone allowance plan. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the ordinance and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - f) **Ordinance 25-2021**—This ordinance would annex 1509 10<sup>th</sup> St. into the town. It was left as introduced.
  - g) **Contractual Agreement: Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce**—Town Manager Mark Morgan brought forward the 2022 agreement for the Danville Chamber of Commerce. He said that the amount of money paid by the town was unchanged from the previous year. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the contract and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - h) **Contractual Agreement: Downtown Danville Partnership**—Town Manager Mark Morgan brought forward the 2022 agreement for the Downtown Danville Partnership. The amount of money paid by the town was unchanged from the previous year. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the contract and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - i) **Contractual Agreement: Marion Township Fire Protection**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the contract for the town to continue providing fire protection to Marion Township and told the council that Fire Chief Rob Roberts did not want to raise the price. Chris Gearld motioned to approve the contract and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

## VI. Staff Comments

**Mark** updated the council on the different departments:

**Fire:** Had 1225 runs YTD. They had three employees attending the Fire Investigation conference at the fairgrounds; they were doing some joint training with Avon; they were doing some work at the airport; they were allowing Liberty Township to use some of their facilities for classes.

**Planning:** Was working on getting the Stratford Ridge sign done; they had the comprehensive plan in draft form and the steering committee will hopefully meet soon to review it; RDC and BZA both met; were hoping to get budgeting for zoning and subdivision control ordinance to be merged.

**Water:** Were installing meters; they were doing a second round of samples at the water plant; they were a little short staffed the week of the meeting; they were doing hydrant maintenance and walk-throughs of Kensington with the building inspector.

**Parks:** They were working on getting new uniforms; they did trail maintenance in Blanton Woods; they were in the process of hiring a full-time maintenance tech and a part-time admin assistant; they were doing some fertilizing, landscaping, and pool painting; they were winterizing some of their facilities and looking ahead to prepare for Winterland in a few more months. Madison was working on interviews; she started an Instagram account for the town; she was working on marketing.

**Public Works:** They laid some new concrete on an alley way that runs off of the town square; they were preparing Lincoln Street for new sidewalks; they were doing tree maintenance and finalizing paperwork for the Community Crossings grant; they were doing some work on Heritage Drive; they were assisting the Downtown Partnership and the Kickstand Bar & Grill with some outdoor functions.

**Wastewater:** Were doing a chemical feed flush and were doing a lot of maintenance around the plant.

**Stormwater:** Were expecting the chiller to arrive on schedule; they were doing drainage work; Northwood Haven was getting ready to install water and sewer lines.

Mark informed the council that they would be hiring a woman named Tasha Hensley to be the new administrative assistant. He also informed the council that the town staff doesn't think the property on Harrison that they have been trying to sell is not going to be saleable. They are ready to sell the property on Tennessee Street, however, and are about to put that one up on the market. He mentioned that the next few work studies will have to do with some policy changes. Mark and Jenny both asked the council's consensus to give Taft law permission to begin looking into several policy changes that they will bring forward at a later date. The council consented to giving Taft the green light.

**Will** told the council about some sidewalk projects and that he was looking into finding out what the costs will be. He also mentioned meeting with the traffic solutions committee and said that those meetings were very productive. He mentioned that some of the projects they were looking at could be pretty expensive. Greg asked Will about some trees over by the water plant and what was going to be done about them in the future.

**Rob** came forward to remind everyone of a new traffic signal at 300 E and US36 that was activated the day of the meeting.

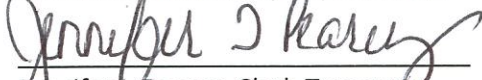
**Greg** mentioned meeting with the new parks employee, Madison, as well as attending the RDC meeting. He thanked the department heads and Jenny for answering their questions pertaining

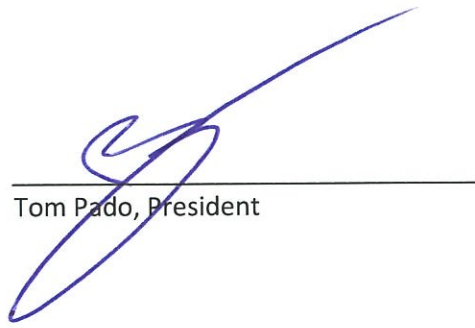
to the budget. He also commented that should the issue come up, he will not support making vaccinations and masks mandatory for town employees. David agreed with him on this.

**Jenny** mentioned that the town needs to hire someone as a grant writer. She asked the council's permission to look for someone outside of the town to hire for that job; they would be like an outside consultant. The council consented to this. She also mentioned that she would like to bring forward a resolution to amend the holiday schedule such that the Christmas party will be moved from a Thursday to a Friday. She also mentioned a work study coming up on August 25.

- VII. **Claim Docket** – David Winters motioned to approve the claim docket and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Chris Gearld motioned to adjourn and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:

  
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Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Tom Pado, President