

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2021

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Tom Pado called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on September 15, 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, and Greg VanLaere were present. Chris Gearld was absent. Town Manager Mark Morgan and Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey were both present while Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy was absent.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the work study minutes from September 1, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the work study minutes from September 9, 2021 and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the council meeting minutes from September 1, 2021 and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Four citizens came forward to speak. Leann Smith, Karen Bembenek, and Audrey Bembenek all spoke out against vaccine requirements and encouraged the council to oppose them, as well. Jared Wade spoke up complimenting Madison Henderson on her work and remarked on an occasion that he had to work with her.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Proclamation: Constitution Week**—The council adopted a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week. Nancy Leavitt read the proclamation aloud. David Winters motioned to approve the proclamation and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - b) **Proclamation: Vietnam Veterans Day**—The council adopted a proclamation recognizing Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29. Nancy Leavitt read the proclamation aloud. David Winters motioned to adopt the proclamation and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - c) **Wishes to be Heard: Indiana Attorney General's Office**—A representative from the Attorney General's office came to speak to the council to give them an idea of some of the work that they do. David Winters asked him about a small community & parents' bill of rights. The representative explained that he wasn't sure about that particular one, but that there were a few different bills of rights in the works.
 - d) **Presentation: Insurance Agent of Record**—Seven different insurance companies came forward to present their possible plans to the council. The companies that presented were Gallagher Insurance; Morgan Insurance; Tackitt & Briggs; Huntington Insurance; RT Insurance; EPIC Insurance; and NFP. Each company had ten minutes to speak. At the end of the presentations, Town Manager Mark Morgan asked the council if they wanted to vote on which company they would choose but they decided to table it until the next council meeting.
 - e) **Resolution 26-2021**—This item was removed.
 - f) **Ordinance 26-2021**—This ordinance would amend previously existing language to allow previously excluded departments purchasing power on expenditures less than \$50,000. It was left as introduced.
 - g) **Ordinance 27-2021**—This ordinance would reduce the speed limit on Meadowood Drive from 30mph to 20mph. David Winters motioned to approve the ordinance and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - h) **Ordinance 29-2021**—This ordinance would annex 538 N CR 50 E into the town. It was left as introduced.
 - i) **Center Township Fire Contract**—Town Manager Mark Morgan brought forward the 2022 fire protection contract for Center Township. Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the contract and Nancy Leavitt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- j) **Request for Traffic Study**—Town Manager Mark Morgan requested that a traffic study be performed to look into removing east and west bound stop signs at the intersection of Kentucky and Lincoln Streets. The cost of the traffic study would be \$1650. Nancy Leavitt motioned to approve the traffic study and Greg VanLaere seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. **Staff Comments**

Mark updated the council on the different departments:

Planning: They were doing work with the steering committee and plan commission. They had four applications for plats.

Water: They were doing work on the third section of Kensington; taking samples; doing work on fire hydrants; rehabbing and replacing old meters.

Police: They were working on a death investigation; they still had several employees out sick; they were patrolling the concert on the square; they were dealing with some drug issues in Blanton Woods.

Community Outreach: They were working on a playbook and education videos; collecting headshots of employees; monitoring social media; getting ready for the Homecoming parade as well as the Daddy-Daughter dance.

Public Works: They removed a tree at 7 Round Hill; they were doing pour work on sidewalks; milling and patching throughout town; will be helping with the Summer Sounds concert; and working with the Water Department on different projects.

Parks: They were doing clean-up after the concert; final interviews for the position left open by Gary Watson; they had a Park Board meeting; and were working on the Daddy-Daughter dance; they were working on a first draft of their master plan.

Wastewater: They replaced a trench valve; they were working on a main behind the Dollar Tree; they had a meeting with Banning Engineering; they did some work on lift stations and some GIS checks.

Stormwater: Was doing work on a trench.

Mark requested a work study for October 6, 2021 and the council agreed.

Greg attended a Plan Commission meeting. He mentioned INDOT being in town on Monday for some repairs. He thanked Ann Cottongim for her work on the budget.

Nancy thanked the members of the public who spoke earlier in the evening.

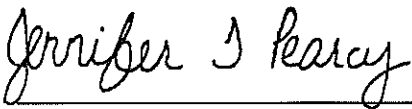
David seconded Greg's feelings about Ann's work. He also commended the work done on the Fair on the Square and thanked the people who came out to speak tonight. He also commended the local school board for their work. He expressed disappointment at the tabling of Resolution 26-2021.

Tom seconded David's feelings.


- VII. **Claim Docket** – Greg VanLaere motioned to approve the claim docket and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- VIII. **Adjourn** – Greg VanLaere motioned to adjourn and David Winters seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Minutes submitted by Approved by:



Jennifer I. Pearcy, Clerk-Treasurer



Tom Pado, President