

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2025

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President David Potter called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on May 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call**: Council President David Potter acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Potter, Michael Chatham, Greg Irby, and Bret Doub were present. Chris Gearld was absent. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton, and Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: Greg Irby motioned to approve the meeting minutes from April 16, 2025, Council Meeting and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve April 16, 2025, Executive Session minutes and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- IV. **Public Comment**: Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that Nicki Lawson wanted to speak regarding chickens and acre limit.
- V. **Public Meeting**:
 - a) **New Employee Introduction**—Interim Street Superintendent Aaron Plunkett introduced a new employee for the Street Department.
 - b) **Badge Pinning**—Fire Chief Rick Duncan presented employees for badge pinning. The Oath was administered by Council President David Potter.
 - c) **Wishes to be Heard: Street Closure**—Code Enforcement Coordinator Nathan Ford presented a request from the Downtown Danville Partnership for a street closure to accommodate the Summer Concert Series on the square. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the street closure and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
 - d) **Insurance Agent of Record Presentation**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented representatives who submitted proposals to be the “Agent of Record” for the Town’s Insurance. Presentations were heard from:
 1. Epic Insurance Midwest
 2. Gregory & Appel Insurance
 3. Hometown Insurance
 4. MJ Companies
 5. NFP

After discussing the options, Greg Irby made a motion to Hometown Insurance be the agent of record with IPEP for now and get 4 quotes from their top 4 companies simultaneously, have Epic Insurance to become the agent of record under Astra, and to have EPIC get them a quote from Astra and a few of their other companies they prefer. Council President David Potter asked if there was a workable option with the 2 companies. The EPIC agent and Hometown agent spoke between themselves in the back of the room and mentioned these names Chubb, EMC, Liberty, & IPEP. Michael Chatham seconded. David Potter asked Mark Morgan for words of wisdom. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton was asked to give roll call and the motion passed 4-0.
 - e) **Year-End Utilities Report**—Utility Director Barry Lofton made a statement prior to Corby Thompson of O.W. Krohn & Associated who presented the 2024 year-end Utilities report. He also provided recommendations for future rates based on various projects provided by the Utilities earlier this year.

- f) **Ordinance 9-2025: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented an ordinance to conduct a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property owned by the petitioner of Double E Farms, Inc. This was up for introduction only.
- g) **Ordinance 10-2025: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented an ordinance to conduct a Super-Voluntary Ordinance of the property owned by the petitioner of C&R Farms, Inc. This was up for introduction only.
- h) **CER: Control Panel**—Wastewater Superintendent Tony Kirkpatrick presented a request to expend funds to purchase a new control panel for the Plant. Bret Doub made a motion to approve the CER request and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- i) **DORA: Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area**—Town Mark Morgan was seeking consensus from the Council to move forward with the formation of Dora. Consensus was given from the Council.
- j) **Poultry Ordinance**—Town Manager Mark Morgan and Code Enforcement Coordinator Nathan Ford presented findings from other communities on the allowance of poultry, specifically chickens, in the municipal limits. Mark said they were seeking consensus before moving forward with the introduction of an ordinance. Consensus was given from the Council.
- k) **Special Thanks to Citizens**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented statistics on recent community clean-up and thanked the citizens and the Town employees that had participated and their involvement.

Staff and Council Comments:

The Town Council received the following staff updates via email, from the following departments: Town Planner, Utility Director, Code Enforcement Officer, Police Department, Parks Department, Assistant Town Manager, Fire Department, Wastewater, Water Department, Streets Department, and Community Engagement Coordinator.

Bret Doub reiterated what Mark Morgan said about the clean-up.

Greg Irby said ditto! Thanked Public Safety Personnel regarding the incident.

Michael Chatham thanked the citizens for the clean-up. Piggy backed off Greg's comment regarding the incident.

- VI. **Claim Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$1,603,152.23 and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- VII. **Payroll Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the April 18, 2025, payroll docket and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the May 2, 2025 payroll docket and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- VIII. **Adjournment**—Michael Chatham made a motion to adjourn, and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting ended at 9:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danville Town Council:

Carrie E Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer

David Potter, Council President