

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes February 18th, 2026

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President David Potter called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on February 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Council President David Potter acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Potter, Michael Chatham, Chris Gearld, Greg Irby and Bret Doub were present. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton, Town Manager Mark Morgan and Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg Irby made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 4, 2026, with the correction of Gearld being misspelled, and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes from February 4, 2026, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that he had no request to speak.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Year-End Report: Downtown Danville Partnership**—Tara Cobourn, Executive Director of DDP, provided her year-end report for her organization.
 - b) **Year-End Report: Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce**—Kelly DiBenedetto, Executive Director of the Chamber, provided her year-end report for the organization.
 - c) **Wishes to be Heard: Street Closure (Farmers Market)**—Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Kelly DiBenedetto presented a request for street closures and a change of location (1 Date) for the 2026 Farmers Market. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the Street Closure for the Farmers Market, with the exception of September 12, 2026, and Bret Doub seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the Street Closure for the Farmers Market on September 12, 2026, and Chris Gearld seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
 - d) **Ordinance 1-2026: Super-Voluntary Annexation (Public Hearing)**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented an ordinance to conduct a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located on the Southside of East Main Street approximately 0.09 miles West of Ridge Avenue. The petitioner is Rhonda Sue Bookwalter. David Potter opened the meeting to the public. No public comment. David Potter closed the public meeting.
 - e) **Ordinance 2-2026: Fee Schedule**—Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey presented an ordinance to amend the current fee schedule for services provided by the Town of Danville.
 - f) **CER: Stop Light**—Street Superintendent Dave Newell presented a Capital Expenditure Request to replace the Stop and Go Signal located at Old Farm Road and East Main Street. Greg Irby made a motion to approve CER: Stop Light, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
 - g) **Topic of Discussion: Salary Ordinance**—Clerk/Treasurer Carrie Lofton and Town Manager Mark Morgan were seeking input and clarification from the Council on Salary Ordinance Matters. One involved the current ordinance and the distribution of Certification Pay. The other matter involved the creation of the position of Crew Leader for departments that desire the additional layer of supervision. The Council held a discussion and agreed to table the agenda item until the next meeting.

Staff and Council Comments:

The Town Council received the following staff updates via email from the following departments:

Assistant Town Manager, Utility Director, Parks Department, Town Planner, Police Department, Water Department, Wastewater, Street Department, Community Engagement Coordinator, and Code Enforcement Coordinator.

Mark Morgan thanked the Downtown Danville Partnership and Chamber of Commerce. He stated the leadership within the staff was incredible.

Will Lacey stated the new locks were being put on the doors, and he was hoping for a smooth transition.

Bret Doub thanked the staff for all they do. He gave a special thank you to Madison Henderson for the soft opening of the Social District, and the Streets Department for helping put the signs up.

Michael Chatham thanked the staff for all they do. He stated to keep the Beech Grove Police Department in your thoughts and prayers for their fallen officer.

David Potter stated House Bill 101 had some features in it that would not be attractive for our municipality. He continued to state he sent a message to Senator Clark, Representative Steuerwald and Representative Thompson. He received an immediate response from Senator Clark that stated there were some concerning features in the bill to him as well, but he didn't specify his concerns. Representative Steuerwald responded by singling out his opposition to the alternative dwelling unit features. He did not receive a response from Representative Thompson.

- VI. **Claim Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$629,169.52, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VII. **Payroll Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the payroll docket from 2/6/26, and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjournment**—Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

Danville Town Council

Carrie E Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer

David Potter, Council President