

# Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

## WORK STUDY

August 24, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Council President, Jeff Martin, called the Work Study meeting of the Danville Town Council to order at 6:00pm on August 24, 2009 in the Danville Town Hall, 147 W Main Street.
- II. ROLL CALL: President, Jeff Martin, acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Clerk-Treasurer noted the following Council members in attendance: Jeff Martin, Richard Burrows, Mike Neilson, Steve Hartsock, and Marcia Lynch. Clerk-Treasurer noted the following Administrative officials present: Gary Eakin, Town Manager and Amy Roberts, Clerk Treasurer.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No minutes to approve
- IV. AGENDA ITEMS:
  - a) Downtown Municipal Parking Needs
    1. Discuss Issues  
Parking issues were discussed regarding courthouse employees, shortage of parking, retail, future development, potential judicial center requirements, county requirements, enforcement issues, and zoning compliance. Consensus of the Council was that if we were to take care of just one of these issues, it would eliminate several of the other issues.
    2. Set Goals  
Goals were set regarding the parking needs.  
Phase I – Acquisition of property to create enough parking for the courthouse employees  
(total of 147 spots)  
  
Phase II – Acquisition of property to create enough parking for an additional 426 spots for future Growth
  - b) Identify Potential Properties for Acquisition
    1. Anxious seller identified by property address:  
99 W. Broadway (Old Lynch House)
    2. Approachable sellers identified by property addresses:  
147 S. Cross Street  
155 and 195 Marion Street  
12 E. Broadway  
51 and 97 S. Indiana  
52 and 92 N. Indiana  
52 and 94 N. Jefferson  
120 and 132 W. Main
    3. Reluctant seller identified by property address:  
135 S. Washington
  - c) Prioritize Desired Locations
    1. 97 S. Indiana and 51 S. Indiana– Total assessed at \$243,700 with acquisition at \$304,000
    - 1.5 99 W. Broadway – assessed at \$126,000 with acquisition at \$157,000
    2. 12 E. Broadway – Total assessed at \$294,000 with acquisition at \$368,250

d) Involving Other Units of Government

1. Library – The Danville Public Library has no interest at this time.
2. County – The County must agree and there must be a collaboration (Thus far the County has been reluctant to meet with Town Manager Eakin) Jeff Martin suggested we persuade the county to purchase 99 W. Broadway – that would give them the number of parking spaces needed for the courthouse employees. Town Manager Eakin stated that if we begin the process and create some parking, we could show the county that we have established lots and then they might be persuaded to purchase 99 W. Broadway. It was discussed that the Town would lease the current Town Hall building to the County for a minimum amount of \$30,000 per year and we would keep control of the parking facilities on the south end, raising the parking rates to \$20.00 per month per spot.

e) Identify Financing Options

1. Staff recommends that we use the EDIT to acquire these properties. It was the consensus of the Council that we pay cash from the EDIT to purchase properties and construct them into parking lots. Motion was made by Mike Neilson to direct Gary Eakin to purchase 12 E. Broadway, 135 S. Washington, 55 E. Marion, 99 W. Broadway, 97 S. Indiana, 51 S. Indiana and the little house with funds from EDIT, seconded by Steve Hartsock. Motion passed 5-0.

f) Council President Open Discussion

GENERAL DOWNTOWN AND HOW IT RELATES TO US AND THE JUDICIAL CENTER

The consensus of the Council is that the downtown would not 'die' if the county built a new judicial center at the old fairgrounds; however, they also believe that the county cannot afford to do anything in the immediate future and that they should better utilize their current properties. The Council also concurred that the Town Council of Danville will not be the entity that makes the decision of whether the courts stay or go.

Town Manager Gary Eakin and Town Council President Jeff Martin are on the task force discussing these issues. They would like to make a recommendation to the commissioners based on consensus from the Town Council regarding the issues of the judicial center – Reservations and concerns were expressed regarding the closing of Jefferson Street for the courthouse to expand. The County cannot close Jefferson Street without approval of vacation of the street by the Danville Town Council. Consensus that Council wants the County to stay – we should rent 147 W. Main to them for fair market value for 5+ years and then after that give it to them for \$1.00. Town Manager Eakin noted that no matter what happens, the Town has the staff that will make it work and the Town will work collectively.

V. ADJOURNED: President of the Council, Jeff Martin, adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by:

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Amy J. Roberts, Clerk-Treasurer

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Jeff Martin, President