

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Chris Gearld called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on October 2, 2024, at 7:26 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Town Council President Chris Gearld acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Chris Gearld, Michael Chatham, Greg Irby, David Potter, and Bret Doub were present. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey, and Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg Irby made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/18/24 Work Study and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve the 9/18/24 Council meeting minutes and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Town Manager Mark Morgan said he did not have any requests to speak.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Wishes to be Heard: RDC Request for Funds**—Town Manager Mark Morgan asked the Council if they wanted to table this item due to Ben Comer not showing up. The Council decided to move forward with Mark Morgan presenting the request to fund the RDC operating budget. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the \$40,000.00 for the RDC and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Wishes to be Heard: Fire Territory Study**—Fire Chief Rick Duncan presented a request to retain Reedy Financial to conduct a feasibility study to form a Fire Territory. David Potter made a motion for Fire Chief Rick Duncan to proceed, and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Proclamation: World Mental Health Day**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented a proclamation to declare October 10, 2024, as World Mental Health Day. After Mark had read the proclamation, Greg Irby made a motion to approve the proclamation and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Tax Levy Appeal**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton was seeking Council approval to submit the DLGF “Report of Appealing Taxing Unit”. This will allow the Town to recover funds to assist with the Town’s budget process. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the tax levy appeal and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Ordinance 17-2024: Stormwater Ordinance**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented the updated Stormwater Ordinance to bring into compliance prior to our upcoming audit. This was introduced on 9/18/24 and is up for adoption. Bret Doub made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-2024, Stormwater Ordinance, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f) **Ordinance 24-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located on the west side of CR 300 E., 0.64 miles south of U.S. 36. The petition is the Board of Hendricks County Commissioners. Lesa told the Council that this was up for introduction only.

- g) **Wishes to be Heard: Fee Waiver**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request from the Board of Hendricks County Commissioners to waive the filing fee for the Super-Voluntary Annexation described in Ordinance 24-2024. David Potter made a motion to approve the fee waiver and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- h) **Ordinance 25-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located at 577 N. County Road 50 E. Lesa told the Council that this was up for introduction only.
- i) **Ordinance 26-2024: 2025 Budget**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented an ordinance outlining the 2025 Budget for the Town of Danville. Since this was a public hearing, Council President Chris Gearld gaveled the meeting in and asked if there were any comments or question, which there were not any, he then gaveled the public meeting out.
- j) **Miles Farm Refund Phase 3 North Interceptor**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented a request to honor the M.O.U. between the Town and D.R. Horton which stated that any cost savings in Phase 3 were to be returned to the developer. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the refund and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- k) **South Interceptor Easement**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented documentation for the land acquisition for the South Interceptor. Bret Doub made a motion to approve the easement and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- l) **South Interceptor Contract**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented a proposal to enter into a Guaranteed Savings Contract with Bowen Engineering for Wastewater upgrades/replacement to the collections system. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the South Interceptor contract with Bowen Engineering and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **CER: Pheasant Grove Sanitary Sewer Cost Difference**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented a CER request to move forward with upsizing the pipes in the subdivision. This follows the Town’s Wastewater Master Plan, and the Town is responsible for the cost difference. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the CER request for Pheasant Grove and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- n) **CER: Penrose Water Main 10th Street Extension**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented a CER request to spend funds to extend services and loop the water system to C.R. 300 E. This is part of the Water Department Master Plan. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the CER request for Penrose on 10th Street and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- o) **CER: Penrose Paving 10th Street Extension**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented a CER request to spend funds to extend the paving project in coordination with the development. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the Penrose Paving section for the CER request and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Chris Gearld asked when E. Main St. would be open & Town Manager told him on 10/11/24.

VI. **Staff and Council Reports**

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

Town Manager Mark Morgan and Community Engagement Coordinator Madison Henderson presented the 200 years dedication plaque to the Council.

Will Lacey said good job on Night Out Against Crime!

Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton thanked Reedy Financial for coming out tonight and helping them get through everything and get everything ready for the next meeting.

Bret Doub apologized for not making it to Night Out Against Crime. He said he appreciated everyone's work on the budget discussions. He told them thank you.

David Potter congratulated Chris Gearld and Parks Jimmy Ray for their recognition at the Chamber Awards.

Greg Irby thanked everyone for the work on the budget.

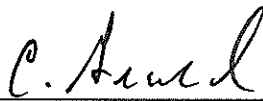
Michael Chatham thanked Chief Hilton for National Night Out. He said that Chief Hilton told him they have 17 good applicants. He thanked all the Department Heads and Carrie for the work on the budget. He also congratulated Chris Gearld.

Chris Gearld said that the Night Out Against Crime had a fantastic turnout. He said everyone that worked on it was amazing and that it was great to see everybody out there. He thanked Carrie and her team for the work on the budget. He also said that even if he won the award, that if it wasn't for the other nominations of Bret Doub, Lesa Ternet, and Madison Henderson, he wasn't even up there and he thanked them for all they do.

Michael Chatham added 1 more thing, he asked Chief Jim Hilton to give Ali Cravens a thank you from all of them, she was the brains behind the Night Out Against Crime this year.

- VII. **Claim Docket** David Potter made a motion to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$1,416,095.28 and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Payroll Docket** David Potter made a motion to approve the payroll docket and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IX. **Adjournment** Michael Chatham made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 8:09 p.m.

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By: 

Chris Gearld, Council President

ATTEST:

By: Carrie E Lofton

Carrie E. Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer