

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President Chris Gearld called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on November 6, 2024, at 7:00 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, Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton were present and Administrative Assistant Brittany Mays sat in for Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: Bret Doub made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024, Executive Session meeting and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2024, Council meeting and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment**: Kevin Tussey discussed his concerns to the Council regarding leaf collection dates.
- V. **Public Meeting**:
 - a) **Resolution 24-2024: Declaratory Resolution for Tax Abatement—Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership**—Joe Jasin with the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership presented a resolution requesting a Tax Abatement for a new facility on the property of 200 Colin Court. The expansion of services is for Bio Response Solutions, Inc. David Potter made a motion to approve the Resolution and to approve a substitution for exhibit A with the proper map and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton was asked to do roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Ordinance 27-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located at 1150 Money Lane. Since it was a public hearing, Council President Chris Gearld gaveled the hearing in and asked if there were any comments, which there were not any, and then he gaveled the hearing out.
 - c) **Ordinance 28-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located at 2949 East Main Street. This was a public hearing, so Council President Chris Gearld gaveled the hearing in and asked if there were any comments, which there were not any, and then he gaveled the hearing out.
 - d) **Ordinance 31-2024: General Obligation Bond**—The Bond Counsel Adam Steuerwald with Barnes & Thornburg presented an Ordinance to secure a GO Bond for the purchase of needed equipment by several divisions of the Town. He answered questions from the Council. He told them this was up for introduction only.
 - e) **2025 Holiday Schedule**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented the 2025 Employee Holiday schedule for the Town. Bret Doub made a motion to approve the 2025 Employee Holiday schedule as presented and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f) **Request to Spend Funds: Fire Alarm System**—Utilities Director Barry Lofton presented a request to expend funds to replace the current Fire Alarm System in the Town Hall with leftover funds from the 2023 GO Bond. Town Manager Mark Morgan asked the Town Council for consensus on who they wanted to sign the work order. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the request to spend funds and to authorize Town Manager Mark Morgan to sign the work order David Potter seconded; the motion passed 5-0.

Staff and Council Reports

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

Mark Morgan as the Council approved the 2025 Holiday schedule he will start putting together the meeting schedule. He told them since January 1st was a holiday, that he would, with their permission, change January's meeting schedule to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for the Council meetings. He told them that he had received an email from Wa-Pa-Key-Way chapter they are doing a dedication on a marker on the Courthouse lawn and asked if any Council members could be there.

Kayla Moody-Grant with Legal Counsel, told the Council that the engagement letter for the Executive Session items need a motion to be approved. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the engagement Letter with Taft and authorizes Town Manager Mark Morgan sign the letter and David Potter seconded.

Motion passed 4-1 with Bret Doub abstaining.

Bret Doub thanked RDC and Lesa regarding the meeting, that it was a great collaboration. He then said that on the leaf matter, that he could relate a little bit on that, and he thought the current schedule tries to work with other things going on. He said maybe add another pick-up date or not start as early in October. Andy Pitcher, Public Works Superintendent came before the Council and told them why he had the schedule the way it is.

Michael Chatham wanted to recognize Jim Hilton's Department; he had 2 officers promoted to Sergeant, Kennedy Molina and Quintin Oller, if you see them out, congratulate them.

Chris Gearld apologized for not being here last Friday at the meeting that was held. He said he had spoke to Mark and had a really good conversation with him; wished he could've been there.

- VI. **Claim Docket** –Greg Irby motioned to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$1,639,617.96 and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VII. **Payroll Docket**—Council President Chris Gearld reminded them, that they had 2 payroll dockets to approve. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the payroll docket from 10/18/24 and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0. David Potter made a motion to approve the payroll docket from 10/31/24 and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjournment**—Greg Irby motioned to adjourn, and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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By: Chris Gearld

Chris Gearld, Council President

ATTEST:

By: Carrie E Lofton

Carrie E. Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer