

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Chris Gearld called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on November 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Council President Chris Gearld acknowledged a quorum of the Council. Chris Gearld, Michael Chatham, Greg Irby, and David Potter were present. Bret Doub came in remotely via phone. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton, and Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Michael Chatham made a motion to approve the Special Called Session meeting held on November 1, 2024, and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg Irby motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the Council meeting held on November 6, 2024, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that he had no requests to speak.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
 - a) **Badge Pinning Ceremony**—Fire Chief Rick Duncan presented a badge pinning ceremony for Evan Larkin. He has completed his probationary period and is now eligible to have full-time status.
 - b) **2025 RDC Spending Plan**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented the 2025 RDC spending plan. The Council gave their consensus on the spending plan and to be placed on the DLGF Gateway Site. Baker Tilly received a copy and discussed it.
 - c) **Resolution 20-2024: Fiscal Plan for Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a fiscal study of the Hendricks County Board of Commissioners property located on the West side of C.R. 300 East as outlined in Ordinance 24-2024. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Resolution 20-2024 and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - d) **Ordinance 24-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located on the West side of C.R. 300 East. David Potter made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-2024 and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **Resolution 21-2024: Fiscal Plan for Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a fiscal study for the annexation of the property located at 577 N. County Road 50 E. as outlined in Ordinance 25-2024. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve Resolution 21-2024 and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f) **Ordinance 25-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—The Town Attorney, Chou-il, told the Council, that since Bret was a virtual Council Member, that roll call needs to be taken. That they need to be seen and heard. Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located at 577 N. County Road 50 E. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-2024 and David Potter seconded. Clerk-Treasurer, Carrie Lofton, gave roll call, in which the motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Resolution 22-2024: Fiscal Plan for Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a fiscal study for the annexation of 1150 Money Lane as outlined in Ordinance 27-2024. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Resolution 22-2024 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call, in which the motion passed 5-0.
 - h) **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. Greg Irby made a

motion to approve Ordinance 27-2024 and David Potter seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 5-0.

- i) **Resolution 23-2024: Fiscal Plan for Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a fiscal plan for the annexation of the property located at 2949 E. Main Street as outlined in Ordinance 28-2024. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Resolution 23-2024 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 5-0.
- j) **Ordinance 28-2024: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a request for a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the property located at 2949 E. Main Street. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve Ordinance 28-2024 and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 5-0.
- k) **Resolution 25-2024: Retirement Weapon**—Police Chief Jim Hilton presented a resolution to provide a weapon (a shotgun) to a retiring Officer. He is retiring from the Danville Metropolitan Police Department. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Resolution 25-2024 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 5-0.
- l) **Ordinance 29-2024: Additional Appropriation (Host Fund)**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented an ordinance requesting an additional appropriation in the HOST fund for “Other Services and Charges”. Council President Chris Gearld gaveled open the public hearing, there were no comments, he gaveled the public hearing closed. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Ordinance 29-2024 and David Potter seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- m) **Ordinance 30-2024: Additional Appropriation (EDIT Fund)**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented an ordinance requesting an additional appropriation in the EDIT fund for “Other Services and Charges”. Council President Chris Gearld gaveled open the public hearing, there were no comments, he gaveled the public hearing closed. David Potter made a motion to approve Ordinance 30-2024 and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- n) **Ordinance 31-2024: General Obligation Bond and Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation**—Adam Steuerwald with Barnes and Thornburg presented an ordinance to secure a GO Bond for the purchase of needed equipment by several divisions of the Town. Council President Chris Gearld gaveled the public hearing open, the Council had a couple of questions in which Adam answered the questions, Chris gaveled the public hearing closed. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Ordinance 31-2024 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- o) **Ordinance 32-2024: Salary Ordinance**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented the 2025 Salary Ordinance. She told the Council she had made 2 amendments, one for the Park Board and one for a maintenance laborer. Carrie told the Council this was up for introduction only.
- p) **CER: Pick-Up Truck**—Fire Chief Rick Duncan presented a request to expend funds to purchase a new fleet vehicle for the Fire Department. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the CER request and David Potter seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- q) **CER: Paving**—Public Works Superintendent Andy Pitcher presented a CER request to expend funds to pave C.R. 150 East. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the CER request and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- r) **CER: Police Vehicle**—Police Chief Jim Hilton presented a request to expend funds to purchase a new fleet vehicle for the Police Department. David Potter made a motion to approve the CER request and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. **Staff and Council Comments:**

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

Will Lacey told the Council that Winterland opens this Friday, November 22, 2024.

Carrie Lofton thanked the Council for allowing her to switch payroll and financial software starting in January 2025. She stated they have started training the staff to begin using January 1, 2025.

Chou-il, Town Attorney, told the Council that he needed to bring up an issue about receiving an email from INDOT regarding the sinkhole. He told them that INDOT said that the Town would have to pay to fix the sinkhole. He said at this point, either we fix it or don't fix it, or negotiate with INDOT. Utilities Director Barry Lofton came up to the podium and answered questions that the Council asked. Town Manager Mark Morgan suggested asking Counsel to ask INDOT for an extension on the timeline.


Bret Doub appreciated everybody being accommodating working through the technical difficulties from earlier to get him joined tonight.

Michael Chatham congratulated Fire Chief Duncan on the new hires. He also commented on Police Chief Hilton's lateral process for his new hires.

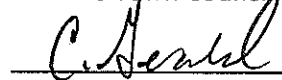
Chris Gearld thanked everyone for what they do, getting a lot done.

- VII. **Claim Docket**—Greg Irby motioned to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$780,448.49 and David Potter seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Payroll Docket**—David Potter motioned to approve the payroll docket and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- IX. **Adjourn**—Greg Irby motioned to adjourn, and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:


Carrie E Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer

Danville Town Council:


Chris Gearld, Council President