

## ***Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes***

**November 19, 2025**

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President David Potter called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Council President David Potter acknowledged a quorum of the Council. David Potter, Michael Chatham, Chris Gearld, and Greg Irby were present. Bret Doub was present via telephone/internet. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton, and Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Greg Irby motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 5, 2025, Council Meeting and Michael Chatham seconded. The Council President, David Potter had Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton give roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that he had no requests to speak. Mark told the Council that he would like a request to amend the agenda. Item C because representatives from Barnes & Thornburg were not here, item G he wanted pulled from the agenda, and to add letter M to the agenda, a discussion to propose a joint letter with the RDC. Greg Irby made a motion to approve amending the agenda as requested and seconded by Michael Chatham. Council President said that since Bret Doub was present via phone/internet that all votes had to be roll called. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 5-0.
- V. **Public Meeting:**
  - a) **Badge Pinning Fire Department**—Deputy Chief Dustin Strahl introduced Tucker Lowe to the Council. He had successfully completed his probationary period. Councilman Chris Gearld read the oath. Town Manager Mark Morgan came up and said he would like to make a correction on the agenda, that he would like item B to be amended to the agenda, not Item C.
  - b) **Ordinance 28-2025: Park Bond**—Park Superintendent Will Lacey presented an Ordinance to secure a Park Bond for needed repairs and upgrades to the park system. Will told the Council that he would answer any questions they had. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Ordinance 28-2025 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 4-1 with David Potter stating nay.
  - c) **Resolution 23-2025: Declaratory Resolution for Tax Abatement**—Joe Jasin of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership presented a Resolution requesting a Tax Abatement for new manufacturing equipment located on the property of 120 Commerce Drive. Chris Gearld made a motion to approve Resolution 23-2025 and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call, and the motion passed 5-0.
  - d) **Ordinance 31-2025: Additional Appropriation (Library)**—Cheryl Dobbs presented an Ordinance requesting additional appropriation in Personal Services and Other Services & Charges for the Danville-Center Township Public Library. Council President David Potter gave the Public Hearing in, no one came forward or had any comments, David Potter gave the Public Hearing closed. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve Ordinance 31-2025 and Chris Gearld seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which the motion passed 5-0.
  - e) **Resolution 21-2025: Fiscal Plan for Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented a Resolution that outlines the fiscal plan associated with the Super-Voluntary Annexation of the properties located at 536, 542, and 548 Sycamore Lane, as described in Ordinance 29-2025. Greg Irby made a

motion to approve Resolution 21-2025 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call in which motion passed 5-0.

- f) **Ordinance 29-2025: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented an Ordinance to conduct a Super-Voluntary Annexation of the properties located at 536, 542, and 548 Sycamore Lane. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve Ordinance 29-2025 and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call, and the motion passed 5-0.
- g) **Ordinance 30-2025: Wastewater Amendments**—Amended off the agenda.
- h) **Ordinance 32-2025: Super-Voluntary Annexation**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented an Ordinance to conduct a Super-Voluntary Annexation for the property located at 223 S. CR. 200 E. This was only up for introduction only.
- i) **2026 Redevelopment Commission Spending Plan**—Town Planner Lesa Ternet presented the 2026 Redevelopment Commission Spending Plan. Acknowledgement of Receipt was given by the Council.
- j) **Downtown Danville Partnership: Letter of Commitment**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented a letter of commitment for the DDP. This will show support of the Council so that the letter may be provided to OCRA to enroll in the Aspiring IAMS program. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve the Partnership letter of commitment and Chris Gearld seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call, and the motion passed 5-0.
- k) **Appointment to Economic Development Board**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the name of Jerry Vornholt to be a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Board. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve Jerry Vornholt of the appointment and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.
- l) **Appointment to Fire Territory Board**—Town Manager Mark Morgan was seeking clarification on the appointments to the Fire Territory Board. Mark asked the Council if they could switch Greg Irby as the representative of the Council and Chris Gearld, who could either be a citizen of the Town or Council member. Michael Catham made a motion to approve Greg Irby as the representative of the Council until his term is up and to approve Chris Gearld until 2029. Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call, and motion passed 5-0.
- m) **Proposal of a letter with the RDC**—Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that he wanted to prepare a joint letter with the RDC in hopes of keeping the Court System on the square in the Courthouse. Greg Irby made a motion to approve the proposal and Chris Gearld seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call. Motion passed 5-0.

#### **Staff and Council Comments:**

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

**Mark Morgan** said that the President of the BZA wrote a very complimentary email of the Street Department and the leaf pick-up program. He thought it was very kind to receive this email & to show appreciation of the Street Department and Street Superintendent Dave Newell.

**Will Lacey** told the Council that Winterland starts Friday and Christmas on the Square is the following Friday.

**Chris Gearld** thanked everyone for what they do.

**Greg Irby** excited for Christmas on the Square.

**Bret Doub** said that Chris took the words right out of his mouth. Stuck in New York for his job. Appreciates everyone for holding the fort down. What everyone does, day in, and day out, does not go unnoticed.

**Michael Chatham** piggyback off what Chris and Bret said. Mark Morgan at Chamber Luncheon. Told Barry Lofton that 2026/2027 was going to be busy.

**David Potter** congratulated Will Lacey and the Park Board. The system works with having 5 people on Council. Echoed what Mark Morgan said about the leaf pick-up. Thanked the Street Department.

- VI. **Claim Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$497,404.94 and Chris Gearld seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call and motion passed 5-0.
- VII. **Payroll Docket**—Greg Irby made a motion to approve the payroll docket from 11/14/25 and Michael Chatham seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call and motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjournment**—Chris Gearld made a motion to adjourn, and Greg Irby seconded. Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton gave roll call and motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Carrie E Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer

Danville Town Council

  
David Potter, Council President