

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2016

- I. **Call to Order:** Council President Marcia Lynch, called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order at 7:00 pm on June 6, 2016 in the Danville Town Hall, 49 N. Wayne Street.
- II. **Roll Call:** Council President Lynch acknowledged a quorum of the Council and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Council President Lynch noted the following Council members in attendance: Jim Stephens, Mike Neilson, and Dee Oliphant. Dennis Wynn arrived mid-way through the meeting. Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Percy was absent. The following Administrative officials were present: Gary Eakin, Town Manager, Laura Parker, Assistant Town Manager and Nikki Schultz, Town Attorney.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Mike Nielson to approve the minutes as read for the Town Council meeting of May, 16, 2016. Seconded by Jim Stephens. Minutes were approved 4-0.

IV. Public Meeting:

a) Amendment to IRU – Smithville

Melissa Patee from Smithville Communications explained the need for the amendment to the IRU. The Water Department's contractor who was hired to connect the two wells to the Town's fiber backbone insisted on 4 *separate* fiber strands for each well. Smithville was not brought into the loop until after the contractor had already run the fiber and was ready to make the connection to Smithville's leased fibers rather than the Town's fibers. These 8 separate fibers now dedicated to the wells reduced the number of strands that Smithville currently leases from the Town from 90 to 82, so the lease payment needs to be adjusted accordingly. The IRU amendment reduces the lease payment from \$10,000 down to \$9,000. Council directed that in the future, Smithville must be the first point of contact if any outside contractor has a need to access, utilize, or connect to the fiber in any way. Mike Neilson made a motion to approve the IRU amendment as presented. Seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 4-0.

b) Ordinance 9-2016 Uniform Internal Control Standards

This ordinance was introduced at the May 16th meeting. It provides a policy to establish uniform internal control standards and ensure training is provided for staff members. This ordinance is ready to be adopted. Motion was made by Jim Stephens and seconded by Dee Oliphant. Motion passed 4-0.

c) Ordinance 7-2016

The ordinance to annex the Dotson property located at 894 and 924 Moro Lane is ready for adoption. A motion to adopt was made by Mike Neilson and seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 4-0.

d) Ordinance 13-2016

The ordinance to rezone the Dotson property to R1 is presented to the council with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. A motion to adopt the ordinance as presented was made by Mike Neilson and seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 4-0.

Councilman Dennis Wynn arrived for the meeting.

e) Bicentennial Street Closure Request

Laura Parker, on behalf of the Bicentennial Torch Relay Committee, asked the council for permission to close Washington and Marion streets on the Courthouse Square between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm on Friday, September 23rd. The Courthouse Square is serving as a celebration site for the State's bicentennial activities that day as the torch relay makes its way through Hendricks County. There will be a mobile visitors center, vendors, the schools are bringing groups of students, there will be a short ceremony, and then a balloon release before the torch moves on to Plainfield. She has already reviewed the plans with Police, Fire, and Public Works. A motion was made by Dee Oliphant to approve the street closure. Seconded by Jim Stephens. Motion passed 5-0.

f) Bison-tennial Art Project

Related to the Torch Relay activity, the State Bicentennial Commission is encouraging every county to participate in the "Bison-tennial" art project. Counties have the opportunity to purchase a life-sized fiberglass bison statue which can then be painted and put on display to commemorate the State's 200th anniversary. The county has

agreed to purchase the statue and she suggested the town's contribution to the bicentennial commemoration could be to fund the services of local artist Kerry Trout to paint the bison. With proper maintenance, the statue will last at least 30 years and she anticipates that it will remain displayed somewhere on the courthouse lawn. The cost for the professional painting services is \$1,225. Laura Parker indicated that she can take the funds out of the Host Fund Downtown Revitalization line item if she cut back on replacing Christmas lights this year, so it would not be additional new money. After additional discussion about other ways to fund the project, a motion was made by Mike Neilson and seconded by Dennis Wynn to approve the request. Dee Oliphant opposed. Motion passed 4-1.

Request for consent to annex - Laura Parker referenced a handout showing the location of a lot in the Gailcrest subdivision that is adjacent to Gale at the Crossing. The buyer of the lot wishes to annex so he can connect to town utilities. She is seeking council consensus to accept his annexation petition. Council consented.

g) **Ordinance 14-2016 Mass Gatherings**

There was discussion about the pros and cons of this ordinance which requires a permit to be issued by the town for events that expect to have over 5,000 in attendance. Following discussion, the ordinance was introduced.

h) **Ordinance 15-2016 Amendment to Fee Ordinance for Mass Gathering Permit**

An amendment for the mass gathering permit fee was introduced.

i) **Work Study Date June 13th**

Gary asked the council would be available for a work study session on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 5 pm. He would like to discuss the host fund budget, utility debt collections, possible allowances for urban chickens, and a review of council meeting procedures. All members of the council agreed they could attend.

j) **Review of Resolution 1-2016**

Nikki Schultz, the town's attorney, reviewed the current resolution regarding communication with the town attorney and asked for feedback and/or questions from the council. Dee Oliphant had wondered if there was any need to amend the resolution since Dennis Wynn had been questioning the content of the resolution. The other council members generally agreed that if a council member wanted to propose an amendment to the resolution, then it should be written up and presented for consideration at a future council meeting.

V. **Staff Comments**

Gary Eakin asked for the council's consent to allow Reith Riley, INDOT's contractor, to perform paving work at night on Main Street. They are only requesting 3 to 5 days in mid-August and Gary said the town can pull the plug on the nighttime paving if it ends up being too disruptive or the town gets too many complaints. It will speed up the amount of work they can get done and it will reduce the impact on the daytime traffic. They will inform neighbors about the night work with door hangers. Mike Neilson asked that they go at least two blocks adjacent to Main Street when they put out the door hangers. The council consented to the nighttime paving.

Mike Neilson spoke with Rob saying that sidewalk projects are moving forward.

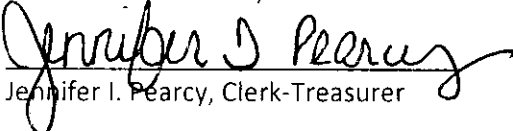
Dennis Wynn said the Mayberry festival went well and gave his thanks to Christa Salyers and Brad and Christine Born.

Marcia Lynch sent congratulations to the high school grads of 2016 and also kudos to Mayberry festival. She also noted that they finally broke ground on the Jack Willard Park.

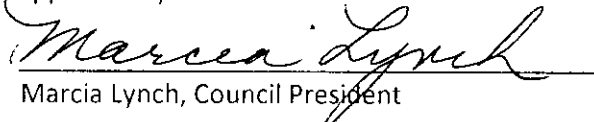
VI. **Claim Docket** – Jim Stephens made the motion to approve the claim docket. Seconded by Dennis Wynn. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. **Adjourn** – President Marcia Lynch adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


Jennifer I. Percy, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by:


Marcia Lynch, Council President