

Danville Town Council Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2024

- I. **Call to Order**: Council President Chris Gearld called the meeting of the Danville Town Council to order on December 4, 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, Bret Doub and David Potter were present. Town Manager Mark Morgan, Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton, and Community Engagement Coordinator Madison Henderson were present.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**: David Potter motioned to approve the meeting minutes from the Council meeting held on November 20, 2024, and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- IV. **Public Comment**: Town Manager Mark Morgan told the Council that he had no requests to speak. Town Council President Chris Gearld said before the meeting started that he had a point of personal preference and asked Fire Chief Rick Duncan to come up. Rick told the story that changed his life and that he was very fortunate to come full circle with Harold Vinson, who worked for the Danville Fire Department. He then congratulated Harold Vinson on his retirement from the Fire Department.
- V. **Public Meeting**:
 - a) **Ordinance 32-2024: Salary Ordinance**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented the 2025 Salary and Wages Ordinance. She said it was up for adoption. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - b) **Ordinance 33-2024: Amendment to Bond Ordinance**—Bond Counsel Adam Steuerwald presented an ordinance to amend the current bond ordinance. Greg Irby made a motion to suspend the rules and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Greg Irby made a motion to accept Ordinance 33-2024, Amendment to Bond Ordinance and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - c) **Letters of Engagement: 2025 Budget**—Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton presented letters of engagement from Reedy Financial Group. Carrie answered several questions and concerns from the Council. Greg Irby made a motion to accept the engagement letter from Reedy Financial and authorize Clerk-Treasurer Lofton to execute it on behalf of the Town. Michael Chatham seconded. Council President Chris Gearld asked Carrie to take roll call. Motion passed 4-1 with David Potter stating nay.
 - d) **Resolution 26-2024: Confirmatory Resolution**—Joe Jason with the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership presented a confirmatory resolution for the tax abatement associated with Bio Response Solutions. Greg Irby made a motion to approve Resolution 26-2024 and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - e) **2025 Meeting Schedule**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the 2025 proposed meeting schedule. After the Council discussed some changes, Town Planner Lesa Ternet told the Council that she would check and then they can make the changes requested by the Council. Bret Doub made a motion to approve the meeting schedule and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - f) **Board Nominee for Appointment by Hendricks County**—Town Manager Mark Morgan presented the name Jerry Vornholt to be a candidate to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Board. Michael Chatham made a motion to approve Jerry Vornholt for the Board nominee appointment and Bret Doub seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
 - g) **Insurance Discussion**—Council President Chris Gearld lead a discussion regarding the current insurance carrier for the Town. The Council discussed and had questions which Town Manager

Mark Morgan and Clerk-Treasurer Carrie Lofton explained. Council President Chris Gearld asked the Council if they have consensus on the issues they had discussed, and the Council said yes.

h) **2025 Goals and Expectations**—Council President Chris Gearld told the members of the Council that he wanted this streamlined, and to send any goals and expectations to Town Manager Mark Morgan. He then said he wants to get a retreat on the books.

i) **Staff and Council Comments:**

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

Bret Doub said a special thanks to everyone from the Town who made it to the Christmas lighting, Hallmark worthy. He thanked Andy and his crew with the weather shifting gears. Kudos to everyone who helped on the bad water main break. Big thanks to Andy and his crew on leaf pickup. He also said he had a great Thanksgiving.

David Potter said what Bret Doub said about lighting on the square.

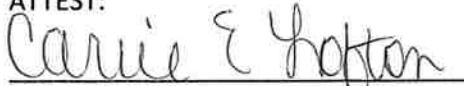
Greg Irby said that MC Mark, Madison Henderson, Police, Fire, and Andy did a great job! Thank you!

Michael Chatham the lighting was a wonderful event. Thanked Madison Henderson and Andy for their work. He thanked Jim and Rick, looking for applicants tirelessly, keeping Public Safety a priority.

Chris Gearld said that Christmas on the Square was amazing. He said that his son's girlfriend really enjoyed it. He thanked Will Lacey for the turnout on the Park Department project. Chris said Square Burger is really good. Mark Morgan told the Council that there was going to be a ribbon cutting at Square Burger that Friday at 10:45 a.m.

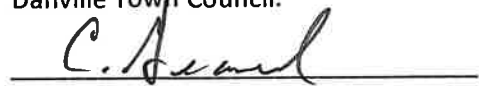
- VI. **Claim Docket**—David Potter motioned to approve the claim docket in the amount of \$1,420,771.12 and Greg Irby seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VII. **Payroll Docket**—Greg Irby motioned to approve the payroll docket and David Potter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- VIII. **Adjourn**—David Potter motioned to adjourn, and Michael Chatham seconded. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carrie E. Lofton, Clerk-Treasurer

Danville Town Council:



Chris Gearld, Council President