

## MINUTES

### DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL

OCTOBER 23, 2013

A regular meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Town Hall on October 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Janet Whitt; Council Members Olivia Shelton, Wendi Spraker, Ken Carrick and Gary East; Also present was Town Administrator Mike Barsness. Absent were Town Clerk Dianne Starnes and Town Attorney Mike Bruce.

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the agenda be approved as submitted.

No *Public Comments* were received.

No *Council Member Comments* were received.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting be approved.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Accounts Payable for September 26, 2013 through October 23, 2013 be approved with two additions: NCDOT in the amount of \$8,837.63 and NCDOT in the amount of \$963.82.

Under *Mayor's Report*, Mayor Whitt commented on the progress being made on the Christmas in Danbury event. The date will be Sunday, December 8, 2013. The Arts Council's activities will run from 2:00PM to 5:00PM and the tree lighting will occur shortly thereafter.

On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the Town acquire the services of a deputy sheriff to provide four hours of traffic control during the Christmas event.

Under *Old Business*, Mayor Whitt advised that research on replacement chairs for town hall is still ongoing.

Under *New Business*, Mayor Whitt led a discussion regarding the County's portable sign and the conflict with existing ordinance that prohibits such devices in Danbury. The general sense was that the sign has value for displaying important public information but unintended consequences of an ordinance change would need to be avoided. Town Attorney Mike Bruce will be consulted.

Mike Barsness explained the quarterly financial report. Revenues are down due to the expected drop in Ad Valorem collections. Expenditures are on track. Council members were reminded that the Town is on a tight budget and an amendment may still be necessary about mid-year.

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On motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that the regular December council meeting be cancelled and the following meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Under *Administrator's Report*, Mike Barsness advised that no progress has been made on the Seven Island Bridge transfer. A letter of declination will be sought from the County and then the next steps will be determined.

Research has been completed on new computer equipment.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Olivia Shelton, it was unanimously

RESOLVED that \$1,000 be made available to purchase a new desk top computer when the existing equipment is deemed too troublesome or too expensive to fix. No further authorization is necessary.

The Council was asked to consider a Resolution designed to protect historical memorabilia within Town Hall. Action will be requested at the November meeting.

The next comprehensive planning meeting will be held Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. A tour of Danbury will follow.

At 8:25PM, on motion of Olivia Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned by Mayor Whitt.

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Janet S Whitt

Mayor

Attest:

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Dianne B. Starnes

Town Clerk