

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REMOTE MEETING via ZOOM
September 22, 2021

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held remotely via ZOOM on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

Present at Town Hall: Mayor Janet Whitt and Town Administrator Mike Barsness. In attendance remotely were Council Members Steve Shelton, Gary East, and Wendi Spraker. Also present remotely: Town Attorney Eugene Russell, Neill Caldwell representing Stokes News, and Rex Rouse and Josh Ammons representing Rouse, Rouse, Rouse and Gardner. Council member Dave Hoskins was absent.

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the agenda as proposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Condolences were expressed for the recent loss of Ricky Mabe, longtime mowing and small jobs contractor for the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of August 20, 2021 to September 20, 2021.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor expressed appreciation for the help she received in managing the parade on September 11th. There was a good crowd. Need to work on keeping the parade moving in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT:

Rex Rouse provided his annual report on the status of Town finances. Reported that no problems were recorded and the Town is in a sound and stable financial position.

2. REAPPOINTMENT:

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was RESOLVED to reappoint Olivia Shelton to a three-year term on the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment. Council member Steve Shelton abstained.

3. POLICY:

A draft Proclamation Policy was discussed. It was decided to move the draft to final form and implementation.

4. MOWING CONTRACTOR:

With the recent loss of the Town's mowing and small jobs contractor, it was decided to contact other mowers in the Danbury area to ascertain interest in completing the current mowing season for the Town. A decision on a contractor for next year can occur in the off-season.

5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. The trees on County property abutting South Mill Hill Street are encroaching into the street and need trimming. County has been contacted with no response so far.
- b. We are still waiting for NCDOT to mow the road edge on N. Mill Hill Street. This is an annual problem of mower availability when needed. Will meet with neighbors on Tuesday to discuss options.
- c. Final ARP guidance will be available in late fall for deciding how to use the funds most effectively. At that point discussion can begin.
- d. County Commissioners will take action at their next meeting regarding the reappointment of Melinda Ring to the Town Planning Board/Board of Adjustment.

Steve Shelton informed everyone that a hike was being scheduled for October to visit the new Hanging Rock State Park properties. A specific date is forthcoming.

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:19 PM.

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk