

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL
REMOTE MEETING via ZOOM
December 29, 2021

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held remotely via ZOOM on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. This meeting was rescheduled from its regular December date due to the holiday.

Present at Town Hall: Mayor pro-tem Gary East and Town Administrator Mike Barsness. In attendance remotely were Council Members Steve Shelton and Wendi Spraker. Also present remotely: Town Attorney Eugene Russell. Mayor Janet Whitt and Council Member Dave Hoskins were absent.

Gary East called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton asked how the Town might help facilitate communication with residents when garbage and recycling pick up schedules suddenly change. Wendi Spraker said she could check on communication options.

CONSENT AGENDA:

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of November 24, 2021 to December 29, 2021.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East passed along a concern of the mayor about the need for a policy that provides guidance on the use of public funds for offerings at community memorials, funerals, and other customary events. The town administrator will review other municipalities' policies.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT:

All sources of revenue, except general sales tax, are trending near normal, year-over-year. Total revenue is down 2.5%. Expenditures are also near normal for mid-year.

2. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT:

The safety improvements on Main Street are complete. The Town will apply to NCDOT for reimbursement in the amount of \$27,045.00 for engineering and equipment costs. Cost

estimates will be obtained to now improve pedestrian markings that complement the work done by NCDOT.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. Council was updated on ARP funds status. It may be advantageous to join with the County on a project of mutual benefit and is being explored.
- b. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to move regular town council meetings to the Danbury Library, beginning with the January 26, 2022 meeting.
- c. Town-owned American flags are being damaged. They are anchored to utility poles and get hung up on the rough surface of the poles. Will find a solution.
- d. Town Hall was visited today by the School Skippers 4-H Club, led by Leslie Bray Brewer. Their focus was on civic education.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to enter closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The time was 7:06 PM.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to re-enter open session. The time was 8:09 PM.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:10PM.

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk