

MINUTES  
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
at DANBURY LIBRARY  
June 22, 2022

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Janet Whitt, Council members Gary East and Steve Shelton. Town Administrator Mike Barsness and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. Council members Dave Hoskins and Wendi Spraker were absent.

Visitors present: Kasey Snyder and Caroline Wray, second year students at Elon University Law School and current interns with Eugene Russell.

A quorum was present.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Mayor Janet Whitt provided Council members with a conflict of interest statement regarding any item on the agenda. No conflicts or appearances of conflict were disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton advised members of a \$850,000 grant awarded to the Arts Council, with a \$400,000 match from the County, to revitalize the Artist Way Café and the addition of two new businesses. Also announced a new minister will begin work at the Danbury Community Church on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reports the County has hired a new supervisor at the animal shelter. This is a good thing for the animals. She also expressed that she will miss Neill Caldwell's presence at town council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting.

2. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of May 21, 2022 to June 21, 2022.
3. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the Final Amended Budget for fiscal year 2021-22 in the amount of \$77,975.00.
4. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to set the tax rate at \$0.27 for fiscal year 2022-23.
5. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the fiscal year 2022-23 Town Budget in the amount of \$74,330.00.
6. Mike Barsness provided council members with the Planning Board's "Statement of Consistency and Recommendation" following a planning board meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022, to hear two applications for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to allow short-term residential uses in B-1 districts. The Planning Board found that the proposed text amendment was Consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan and Recommended the Town Council allow short-term residential use in R-1, R-2, R-3, B-1, B-2 districts with specific development standards attached, after first hearing public comment.
7. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library to receive comment on the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment.
8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:
  - a. Planning board terms are soon to expire for Elmer Manuel, John Turpin and Donnie Mabe. Council indicated their approval for arranging to reappoint the members at the appropriate time.
  - b. Recent storm damage is being cleaned up. Trees are being removed from the Town Park and Crestview Road.
  - c. The revisions to the zoning ordinance and penalty sections in most town ordinances will be the top priority for completion. Nuisance and parking ordinances will be reevaluated later.

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:32 PM.

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Janet S. Whitt  
Mayor

Attest:

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Dianne B. Starnes  
Town Clerk