

MINUTES  
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
DANBURY LIBRARY  
January 25, 2023

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Visitors present: None

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Mayor Janet Whitt read to the Council members a Conflict of Interest Statement regarding items on the agenda. No conflict/appearance of conflict was disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Gary East commented that the recent Stokes LOG meeting was very informative and made everyone aware that King Mayor Jack Warren was experiencing a serious health issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported that the recent Stokes LOG meeting in Walnut Cove went very well and that Danbury will host the next meeting on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Arts Place and will be catered by Artist Way, 6:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously  
RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the December 28, 2022 meeting.
  
2. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously  
RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of December 24, 2022 to  
January 25, 2023.

3. Dave Hoskins nominated Gary East to serve as 2023 Mayor Pro-tem. All were in favor.
4. Gary East nominated Steve Shelton to serve as 2023 TAC representative. All were in favor.
5. Dave Hoskins nominated Gary East to serve as 2023 TAC alternate. All were in favor.
6. A \$200,000.00 capital improvement grant has been approved by NC OSBM. The funds will be given to Stokes County and then passed to Danbury. The funds must be used for a capital project(s) and must be for the benefit of all. Objectives, timing, expected results, and performance measures need to be provided to the County by the end of January.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to focus on street improvements, to include paving, striping, and signage.

7. The 2023-24 budget calendar was disclosed. Important dates include: May 11<sup>th</sup> – Budget Message and Proposed Budget Ordinance; May 24<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing; June 28<sup>th</sup> – Adoption.
8. Administrator's Report
  - a. Met with county manager to discuss communication between governments. Also discussed county services that might be available to the Town, such as planning and zoning assistance.
  - b. Met with Walnut Cove town manager to discuss town services that could be applied to both communities benefit.
  - c. Financial Report for 7 months shows a significant reduction in revenue. This is not thought to be of concern but likely a short term change in tax payment patterns.
  - d. Fire Department contracts are due for renewal this upcoming budget year. The non-profit appropriation will be proposed at \$1000.00 (\$500 for each contract)

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:05 PM.

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Janet S. Whitt  
Mayor

Attest:

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Dianne B. Starnes  
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 6:30 PM, at the library.)