

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
August 23, 2023

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Visitors present: None

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Gary East read a Conflict of Interest Statement regarding items on the meeting agenda. No Council member disclosed a conflict or appearance of conflict with any item on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: The parade planning is progressing. Much interest. Date will be Saturday, 9/9/23. Lineup will be at the government center beginning around 8:30 AM, judging will follow. Parade begins 10:00. Mayor appreciated help from council members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2023 meeting.
2. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of July 27, 2023 to August 23, 2023.
3. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Ordinance 2023-03, closing Main Street and Sheppard Mill Road for the annual parade on 9/9/23 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

4. SCIF Grant Project update: Invoice totaling \$15,078.63 has been submitted to Stokes County for reimbursement. Once check is received, NCDOT will be paid \$14,224.63 for work performed in the month of July. Some minor work remains to be completed, including seeding, manhole risers, and striping.
5. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve payment to NCDOT in the amount of \$14,224.63 for work performed in the month of July, 2023.
6. Priorities were discussed to determine the specific project for ARP funds. The list includes Crestview Road, South Mill Hill Street, and King Circle. An estimate will also be obtained to repair the street in front of the fire department. This will be an agenda item in September.
7. The latest options for improving the intersection at Sheppard Mill Road and 8/89 were discussed. Option 1 involves a roundabout and Option 2 requires a median and southbound turn lane, but no roundabout. The roundabout was favored however full access to/from Dan River Road was considered necessary. Option 1 is consistent with the Town Pedestrian Plan.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was RESOLVED to recommend Option 1 to NCDOT and urge them to provide ingress/egress to/from Dan River Road. Wendi Spraker abstained from voting.

8. Duke Energy has replaced all streetlights with LED heads. Electricity usage is down 70% while cost is up 24%. They are reported to be asking for an additional 30% rate increase.
9. Administrator's Report
 - a. A meeting was held with Stokes County Planning Director to discuss 1) planning & zoning assistance with complex Town issues, 2) comprehensive plan updating, 3) project partnering. Positive tone. More discussion to follow.

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

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk

*(Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6:30 PM, at the library.**)*