

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
October 25, 2023

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

Present: Mayor Janet Whitt, Council members Wendi Spraker, Steve Shelton, Gary East and Dave Hoskins. 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 Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the agenda as proposed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Mayor Whitt read a Conflict of Interest Statement regarding items on the meeting agenda. Steve Shelton questioned if his property frontage on Camping Island Creek Road which is planned for paving would be a conflict of interest and preclude him from voting. Discussion followed.

NOTE: At the September 27, 2023 meeting, the Town Council approved several streets for repaving, including Camping Island Creek Road. Council member Shelton was absent from that meeting and provided no vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton announced that the Historical Society would be holding an open house during the *Christmas in Danbury* celebration on December 3rd.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Christmas in Danbury* will be held on Sunday, December 3rd from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Mayors from Walnut Cove and King will be in attendance to help honor county-wide emergency services workers.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting.
2. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of September 28, 2023 to October 25, 2023.

3. A status report was provided regarding the street paving project currently in progress. Resurfacing of King Circle, South Mill Hill Street, and Camping Island Creek Road will be delayed until NCDOT invoicing has caught up with work already done. No funding problems are anticipated. All SCIF funds have been committed. The remainder of streets to be paved will be covered by ARP and Powell funds.
4. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to amend Ordinance 2023-01, SCIF Grant Project Budget, to include paving of Camping Island Creek Road, with no additional funding required.
5. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt Ordinance 2023-04, to utilize \$58,321.64 of ARP funds and \$10,500.00 of Powell funds to pave Crestview Road, Old Church Road, King Circle, and South Mill Hill Street.
6. NCDOT has decided to move ahead with express design for changes to the intersection of Sheppard's Mill Road & NC 8/89. This is design only. No funding has been appropriated for construction. Public comment will occur later in the process.
7. Financial Report – Revenue is down 3.4%. It appears to be simply a delay in when residents choose to pay property taxes. All other revenue sources appear normal.
9. Administrator's Report
 - a. The Managers Discussion & Analysis for the annual audit has been completed and provided for Council information. Rex Rouse will attend the November meeting to give a full audit report.
 - b. Completed a Great Trails State Fund Survey distributed by PTRC RPO. State budget has provided for funding of various phases of community trail needs. RPO intends to apply for funding and distribute or make available through competitive process to communities.
 - c. OSBM has listed Danbury population at 191.
 - d. Roadside mowing will occur next week.

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:41 PM.

Attest:

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk

*(Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 6:30 PM, at the library.**)*