

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
November 29, 2023

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Janet Whitt, Council members Wendi Spraker, Steve Shelton, Dave Hoskins and Gary East (arriving at 7:23 PM). Town Administrator Mike Barsness and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Visitors present: Lance _____, student.

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

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, 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. No conflicts were reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A student from South Stokes High School, Lance _____, introduced himself and stated he was in attendance as part of a school project.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: The Danbury Community Church will be holding its first Love Feast since the covid pandemic. The event will be held at the brick church on Sunday, December 17, 2023, 6:30 PM.

MAYOR'S REPORT: A reminder that the *Christmas in Danbury* program will be held this 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. If weather is rainy the event will be moved to the Arts Place.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting.
2. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of October 26, 2023 to November 29, 2023.
3. An update on the SCIF/ARP Grants street paving project was provided. It appears that a surplus of \$49,117 of SCIF funds will allow for additional paving. Project budgets will be amended once more information can be made available. SCIF grant ends on 6/30/24. ARP grant ends 12/31/25.

4. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the September and October SCIF Project payments to NCDOT in the amount of \$36,286.56 and \$46,781.95 respectively.
5. Administrator's Report
 - a. Due to complications involving the Duke Energy's new "customer system", the Town will not be able to receive power to the Christmas tree in time for the annual program. The Board of Education has agreed to provide power from their building.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to enter closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel issue. The time was 7:05 PM.

Gary East entered the meeting at 7:23 PM.

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to re-enter open session. The time was 7:36 PM.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:38 PM.

Attest:

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk

*(Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 27, 2023, 6:30 PM, at Town Hall.**)*