

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
April 24, 2024

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

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

Visitors present: Terri Flagg represented Stokes News.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Council member Gary East read a Conflict of Interest Statement regarding items on the meeting agenda. No conflicts were reported.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton announced that Old Men in Hats will hold a CD release event at the Arts Place on Sunday, May 19, 2024. Dave Hoskins announced the Paddling Film Festival to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and will also be held at the Arts Place.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Reminder that Danbury will be hosting the next League Meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6:30 PM, at the Arts Place. The Mayor also enjoyed recently talking with students from the UNC School of the Arts. Their work product will be shown on Friday, May 10, 2024, at the Arts Place.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting.
2. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of March 28, 2024 to April 24, 2024.
3. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, to receive comment on the proposed budget for FY 2024-25.

4. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to amend the FY 2023-24 budget in the amount of \$5,500.00, for the purpose of replacing the roof on Town Hall.
5. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to repeal the Danbury Zoning Ordinance first adopted in 1993 and adopt Danbury Zoning Ordinance 2024-01.
6. Current status of budget preparations for FY 2024-25 was presented. The budget message and budget ordinance will be provided to Council on Monday, May 13, 2024. Public hearing is scheduled for May 22, 2024, and adoption will be considered on June 26, 2024.
7. A brief financial report was provided. Revenue is equal to last year at this point in the year. Property taxes remain -6% and sales tax is -2%. Loss of property tax has been offset by investment earnings.
8. Administrator's Report
 - a. The remainder of street paving will commence this week.
 - b. Sheppard Mill Road Bridge right-of-way acquisition is underway. Construction next year.

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:20 PM.

Janet S. Whitt
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)