

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
June 26, 2024

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

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

Visitors present: Jake Elsdon. Terri Flagg represented Stokes News.

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:

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 expressed concern for the level of noise emanating from Moratock Park and neighboring property on weekends. Gary East announced that his son was married on Saturday, June 22nd. He and his wife are now Danbury residents. Wendi Spraker offered that residents have provided positive comments regarding the newly paved streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to Jake Elsdon as a new ETJ member of the Planning and Zoning Board. The next LOG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024, 6:30 PM, at King Recreation Acres.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the May 22, 2024 meeting.

2. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of May 23, 2024 to June 26, 2024.

3. A brief overview of the FY 2023-24 Final Amended Budget was provided. The final result was that in pre-audit terms, \$7,539.00 will be returned to fund balance.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the FY 2023-24 Final Amended Budget in the amount of \$81,704.00

4. A brief overview of the proposed FY 2024-25 budget was provided. The proposal has been increased by \$500.00 due to adjustments in audit fees, compensation, and items necessary for the clerk position transition.

On motion of Gary East, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, FY 2024-25 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$77,500.00, and set the tax rate at \$0.27 per \$100.00 of assessed value.

5. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the contract for FYE 6-30-24 auditing services to Gardner & Co. in the amount of \$7,905.00.
6. Steve Shelton provided a summary of business items from the TAC meeting held on 6/19/24. The Danbury project has scored the highest at the RPO level in NCDOT Divisions 9 & 11 but will not likely make the state-wide final list for funding at this point in time.

7. Administrator's Report

- a. All SCIF grant paving has been completed. About \$6,000.00 remains for striping. The grant may be extended past the expiration date of June 30. ARP grant paving has been completed. There may be money left to update street name signs and regulatory signs.
- b. Long arm mowing is complete.
- c. The RPO is asking if there is interest in participating in a grant application to provide EV charging stations in the rural areas. Units are approximately \$15,000 (installed) with a \$3,000.00 match.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to explore participation in a grant opportunity to provide a public charging station for EVs.

8. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to enter closed session to discuss compensation and other material terms of an employment contract, per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). The time was 7:25 PM.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to return to open session. The time was 7:48 PM.

9. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve revisions to the Town Clerk job description as proposed by the Town Administrator.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:52 PM.

Gary East
Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:

Dianne B. Starnes
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 24, 2024**, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)