

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
September 25, 2024

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Gary East and Council members Wendi Spraker, Steve Shelton and Dave Hoskins. Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Absent: None

Visitors present: Glenda Pruitt with Stokes County Purchasing Department, Bruce Burgess, and Terri Flagg represented Stokes News.

Gary East called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bruce Burgess addressed the council in regards to joining the Planning Board Committee. He stated that he was interested in joining the committee and would contribute in any way. Gary East thanked him for his interest. Mike Barsness asked if they would like to do a formal vote at this time or delay a vote pending further discussion.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker it was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Bruce Burgess to the Planning Board to fill a vacant seat.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton said he and his wife Olivia attended a Wake Forest football game on September 14th and was shown on the jumbotron being honored for the *Deacon Drum Beat* that he had created years ago. He also thanked council members for their hard work on the Stokes Stomp and thanked Gary East for his work with the parade.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East spoke of the Stokes Stomp and how Janet Whitt's memory shined upon the event. He thanked Nell Caldwell for his hard work. Gary stated that he heard good comments about the event and thanked the council members. Council suggested that a thank you note be sent to Nell Caldwell for his hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2024 meeting.
2. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of August 29, 2024 to September 25, 2024.
3. Mike Barsness spoke on the subject of the Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance proposed by the County of Stokes to add Taprooms and Craft/Micro Breweries to the Table of Used by District and to set a public hearing date for additional comment. Mike stated that Planning Board Chair John Turpin could not attend so he would speak on his behalf. They had spoken in reference to a concern to distinguish Taproom from Bar and other similar uses. Mike proposed that he create development standards for Taproom. If a Taproom is allowed in a "B" district it will likely border on a residential district. He will have them ready for the public hearing on October 23, 2024.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to hold the public hearing on October 23, 2024 to address the Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinances.

4. Consideration of NCDOT estimate of \$20,000 to repave the remainder of Old Church Rd. Mike Barsness provided documentation referencing the quote to have this project completed.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the estimate and that the project be completed.

5. Consideration of Ordinance 2023-04 ARP Grant Project Budget Amendment adding \$3,000 of Powell funds to repave the remainder of Old Church Rd. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the budget amendment.
6. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Dave Hoskins, it was unanimously RESOLVED to reappoint Olivia Shelton to the Planning Board for a 3-year term ending August 25, 2027.
7. Administrator's Report
 - a. SCIF grant was extended for another year. The remainder of the grant will likely be used for additional work on Sheeprock Road.
 - b. It is time to renew Foothill Waste Solutions contract. Mike Barsness asked council if they would like to seek new quotes or to just ask Foothill Waste Solutions if they would extend the contract. Council agreed to seek a contract extension.
 - c. Still working on the Computer Use Policy.
 - d. Tory Mabe asked Mike Barsness about moving the Christmas Program to 12/8/24 due to the event falling on Thanksgiving weekend. Council agreed to move the date to 12/8/24. Steve Shelton stated that Tory Mabe had requested that the schedule for the town program be coordinated with the Arts Place activities to ensure that 2 events were not going on at

the same time. Steve Shelton stated that he could bring his sound system and would be willing to plan and help in anyway. It was also stated that the lighting of the tree should be when it is getting dark, around 6pm.

On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to recess the council meeting until September 26, 2024 at 12:00 pm. The recessed meeting will be located at The Arts Place. The time was 7:13 PM.

On Thursday, September 26, 2024, at 12:00 PM, the meeting reconvened at The Arts Place, 502 Main Street.

Present were Mayor Pro-tem Gary East and Council members Steve Shelton, Wendi Spraker, and Dave Hoskins. Also present were Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell. Guests included retired town clerk Dianne Starnes and husband Gordon Middleton.

The purpose of the meeting extension was to celebrate the recent retirement of Town Clerk Dianne Starnes. No official business was conducted nor action taken during this time.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 1:19 PM.

Gary East
Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:

Renea Brown
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)