

MINUTES  
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
DANBURY LIBRARY  
December 18, 2024

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Council member Dave Hoskins and Town Clerk Renea Brown.

Visitors present: 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 expressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Steve Shelton thanked the council members for working to provide a great Christmas program. It was well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Gary East agreed that the Christmas program was a success.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting.
2. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable from November 21, 2024 to December 18, 2024.

3. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Ordinance 2023-04, the Final Amended ARP Grant Project Budget in the amount of \$58,722.17.
4. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the town council meeting schedule for calendar year 2025.
5. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to elect Gary East to serve as Mayor Pro-tem in 2025.
6. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Gary East, it was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Steve Shelton to serve as Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) representative and Dave Hoskins to serve as alternate in 2025.
7. Council was briefed on current finance information. Revenue is at the expected level for this point in the year. General sales tax distributions are down 5.4% through December, year over year.
8. Administrator's Report
  - a. Additional Christmas tree lighting will be installed this week. After this season, a decision can be made whether to continue with this type of lighting or to do something different.
  - b. A property owner in the ETJ has placed a junk vehicle on his property at the edge of the river. Voluntary compliance to remove the hulk will be attempted before moving to stricter enforcement measures.
  - c. Estimates will now be obtained for painting town hall in the spring.
  - d. Jim and Jamie Hicks may need to increase their rates for snow removal service due to cost increases. They will be contacted for specific information.
9. On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to enter closed session to discuss legal issues related to entering a garbage/recycling contract per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). The time was 7:26 PM.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Wendi Spraker, it was unanimously RESOLVED to re-enter open session. The time was 7:39 PM.

On motion of Wendi Spraker, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:51 pm.

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Gary East  
Mayor Pro-tem

Attest:

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Renea Brown  
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)