

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
December 16, 2025

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Pro-tem Gary East and Council members Steve Shelton, Dave Hoskins and Jane Tharp. Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. Also present were incoming council members, Shannon Conner, Andrew Mathys, and Jacob Tilley. A quorum was recorded.

Absent: None

Visitors present: City of King Mayor Rick McCraw, Emily Williams from Stokes News, and family members of incoming council members.

Gary East called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT:

Gary East asked if any council member had a Conflict of Interest regarding items on the meeting agenda. No conflicts were expressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Rick McCraw expressed his support for the upcoming Mayor Gary East and wanted to support his swearing in.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: Dave Hoskins said it has been a pleasure serving on the town council for the last 12 years. He has learned a lot for the experience and couldn't think of a better place to learn from. Jane Tharp said she has found the experience to be interesting and has enjoyed it. Steve Shelton thanked Dave and Jane for their service and stepping up to serve. He also stated that his church would be hosting a Moravian Lovefeast and he and his son will be playing at the Arts Place on Saturday at 4pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East gave an update on the Christmas program and the tree lighting ceremony. He said it was a wonderful event and it was wonderful to see everyone come together. There was good music and fellowship. The community has told him how nice the lights looked and the community

supper at the Volunteer Fire Department was fantastic as well. He thanked Jacob, David, Shannon, Isaiah, Daniel and Steve for all of their help.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Dave Hoskins, seconded by Jane Tharp, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting.
2. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Jane Tharp, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of November 20, 2025 to December 16, 2025.
3. Recognition of service was given to outgoing council members Dave Hoskins and Jane Tharp.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

1. Oath of Office was administered by Town Clerk, Renea Brown to incoming Mayor, Gary East. Gary East administered Oath of Office to incoming council members, Shannon Conner, and Andrew Mathys.
2. On the motion of Steve Shelton and seconded by Shannon Conner, it was unanimously RESOLVED to nominate Jacob Tilley to fill the current vacant council seat. Jacob Tilley accepted the nomination. Gary East administered the Oath of Office to Jacob Tilley.

BRIEF RECESS: Began at 7:00 and ended at 7:19.

3. On motion of Andrew Mathys and seconded by Shannon Conner, it was unanimously RESOLVED to nominate Jacob Tilley to become Mayor pro-tem for 2026. Jacob Tilley accepted.
4. On motion of Shannon Conner and seconded by Jacob Tilley, it was unanimously RESOLVED to nominate Steve Shelton to become Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) representative. Steve Shelton accepted. On motion of Shannon Conner and seconded by Jacob Tilley, it was unanimously RESOLVED to nominate Andrew Mathys to become Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) alternate representative. Andrew Mathys accepted.
5. On motion of Steve Shelton and seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adopt the Town Council Meeting Calendar for 2026 with combining the November and December meeting to be held on December 9, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Financial Report was given by Mike Barsness, for informational purposes only. Revenue is incoming as expected.

2. Administrators Report

- a. SCIF Grant has been closed out. Final amended budget will be presented at next meeting.
- b. Renea Brown announced the town now has a Facebook page titled Town of Danbury NC and there has also been a Goggle Calendar created. More info to come on these two additions.
- c. Quotes for town signage are still being compiled.
- d. Mike Barsness informed new council members Shannon Conner, Andrew Mathys, and Jacob Tilley that they are required to complete an ethics training within one year. He provided them with all necessary information for them to complete this task.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Shannon Conner, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Gary East
Mayor

Attest:

Renea Brown
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)