

MINUTES
DANBURY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
DANBURY LIBRARY
July 22, 2026

A meeting of the Danbury Town Council was held at the Danbury Library on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary East and Council members Steve Shelton and Andrew Mathys. Town Administrator Mike Barsness, Town Clerk Renea Brown, and Town Attorney Eugene Russell were also present. A quorum was recorded.

Absent: Jacob Tilley and Shannon Conner

Visitors present: None

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

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Andrew Mathys, 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. None expressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gary East stated that the theme for the 2026 Stokes Stomp Parade will be "America 250". He said that Clara Marie Wicker will be helping again this year. Steve Shelton added that he has been working on where the band buses will park. Gary ended by adding that he will be out of town the first week of August.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On motion of Steven Shelton, seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2026, meeting.

2. On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Accounts Payable for the period of June 25, 2026 to July 22, 2026.
3. On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Ordinance 2026-02, to declare the temporary closure of Main Street and Sheppard Mill Road for the 2026 Stokes Stomp Parade on Saturday 9/12/26, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.
4. On motion of Andrew Mathys, seconded by Steve Shelton, it was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Ordinance 2026-03, to declare the temporary closure of several streets for the 2026 Stokes Stomp Festival.
5. Mike Barsness reminded Council that Destination by Design will be visiting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, for a Park Visioning meeting. He requested that Council confirm who will be present at the meeting. Gary East and Steve Shelton both confirmed that they will be in attendance.
6. Mike Barsness is working with Tory Mabe to establish a time and date for a Trail Town presentation.
7. Steve Shelton informed council that there will be a Great Trails Convention in Winston-Salem and he will be willing to attend on behalf of Danbury. On motion of Gary East, seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously RESOLVED to send Steve Shelton to the Great Trails Convention and the Town of Danbury will pay the registration fee.
8. Mike Barsness stated that he has spoken with Eddy McGee in reference to his desire to create a Social District in Danbury. He gave council a description of what a social district includes, what it is used for, as well as the rules. He gave the council a map laying out the best way to accommodate Eddy's desire to form a Social District. Other options included a "Business Extension" and a "Special Event Permit". Mike is drafting the first run of an ordinance to present to council. He still needs to meet with Eddy and the other businesses. He hopes to have the first draft to present to council at the next meeting. It will require a public hearing prior to adoption.
9. Administrator's Report
 - a. Mike Barsness noted that the Flood Prevention Ordinance is slowly being updated. He stated that he is still working on this and will give an update on progress soon.

- b. There are still some trees that need to be cleaned up from the storm last month. Gray Mabe will be working on this cleanup, and it will cost the town \$1,250. He will also remove the tree that is down in Danbury's park.

On motion of Steve Shelton, seconded by Andrew Mathys, it was unanimously RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Gary East
Mayor

Attest:

Renea Brown
Town Clerk

(Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:30 PM, at the Danbury Library.)