

City of Danbury
Special Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
August 29, 2024

Call to Order: Mayor Suzanne Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Present: Gordon Hatthorn, Keith Woods, Rocky Hicks, Heather Martin, and Jon Williams.

Staff Present: Erin Nolan and Chief Henken.

Pledge

Prayer: Rocky Hicks

Public Comment:

Rhonda Holcomb: "Since, I was unable to sign up at the last meeting for public comment, I signed up tonight. I would like to say that I appreciate the speed at which my public information request was filled. I asked for the budget information and received it quickly and was able to print it for my viewing."

Mayor Update

- Marines will put up the flags
- Comcast: Installation has been completed at the water tower. They came to City Hall and we have a plan of attack for the construction needed at City Hall.
- The tractor grant application has moved on to the next level for review.
- We received letter for the LED Light grant for Softball fields that we were awarded the full amount of \$250,000.00.
- The LED light project for the baseball fields was complete. Paperwork for the reimbursement will be submitted tomorrow, Friday, August 30, 2024.
- FEMA: Lydia and I met with FEMA representative this week and she will be out next month to do physical inspection of all locations that had damage from the Hurricane.
- We received the information from the County for the culverts needed for purchasing for Avenue J which they will replace when they repave the road.

Council and Staff Comments:

NONE

General Session:

1a. Public Hearing on Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$32,545, WHICH IS A 6.42 % PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$4,571.

Mayor Suzanne Powell opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

There was one question from Rhonda Holcomb in the audience in regard to if the \$4,571.00 was included in the \$32,545.00 amount. Mayor Powell answered, yes it is included.

There were no other comments or questions.

Mayor Suzanne Powell closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

1b. Discussion of Ordinance # 24-17 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Mayor Powell pointed out a few lines on the Utility Budget.

There was no other discussion.

1c. Consideration of Budget Ordinance # 24-17 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. (Record vote)

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Rocky Hicks to approve Budget Ordinance # 24-17 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

Mayor Powell took a record vote:

Yes: Jon Williams, Heather Martin, Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Gordon Hatthorn.

No: None

Present but not voting: Mayor Suzanne Powell

PASSES

2a. Public hearing on Tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2023.

Mayor Suzanne Powell opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

Mayor Suzanne Powell closed the public Hearing at 6:41 p.m.

2b. ANNOUNCEMENT that the City Council will consider the adoption of the Maintenance and Operations Tax of 0.381644 per \$100 and the debt rate of 0.000000 per \$100 on September 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Suzanne Powell announced that the City Council will consider the adoption of the Maintenance and Operations Tax of 0.381644 per \$100 and the debt rate of 0.000000 per \$100 on September 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

3. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 24-009 to recall disaster of declaration.

Rhonda Holcomb asked what happens if there is someone who cannot afford to have tree removed and take to the road.

Mayor Powell let her know that a group called Samaritans Group was available to help if they wanted the information.

Rhonda Holcomb asked, who would pick up the tree when it is cut up and put at the road since the City is done with debris clean up.

Mayor Powell stated that it would be through Waste Management when they pick up brush once a month. She has contacted them to get a price on how much it would be to have a second truck for pick up and is still waiting back for a price.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Resolution 24-009 to recall disaster of declaration.

PASSES

4. Discussion and Consideration of City Secretary attending Public Information Act Seminar on 9.11.2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a cost of \$75.00.

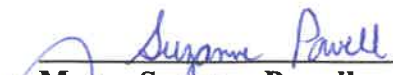
City Secretary, Erin Nolan discussed the topic of the seminar.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve the City Secretary attending Public Information Act Seminar on 9.11.2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a cost of \$75.00.

PASSES

Adjourn/Dismiss: Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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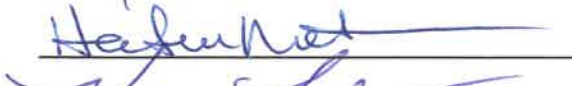


Mayor Suzanne Powell

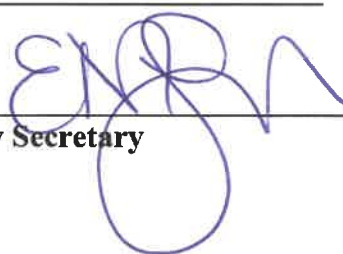










ATTEST by: 
Erin Nolan, City Secretary