

City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
June 6, 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, Tony Berger, Lydia Silvas and Chief Henken

Pledge

Prayer: Mrs. Donna Bogema

Public Comment: NONE

Mayor Update

- June 1st was the start of Hurricane Season
- We have disaster guides in front office if anyone would like one.
- June 11th is the Chemistry Road Show at the Community Center hosted by the Library.
- June 14th is Flag Day, hosting a poster flag contest. Flags can be dropped off at City Hall and will be displayed
- June 15th is the Hurricane Expo at the fairgrounds.

Council and Staff Comments:

NONE

General Business:

1. Discussion and Consideration of Town Hall meeting minutes from May 2, 2024.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Jon Williams to approve the Town Hall Meeting Minutes from May 2, 2024.

Passes but council members Heather Martin and Gordon Hatthorn abstain because they were not in attendance of the meeting.

2. Discussion and Consideration of Special Council meeting minutes from May 6, 2024.

Motion by Gordon Hatthorn and seconded by Rocky Hicks to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2024.

Passes but council members Heather Martin and Keith Woods abstain because they were not in attendance of the meeting.

3. Discussion and Consideration of Special Council meeting minutes from May 13, 2024.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2024.

Passes but council member Heather Martin abstains because she was not in attendance at the meeting.

4. Discussion and Consideration of Regular Council meeting minutes from May 16, 2024.

Motion by Gordon Hatthorn and seconded by Heather Martin to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from May 16, 2024.

Passes but council member Jon Williams abstains because he was not in attendance of the meeting.

5. Discussion and Consideration of repairs to the fire hydrants.

Priority 1 was already completed. Mayor would like council to consider completing the priority levels 3 and 4 of the list for the fire hydrants.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to complete the priority levels 3 and 4 for a total of \$6,910.00 and the funds to come out of line 7216 from the budget.

PASSES

6. Discussion and Consideration of painting of the fire hydrants.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve the painting of the fire hydrants for \$2,475.00 and funds to come from out of line 7216 from the budget.

PASSES

7. Discussion and Consideration of participation in the Brazoria County Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, the HOME investment partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to participate in in the Brazoria County Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, the HOME investment partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

PASSES

8. Discussion and Consideration of Amendment/ Addendum to Cooperation Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, the HOME investment partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve the Amendment/ Addendum to Cooperation Agreement for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, the HOME investment partnership program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program.

Passes but council member Keith Woods abstains because he had not read it.

9. Utility update.

Tony Berger gave the update for Rodney Garrett.

- **Lift station # 8 the electric pole was broken during storm. It has been replaced and rewired. Lift station is back up and running with no issues at this time.**
- **Lift station #7 the pump motor shorted out, HAHN came out and installed a loaner pump while they have the other one to diagnosis and repair it.**
- **South Rotor the bearing went out. The parts were found but had to be overnighted. The work has been completed.**
- **North Rotor Rodney has received a quote to completely redo. The total for the quote is \$40,950.00 Jon Williams would like to see if the blades that are still decent can be reused to help with the cost.**
- **Tower Alarm- main board is still out, the well pump has a new one installed but after the work was done was discovered that a hole in the pipe created inaccurate pump size to be installed. The correct size pump was ordered and will be installed with no extra cost to the City.**
- **Splashguards were completed on Tuesday**

- **The new fences were done over Memorial Day weekend.**
- **Keith Woods stated that lift station #10 needs flapper valves. Tony replied that they received quotes for that work late this afternoon.**
- **Rocky Hicks would like to see PM schedule and documentation forms created for the mini excavator, backhoe and all other equipment for the Utility department. Jon Williams said he could email over forms that they could modify and use.**
- **Rocky Hicks asked if the Generators had their PM done since we are in hurricane season. Tony replied that they had already been done and load tested. They discovered that two need new hoses during the load test and replaced them.**
- **Rocky Hicks asked Tony if a second lawn mower would be beneficial and Tony replied that yes it would be. Rocky will help find a second mower.**
- **The TERP Grant for a new tractor opened up and has been applied for. They are accepting applications until the end of July or until they have expended all funds. It is a grant for only \$22,000.00 so the city will have to use funds from another source to complete the tractor purchase if grant is awarded and council approves.**

10. Discussion and Consideration of security lights for Skrabanek Park.

Brenda Milligan mentioned issue about the area to the restrooms being dark with no lighting. So Rodney went and took a look and found these security lights that he can install and will give plenty of lighting for the area.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve security lights for Skrabanek Park in the amount of \$481.12 and to be paid out of the park funds.

PASSES

11. Discussion and Consideration of Comcast internet for the City.

Brought back due to the pricing being incorrect. Comcast sent over the contracts with the pricing. The Water Tower will be \$152.85 and City Hall will be \$252.85 monthly. This is the internet needed to be able to install and support the City Wide camera system. The total for the month would be \$405.70 currently paying \$129 approximately.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Jon Williams to approve the Comcast Internet for the City at \$405.70 per month and the installation fess of \$99.95 for each location.

PASSES

12. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 24-004 Declaring the City's one Rosco street sweeper surplus property and authorizing its disposition.

Last meeting it was brought to our attention that the Street Sweeper belonged to Steve Garner. We got in touch with Steve Garner and have permission to get rid of the street sweeper.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hathorn to approve Resolution 24-004 Declaring the City's one Rosco street sweeper surplus property and authorizing its disposal.

PASSES

13. Discussion and Consideration for the Civic Club to purchase and donate a handicap picnic table to the City for Skrabanek Park.

TABLED

14. Discussion and Consideration of Houston-Galveston Area Council representative (HGAC).

Motion by Jon Williams and seconded by Rocky Hicks to appoint Heater Maritn as the Houston-Galveston Area Council representative for the City of Danbury.

PASSES

15. Discussion and Consideration of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion by Gordon Hatthorn and seconded by Heather Martin to appoint Rocky Hicks as Mayor Pro-Tem.

PASSES

16. Appointment of Liaison for the Library by the Mayor.

Mayor appoints Heather Martin as the Liaison for the Library.

17. Discussion of Utility Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Updates.

Lydis Silvas presented the suggested amendments for the Utility Budget. Her suggested amendments will become an official part of the minutes and will be attached.

Sue Powell exited the room at 7:28 p.m. and returned at 7:29 p.m.

Council would like to know what other expenses consists of on the budget line 7435.

18. Discussion and Consideration of dates for 2024-2025 Budget Workshops.

Will have a budget workshop at the June 20th Meeting and will choose another date for a workshop at the June 20th meeting.

19. Discussion and Consideration of 2023 Black Chevrolet Silverado PPV 4x4 for the Police Department.

Parkway Chevrolet has a duplicate to the truck that we already purchased and it is already up fitted and ready to go and on the lot.

Some suggestions were made to talk to Curtis Craig, take out a loan from the bank and to talk to contacts at First State Bank.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to purchase the 2023 Black Chevrolet Silverado PPV 4x4 for the Police Department for \$65,846.47 with the funds to come from the fund balance.

PASSES

4- yes (Gordon Hatthorn, Rocky Hicks, Heather Martin, and Jon Williams)

1-no (Keith Woods)

Executive Session: Entered into executive at 8:00 p.m.

20. The City Council will recess into closed session as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, to wit: Sec. 551.071 – Consultation with the Attorney regarding (a) a matter in which the duty of the Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, or (b) pending or contemplated litigation: legal advice regarding substandard building ordinance.

General Session: Returned to general session at 8:42 p.m.

21. Possible Action of items discussed in executive session.

* **Chief is to establish a process. He will also compile a list of properties and will compare with those that council has on a list.**

Adjourn/Dismiss: Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

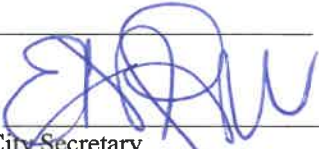


Mayor Suzanne Powell







ATTEST by: 
Erin Nolan, City Secretary