

City of Danbury  
Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Thursday,  
September 19, 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 and Heather Martin**

**Council Absent: Jon Williams**

**Staff Present: Erin Nolan and Officer Turner**

**Pledge**

**Prayer: James Richardson**

**Public Comment**

Chris Holcomb: Wanted to say, thank you to council for working to get the flags back up at the gazebo. He knows Jon and Keith are pushing for it and he appreciates it.

Rhonda Holcomb: Expressed her feelings about the crosswalks being painted and she considers it to be vandalism. She read the definition of vandalism from vocabulary.com. She would like to know where our officers were during the time of the event. She feels they were in charge of it since project graduation had to come and ask for permission from council. She was at the meeting when project grad came and they were given two specific rules do not paint the crosswalks and to stop so many feet before the railroad tracks. She does not appreciate them vandalizing the streets.

**Mayor Update**

Chief will be back from attending Chief school tomorrow.

Lydia and I sat with FEMA and worked through all of our projects to get them outlined so that we can begin uploading files. FEMA will be here every Tuesday at 9:00 am until our projects are complete.

City Hall and Water Tower both have Comcast internet so we will see movement on the city wide cameras next week.

**Council and Staff Comments:**

NONE

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Consideration of Credit Card Statement- (7.19.2024-8.18.2024)
2. Notification of All Bank accounts- available balance as of 9.19.2024
3. Consideration of August Police Report/Maintenance Log
4. Consideration of August Municipal Court Report
5. Consideration of August Community Center Report
6. Consideration of August Park Report
7. Consideration of August Time Report
8. Consideration of August Utility Report
9. Consideration of Building/Electrical Inspector Report
10. Consideration of Utility Department Vehicle Report

**Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve consent agenda.  
PASSES**

**Consent Agenda:**

12. Consideration of Monthly Bills (Check Register from 8.1.2024-8.31.2024)

**Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Monthly Bills (Check Register from 8.1.2024-8.31.2024).  
Passes but councilman Keith Woods abstains.**

**General Business:**

1. Discussion and Consideration of Regular Council Meeting Minutes for 9.5.2024.

**Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Regular council meeting minutes from 9.5.2024.**

**PASSES**

2. Discussion and Consideration of Appraisal District Board of Directors nominations by resolution.

**TABLED**

3. Discussion and Consideration of community Thanksgiving.  
**Mayor Powell would like council to consider having a community Thanksgiving. If this is something that council would like to see take place then she will move forward with reaching out to organize the event.**

**Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Rocky Hicks to move forward with planning a community Thanksgiving.**

**Passes but councilman Keith Woods abstains because he would like to know more information before he makes a decision.**

4. Discussion and Consideration of fall decorations for Skrabanek Park on the gazebo and railroad luggage cart beginning September 21, 2024 until Christmas decorations go up.

**Gordon Hatthorn: should we not allow the Gazebo since repairs will be done.**

**Mayor Powell: At this time we do not have repairs scheduled and if they are scheduled then we will ask them to remove the decorations.**

**Rhonda Holcomb: can we suggest plastic items to those who are decorating because while they do a wonderful job decorating the real pumpkins decompose.**

**Chris Holcomb: Are you acting as Mayor or the spokesperson for the civic club.**

**Mayor Powell: I am acting as Mayor as they did not have anyone here and presented their request.**

**Rocky Hicks: Asked the attorney if this item is something that council needs to approve.**

**Paige Bailey (City Attorney) : No, not necessary. Sue as Mayor can make the decision to allow it. It is considerate to ask council though.**

**Next year this will be done under Mayor update as informational purpose.**

**Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve fall decorations for Skrabanek park on the gazebo and railroad luggage cart beginning September 21, 2024 until Christmas decorations go up.**

**PASSES**

5. Discussion and Consideration of quotes for electrical project at Skrabanek

Park.

**TABLED still have not received quotes back**

6. Discussion and Consideration to allow SC Maps, LCC remote access to CenterPoint Software.

**Chris Hill is our monthly CPA and Curtis Craig is our annual auditor.**

**Copy of CenterPoint software for Chris Hill. In his version it would be read only and it would be the backup that Lydia does at the end of the month. He will be able to see the back end of transaction.**

**Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to allow Chris Hill access to CenterPoint software in view only version.**

**PASSES**

7. Discussion and Consideration of Lydia Silvas attending the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center December 9, 2024- December 13, 2024.

Last meeting Lydia was appointed Deputy Court Clerk and this is the class that she will need to take to get her certification.

The total cost is \$350.00 that includes 4 night hotel stay and the class.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Lydia Silvas attending the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center December 9, 2024- December 13, 2024.

**PASSES**

8. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 24-19 Employee Manual replacing 24-14 Employee Manual.

**Updated grammar errors and added in more detail for Declaration of Disaster work. Chief found this and wanted to add it to our manual.**

**Type page 17 section J #1 3<sup>rd</sup> line May to Mayor  
Last page 37 update date**

**Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve Ordinance 24-19 Employee Manual replacing 24-14 Employee Manual.**

**PASSES**

9. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 24-21 Utility replacing Ordinance

**New budget: \$291 K for sewer and \$291 for water.**

**Proposing Sewer Increase as follows:**

**Business and Residential (inside city)**

**Usage between 1,001-5,000 gal from \$1.00 to \$1.20 per 1000 gal**

**Usage between 5,001- 10,000 gal from \$ 1.10 to \$1.30 per 1000 gal**

**Usage over 10,000 gal. from \$1.20 to \$1.40 per 1000 gal**

**Business and residential (outside city limits)**

**Usage between 1,001-5,000 gal from \$ 1.80 to \$1.90 per 1000 gal**

**Usage between 5,001- 10,000 gal from \$2.00 to \$2.10 per 1000 gal**

**Usage over 10,000 gal from \$2.20 to \$2.30 per 1000 gal**

**Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Rocky Hicks to approve the rates as presented for the sewer increase.**

**PASSES**

**10. Discussion of Road Projects for FY25.**

**Please drive around and return to the next meeting with your lists.**

**11. Discussion and Consideration of an additional brush truck for the City.**

**Waste connections: 360-380 cubic yards approximately \$7,200.00 not FEMA reimbursable.**

**CERES: \$7,000 per day and would take 3 days would be FEMA reimbursable.**

**Other option: wait and allow our once a month brush pick-up service to pick up the debris**

**Rhonda Holcomb: Why are we paying for those who waited and put out their debris knowing that the passes had been done for the hurricane? They should be responsible for paying for it and not tax payer's money.**

**Heather Martin responded that we have elderly individuals who could not get their debris out, issue of drainage on where the debris is placed, and working on their house repairs first as priority over their yards.**

**Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Rocky Hicks to approve Waste Connections quote of \$7,200.00 for last round of hurricane Beryl debris clean up and paid from lines 7132, 7195, 7373 and 7375 from the budget.**

**PASSES**

**Executive Session: Entered in executive session at 7:19 p.m.**

12. Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: All Employees

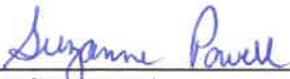
**General Session: Returned to general session at 7:29 p.m.**

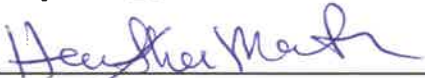
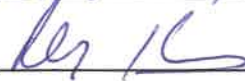
13. Discussion and Consideration of the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: All Employees

**NO ACTIONS**

**Adjourn/Dismiss**

Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
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**Mayor Suzanne Powell**

  
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**ATTEST by:**   
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**Erin Nolan, City Secretary**