

City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
September 5, 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, Chief Henken and Rodney Garrett

Pledge

Prayer:Jon Williams

Public Comment: NONE

Mayor Update

- Received GMC's final bill and total was \$66,700.00, this was the debris monitoring company.
- Waiting on final bill from CERES for the debris removal.
- Comcast – Still waiting on City Hall construction phase to being. Water Tower installation has been completed.
- Meeting with Lydia and FEMA on 9.17.2024
- The culverts needed for Ave J have been ordered so that the County can install them when they repave the road.
- The culverts and crushed concrete has been ordered for the WWTP driveway as well.
- Melvin's Mechanical came to City Hall and fixed a/c that was not working properly.
- Sunday, September 8, 2024 is street painting for the seniors and Monday, September 9, 2024 is the parade and bonfire.

Council and Staff Comments:NONE

General Business:

1. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 24-18 regarding adopting tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Ordinance 24-18 regarding adopting tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024.

PASSES

1a. Vote to approve the Maintenance and Operation Tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024 (Record vote).

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the Maintenance and Operation Tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024.

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

NO: NONE

Present but not voting: Mayor Suzanne Powell

1b. Vote to approve the Debt Service Tax rate of 0.00000 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024 (Record Vote).

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Heather Martin to approve the Debt Service Tax rate of 0.00000 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024.

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

NO: NONE

Present but not voting: Mayor Suzanne Powell

1c. Vote to approve Tax Rate Ordinance with Tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024 (Record vote).

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Jon Williams to approve Tax Rate Ordinance with Tax rate of 0.381644 per \$100 for Tax Year 2024.

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

NO: NONE

Present but not voting: Mayor Suzanne Powell

2. Discussion and Consideration of Civic Club to donate an on demand hot water heater for the kitchen at Skrabanek Park.

Keith Woods mentioned that someone will need to check the electrical power draw and make sure that the current system can handle it.

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3. Discussion and Consideration of Civic Club Scarecrow Contest on October 25th through November 2nd, 2024 at Skrabanek Park.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to allow the Civic Club Scarecrow Contest on October 25th through November 2nd, 2024 at Skrabanek Park.

PASSES

4. Discussion and Consideration of moving the blessing boxes to the Community Center.

Rocky Hicks asked the City attorney if this was something that needed to be voted on or if it could just be a decision made.

Paige Bailey answered with a no does not need to be a vote can just be a decision.

5. Consider appointment of Lydia Silvas as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for two year term, strictly subject to appointment and employment at will.

Mayor stated would be beneficial for the City to have someone who can take payments properly while Cynthia is out. This way we are not asking them to return if they come into the office. Lydia volunteered because she is already helping the Judge and Cynthia because she is bilingual.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Rocky Hicks to appoint Lydia Silvas as Deputy Municipal Court Administrator for two year term, strictly subject to appointment and employment at will.

PASSES

6. Discussion and Consideration of extending Resolution 24-07 Waiving Permit Fees for Hurricane Beryl related damages.

July there were a total of 7 permits requested.

August there were a total of 11 permits requested.

It was mentioned that many citizens may still be waiting on insurance to move forward with any projects.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Rocky Hicks to extend Resolution 24-07 Waiving Permit Fees for Hurricane Beryl related damages for an additional 60 days to end on November 6th, 2024.

PASSES

7. Discussion and Consideration of Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 8.15.2024.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Jon Williams to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 8.15.2024.

PASSES

8. Discussion and Consideration of Special Council Meeting Minutes from 8.29.2024.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Special Council Meeting Minutes from 8.29.2024.

PASSES

9. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 24-20 School Zone.

Chief Henken would like to update the Ordinance to reflect our signs. All times have been updated on the school zone signs posted.

Would like to add no parking for all of Ave F to 3rd Street and 2nd Street across from the church. No Parking on school days 6:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m.

Chief Henken will work on rewriting the Ordinance and will bring it back to the next meeting for review and approval.

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10. Discussion and Consideration of Quotes for repairing gazebo at Skrabanek Park.

Keith Woods: need to make sure they are going to replace the rotten wood.

All would like to have the information added to make sure can hang the flags back around it once everything is replaced.

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11. Discussion and Consideration of quotes for electrical project at Skrabanek Park.

Jon Williams suggested to reach out to Clint Peltier and see if his electrician can give a quote for the work.

TABLED- Mayor Powell will reach out to general contractors to see if can get some quotes turned in.

12. Discussion and Consideration of quotes for a/c replacement at Community Center.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Jon Williams to approve Melvin's Mechanical, LLC. To replace the a/c at the Community Center for \$13,000.00. The funds will be paid from lines 7370 and 7378.

PASSES

13. Discussion and Consideration of Texas Municipal League Region 14 Director Election Ballot.

Dies due to lack of motion.

14. Discussion and Consideration of quotes for updated City Map.

Motion by Heather Martin and seconded by Jon Williams to approve Kaluza's quote of \$1,200.00 for an updated map of the City.

PASSES

15. Utility Update

Utility Supervisor Rodney Garrett gave the update.

- New rotar arrived along with parts to get it installed and running.
- He has logged 22 Infiltration Points.
- Mower that was sent for repairs has been completed. Had about \$300.00 worth of repairs done and lot of warranty work as well.

- Lead Survey: Back to working on it to get it complete, the hurricane delayed.
- Mike did discover the 2nd sludge pump is taking on water.
- Keith Woods asked a few questions: Are the Clarifiers up and running? All pumps back on at Lift Station 10? Didn't we approve a chlorinator? Previous supervisors put stuff in the pipes to help with rust, are we still doing that?
- Rodney Garrett response to Keith Woods: Yes, clarifiers are up and running. Lift Station 10 waiting on parts for pump #3 should be here next week. Yes, approved Chlorinator. Had to wait on the SAM certification for the Chlorinator Maintenance Company. PO was issued this week for it after being approved by Grant Works. Yes, phosphate goes into the system at the Water Tower that helps with rust in the pipes.
- Jon Williams asked how the street sign project was coming along. Rodney said there are 4 more traffic control signs left to be repaired then will move onto the street signs.

Executive Session: Entered into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

15. 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 8:32 pm.

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

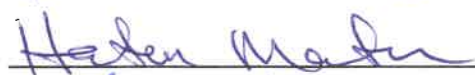
Adjourn/Dismiss: Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



Mayor Suzanne Powell









ATTEST by: 

Erin Nolan, City Secretary