

City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
April 3, 2025

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

Council Present: Gordon Hatthorn, Keith Woods and Heather Brown

Council Absent: Rocky Hicks and Jon Williams

Staff Present: Erin Nolan and Chief Henken

Pledge

Prayer: Donna Bogema

Public Comment: NONE

Mayor Update

Lift Station # 3 rotating assembly repaired.

Utility truck is ready for pick up once check is signed.

Rodney is out next week for vacation,

April 8th meeting with SECO representative at Softball field for walk through 8:00 am-10:00 am.

Park and Community Center rentals are up with back to back rentals all month.

At the May meeting we will be reviewing the Budget for Amendments.

Council and Staff Comments: NONE

General Business:

1. Discussion and Consideration of waving fees for officer for April 12th Community Center rental.

Mr. Jones is the renter for this event. He explained that it was an annual memorial of Christ death. They will be passing bread and a cup of wine. There will only be one bottle of wine in the building and being used for ceremonial purposes.

Chief Henken said, that it is an hour event and it is difficult to find an officer to work it for an hour. Chief Henken stated that they attended last year and it was a quick ceremony it takes longer to set up and tear down than the event. We will have an officer on duty and he feels comfortable allowing them to not to have an officer on site.

Motion by Heather Brown and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to waive the fees for the officer for the April 12th Community Center rental.

PASSES

2. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 25-04 Utility Ordinance: Landlord Accounts.

Gordon Smith and Jill Smith came to the meeting to discuss their concerns about the updates to the Ordinance.

Mr. Smith first thanked the council for sending out the letter and for all the work that they do.

He then went into his areas of concern:

- **He has other properties in different cities and does not have a deposit for a landlord account.**
- **If the City is suffering a deficit then the reason is a management problem.**
- **Why a \$200.00 deposit for renters?**
- **They were both under the impression that they had to put down the \$100.00 on each of their rental properties and then they would not get it back until they sold their property as that was what they were told by someone in the office at City Hall.**

Mayor Powell explained that the \$100.00 deposit was for if they wanted the water turned on in their name when their renter moved out so that they could make repairs and clean the home to prepare for the next renter. Then once they were done, they would come in and close their account and the deposit would be refunded. They also have the option of leaving the deposit on the account if they would like. They must come in and close their account to receive their deposit back.

Mayor Powell explained the reason for the \$200 deposit for the renters

because of the way the billing falls for due dates and cut off dates. Residents are also paying for the month previously used when they pay and not paying ahead on a bill.

Motion by Heather Brown and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Ordinance 25-04 Utility Ordinance: Landlord Accounts as presented.

PASSES

3. Discussion and Consideration of project for 2025 CDBG Funding and Application.

This application is due April 15th.

CDBG Project can begin in January 2026 and must complete by December 2026.

It is for \$166,000.00 and the City will match 10% of the grant.

We can choose a road, but must be a main street for all of the City.

Generator Project: Community Center and City Hall, Water Tower add Lift Station#5, move lift station #3 generator to Lift Station #7 , purchase a new one for Lift Station #3

Motion by Heather Brown and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to apply for generator project of Community Center and City Hall, Water Tower add Lift Station#5, move lift station #3 generator to Lift Station #7 , purchase a new one for Lift Station #3 for the CDBG 2025 Funding and Application.

PASSES

4. Discussion and Consideration of Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

This is a requirement to be able to accept funds for CDBG grant.

Motion by Heather Brown and Gordon Hatthorn to approve Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

PASSES

5. Discussion and Consideration of quote from Progressive Mutual Insurance Company.
Amber's car was struck by a bullet during Officer Turner's incident on September 25, 2024.

Gordon would like the City to pay for the damages due to the bullet from Officer Turner's incident.

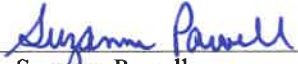
TML denied the claim.

Amber explained that the bullet entered the driver side passenger door, went through a box on the seat, and entered the inside of the passenger door on the other side. All electrical works but cannot open the rear passenger door from the inside as there is an issue at the handle.

Motion by Heather Brown and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the quote of \$4,053.49 from Progressive Mutual Insurance Company and to pay from line 7387 repairs.

PASSES

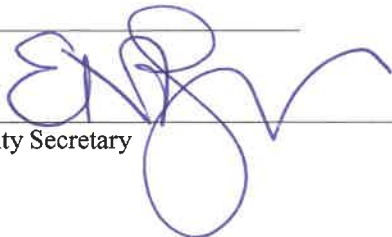
Adjourn/Dismiss: Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



Mayor Suzanne Powell







ATTEST by:
Erin Nolan, City Secretary