

City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 16, 2021

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Melinda Strong at 5:34 p.m.

Council Present

Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb.

Council Absent

Butch Peterson and Jon Williams

Staff Present

Carrie Long and Tod Burson

Pledge

Prayer: Craig Hart

Public Comment

None

Mayor Update

On 9/23/21 the Houston Food bank will bring food and water to distribute to the citizens of Danbury.

Council and Staff Comments:

Chris Holcomb wanted to thank council for spending time on their extra projects.

Consent Agenda

1. Consideration of Monthly Bills (Check Register from August 19, 2021, through September 15, 2021)
2. Consideration of July Financial Statements
3. Consideration of July and 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 City Council Minutes (August 19, 2021; August 26, 2021; August 27, 2021; September 2, 2021)

10. Consideration of Building/Electrical Inspector Report
11. Consideration of Utility Department Vehicle Report
A motion was made by Chris Holcomb and seconded by Keith Wood to approve the consent agenda with the exception of August 19, 2021 minutes and #11.

General Business:

- 1a. Public Hearing on Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.
Hearing closed at 5:38 p.m.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$3,358, WHICH IS A .52% 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 \$4,612.

- 1b. Discussion of Ordinance # 21-07 Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 1c. Vote to Approve the Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of 0.420775 per \$100 Reflected in the October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, budget.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 1d. Vote to Approve the Debt Service Tax Rate of 0.238319 per \$100 Reflected in the October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, budget.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 1e. Vote to Approve Budget Ordinance with Tax Rate of 0.659094 per \$100 Reflected in the October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, budget.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb

Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson

- 2a. Public Hearing on Tax Rate of 0.659094 per \$100 for Tax Year 2021.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 2b. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance # 21-08 regarding Adopting Tax Rate of 0.659094 per \$100 for Tax Year 2021.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 2c. Vote to Approve the Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of 0.420775 per \$100 for Tax Year 2021.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 2d. Vote to Approve the Debt Service Tax Rate of 0.238319 per \$100 for Tax Year 2021.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 2e. Vote to Approve Tax Rate Ordinance with Tax Rate of 0.659094 per \$100 for Tax Year 2021.
Yes: Rocky Hicks, Keith Woods and Chris Holcomb
Absent: Jon Williams and Butch Peterson
- 3. Discussion and Consideration of Making Repairs at Skrabanek Park. (Chris Holcomb)
A motion was made by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Keith Woods to accept the bid from Buchannan Electric to do all the work.
Passes
- 4. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Route for Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m..(Nicole Herron)
A motion was made by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Keith Woods to approve the route for the Alzheimer's walk.
Passes
- 5. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Resolution #21-001 Nominating Candidates for

a Position on the Board of Directors of the Brazoria County Appraisal District. (Melinda Strong)

No Action

6. Discussion and Consideration of Approving Fall Decorations in Skrabanek Park to Possibly Include an Old Truck. (Sue Powell)

A motion was made by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Keith Woods to allow Fall Decorations in the park. The truck was no longer available.

Passes

7. Discussion and Consideration of Allowing Businesses or Families to Sponsor A Light Post for Scarecrow Decorating at Skrabanek Park. (Sue Powell)

Will come out of Street and Roads budget. Will do the engineering to determine what needs to be done then go out for bids.

A motion was made by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Keith Woods to allow decorating of the light Post in Skrabanek Park.

Passes

8. Discussion and Consideration of Engineering and Surveying Proposal for Paving Reconstruction of Streets in the City of Danbury, Brazoria County, Texas. (Kaluza Inc.)

A motion was made by Chris Holcomb and seconded by Rocky Hicks

9. Discussion and Consideration of Creating a City of Danbury Council Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. (Melinda Strong)

No Action

10. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Combining Lots 11 & 12 of Block 76 of Ave E. (1607 Ave. E.) into One Lot Being Called Lot 11A (Ausencio Cortes)

A motion was made by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Keith Woods subject to approval by safebuilt, to approve combining lots 11 and 12 of block 76 of Ave E, 16078 Ave E.

Passes

11. Discussion and Consideration of City of Danbury Police Department Employee Paid Quarantine Leave Policy. (Melinda Strong)

A motion was made by Chris Holcomb and seconded by Rocky Hicks to approve Danbury Police Department Employee paid Quarantine Leave Policy.

Passes

12. Discussion and Consideration of City of Danbury Mental Health Leave Policy for Peace Officers. (Melinda Strong)

Tabled

13. Discussion and Consideration of Approving Property Line Setbacks. (Rocky Hicks)
Tabled

14. Discussion and Consideration of Approving the Purchase of a Cell Phone for the Police Department. (Chief Todd Burson)

A motion was made by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Chris Holcomb to approve the purchase of a cell phone for the police department.

Passes

15. Discussion and Consideration of Approving the Hiring of a Consultant for the Police Department. (Chief Todd Burson)

A motion was made by Keith Woods and seconded by Rocky Hicks to hire a consultant for the police department at \$20.00 an hour.

Passes

Adjourn/Dismiss: 8:10 p.m.

Mayor Melinda Strong

Minutes approved on October 21, 2021

ATTEST BY _____
Cynthia Sharp, Deputy City Secretary