

City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday,
March 21, 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, Kylie Kroschel and Jon Williams.

Council Absent: NONE

Staff Present: Erin Nolan and Chief Henken

Pledge

Prayer: Rocky Hicks

Public Comment

NONE

Mayor Update

Former Mayor Stone Memorial Service is tomorrow and meal to follow at Community Center.

Move to consent agenda.

Council and Staff Comments:

NONE

Consent Agenda:

1. Consideration of February Financial Statements
2. Consideration of Credit Card Statement- 1.18.2024-2.16.2024
3. Notification of All Bank accounts- available balance as of 3.21.2024
4. Consideration of February Police Report/Maintenance Log
5. Consideration of February Municipal Court Report
6. Consideration of February Community Center Report
7. Consideration of February Park Report
8. Consideration of February Time Report
9. Consideration of February Utility Report
10. Consideration of Building/Electrical Inspector Report
11. Consideration of Utility Department Vehicle Report

**Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Keith Woods to accept the consent agenda.
PASSES**

Consent Agenda:

12. Consideration of Monthly Bills (Check Register from 2.1.2024-2.29.2024)

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve monthly bills (check register from 2.1.2024-2.29.2024).

Passes but councilman Keith Woods abstains.

General Business:

1. Public Hearing on the owner/builder of the property located at 2014 Avenue I, has requested a variance from the Zoning Ordinance, #71, entitled "Mobile Home Ordinance," to allow for the owner to park, use, and occupy a Recreational Vehicle "RV" trailer on their property that is currently in "A" Residential District.

Pedro Rojo the owner of 2014 Ave I is present to ask council to grant the variance for him to park and live in his RV on his property while he builds his house. It will take him 6-8 months to complete the house.

Ruth: Is just here to listen and have any questions answered that she has but Mr. Rojo answered them prior to the start of the meeting.

Jon Williams asked what Mr. Rojo's plan was for his gray water. Mr. Rojo plans to hook up to city services while living in his RV.

Open hearing: Mayor Suzanne Powell opened the hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Closed hearing: Mayor Suzanne Powell closed the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

2. Discussion and Consideration on the owner/builder of the property located at 2014 Avenue I, has requested a variance from the Zoning Ordinance, #71, entitled "Mobile Home Ordinance," to allow for the owner to park, use, and occupy a Recreational Vehicle "RV" trailer on their property that is currently in "A" Residential District.

Keith Woods mentioned that council had an owner remove their RV from their property recently.

Ruth: asked what about the property on Avenue I that currently has an RV and someone living in it and has been for years.

Jon Williams mentioned that it says a lot about Mr. Rojo to come to council and ask for a variance instead of just moving it onto the property.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Jon Williams to grant a variance from Zoning Ordinance #71, titled "Mobile Home Ordinance," to allow for the owner of 2014 Avenue I to park, use and occupy a recreational vehicle "RV" trailer on their property that is currently in "A" Residential District and hook up to city services

from April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

PASSES

Executive Session: entered executive at 6:46 p.m.

3. Council will convene in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to conduct a consultation with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with discussion in open meeting.

General Business: returned to general at 7:43 p.m.

4. Discussion and Consideration of property 1514 Ave J owner seeking Replat and Building Permit. (Mike Young)

Savannah Robinson spoke on behalf of Mr. Young in regard to his wishes for a replat. Mr. Young is wishing to replat so that his son can turn in the paperwork to the bank for a loan to complete the building of the home.

Mr. Scott Williams from BBG Inspections will be sending over an email to the Mayor and City Secretary with the guidelines that are needed to move forward in the building of the home.

Savannah Robinson requested a copy of the email that BBG sends over.

For the replat, we explained that the current replat would not meet the minimum lot size required. The size of the lot for the replat will need to meet the minimum lot size requirements.

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Moved to number 10

5. Utility Department Update

Mayor Sue Powell gave an update.

***We have had a good amount of rain and the utility workers have been checking all infiltrations points and making any needed adjustments.**

***The budget for the Glo Grant has been redone, reallocated funds to the new well. The county said that they are close to choosing an engineer for the City.**

***Tony completed his class for his D Water License. Once TCEQ sends approval letter then he will sign up to take the test.**

*** Luke is scheduled to take his training class in May for his D Water License.**

***Mike and Rodney took the resiliency class**

*** Mike is on course to finish his training through self-paced class.**

***WTTP received the draft permit to review for errors.**

6. Discussion and Consideration of quotes for splash guards for the Racetrack. (Sue Powell)

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve Inspired Builders quote for the splash guards for the racetrack for \$5,137.05 to be paid from line # 7232 in the Utility Budget.

PASSES

7. Discussion and Consideration of ARPA fence quotes. (Sue Powell)

In the ARPA Grant there is \$30,000.00 designated for fencing.

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Jon Williams to accept Branch Constructions quote after verification of pricing contract through TIPS.

PASSES

8. Discussion and Consideration of quotes for Backhoe utilizing ARPA funds. (Sue Powell)

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9. Police Department Update

*** Axon Camera Project has been completed. Body cams, cameras in backseats of the vehicles. They all sync with the laptops.**

***Completed Chief School and learned a lot of useful information.**

Moved to # 11

10. Discussion and Consideration of City wide camera quote. (Chief Henken)

Steve Vaughn was present and answered Jon Williams question of how long will these 4k cameras be functional before an upgrade is needed. Mr. Vaughn stated that the 4k cameras are really great technology and it would be a while before needing to upgrade. And even when upgraded it would be just a camera swap.

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Rocky Hicks to accept Secure Tech, LLC quote of \$21,211.11 to be paid from line 7216 and 7219 giving a total of \$23,200.00 for the project.

PASSES

Moved to number 9

11. Discussion and Consideration of hiring Brandon Turner as a City of Danbury Police Officer.
(Chief Henken)

Chief Henken has received all background information on Brandon Turner and he will start as a full time police officer on Monday, March 25th, 2024.

Brandon has 6 years' experience with Brazoria County where he has also taken many calls in the City of Danbury after hours. He is certified FTO through the State so he is able to train new officers.

12. Discussion and Consideration of Fair Housing Month Proclamation. (Sue Powell)

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Rocky Hicks to approve the Fair Housing Month Proclamation as presented.

PASSES

13. Discussion and Consideration of 2024 Consumer Price Index Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right – of – way access line rates. (Sue Powell)

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to decline the increase of the 2024 Consumer Price Index Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunications Right – of – way access line rates and to use the rates of 2023.

PASSES

14. Discussion and Consideration of meeting minutes from 3.7.2024 council meeting.

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to approve the meeting minutes from the 3.7.2024 council meeting.

Passes but councilmembers Keith Woods and Kylie Kroschel abstain.

15. Discussion and Consideration of changing the Regular Council Meeting on April 4th, 2024 to be a Town Hall meeting for the City. (Rocky Hicks)

Chief Henken stated that it gives the citizens opportunity to come and allow for open discussion on topics.

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Jon Williams to host a Town Hall meeting on the regular scheduled council meeting Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the Danbury Community Center.

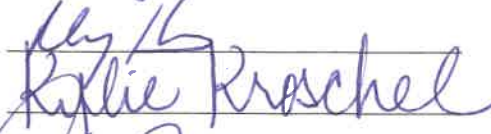
PASSES


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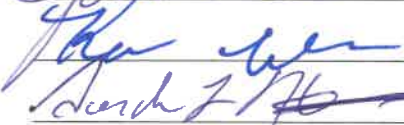
Adjourn/Dismiss: Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.



Mayor Suzanne Powell







ATTEST by: 

Erin Nolan, City Secretary