

City of Danbury
Regular Council Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, January 4, 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 Rocky Hicks

Staff Present: Erin Nolan and Officer Rhyne

Pledge

Prayer: Jake

Public Comment: NONE

Mayor Update:

Railroad work that was supposed to start on January 8th is being postponed. Once we know the new date, we will let you all know.

Council and Staff Comments:

Erin Nolan let everyone know that the first day to accept applications for place on ballot is January 17, 2024.

Positions up for election are Mayor and two council members.

Went to public hearing.

Consent Agenda:

1. Consideration of Monthly Bills (Check Register from 11.1.2023-11.30.2023)

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Rocky Hicks to accept the monthly bills check register from 11.1.2023-11.30.2023.

Passes but councilman Keith Woods abstains.

Went to agenda item number 3.

General Business:

1. Public Hearing of real property located near Avenue J and 9th requesting a rezoning of approximately 3.00 acres of property further described as Block 109 and lots 7-12 of Block 110 from "A" Residential to "B" Restricted Commercial and Residential.

Mayor Suzanne Powell opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Jason Shafer from 1315 Ave J spoke in support of the rezone of the property.

Mayor Suzanne Powell closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

2. Discussion and Consideration of a rezoning request by the owner/builder of the property located at 1322 Ave J, located in "A" Residential District and to be changed to "B" Restricted Commercial and Residential. (Jared Vavrecka)

Motion by Jon Williams and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to accept the rezoning request by the owner/builder of the property located at 1322 Ave J, located in "A" Residential District and to be changed to "B" Restricted Commercial and Residential.

PASSES

Moved to Agenda item number 6.

3. Discussion and Consideration of increasing the amount of the City's 6 month operating fund.
(Sue Powell)

No action at this time.

Council feels that the Mayor can increase the amount because of the wording in the current Ordinance 12-04.

4. Discussion and Consideration of quote from Texas Hydrant Services to repair two fire hydrants.
(Sue Powell)

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Kylie Kroschel to approve the quote from Texas Hydrant Services to repair fire hydrants on Ave D and 3rd Street at Avenue I for \$900.00.

PASSES

5. Discussion and Consideration of council meeting minutes from 12.21.2023. (Erin Nolan)

Motion by Gordon Hatthorn and seconded by Keith Woods to accept the council meeting minutes from 12.21.2023.

Passes but councilmen Rocky Hicks and Kylie Kroschel abstain because they were not at the 12.21.2023 meeting.

Moved to agenda item number 7.

6. Discussion and Consideration of terms for Ball Park road gate access to the ballfield.
(Sue Powell)

***Kasey Campbell baseball representative said that all gates were locked on the baseball side at this time. She would like to see a group effort in making sure the gate on Ball Park Road was locked at the proper times. Sue Powell requested copy of keys for City Hall for the gates that they locked.**

*** Micah Allison softball representative suggested a daisy lock and the last person to leave the park is in charge of making sure the gate is locked.**

*** Rocky Hicks thinks a sign stating park closed to the public 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. believes one lock for the gate and the City to purchase it.**

*** Ordinance to help with the rules of the gate.**

Went to the consent agenda.

7. Utility Update.

*** Wet hauls were done.**

*** Rodney is going to create an overview procedure for the Utility workers to use for wet hauls.**

*** Working on fence quotes for ARPA funds. Working to find a company who is SAM certified. Have reached out to a few companies but they are not SAM certified.**

*** Erin Nolan mentioned that Tony Berger had come to City Hall to set up his TCEQ account and began his application process.**

8. Discussion and Consideration of 2005 Dodge truck for the Utility Department. (Sue Powell)

Keith Woods said that it would be a good purchase for the City. He said it will need a rear brake job soon and some other regular maintenance work, and the exhaust was nice and clean.

Motion by Kylie Kroschel and seconded by Keith Woods to purchase the 2005 Dodge truck for the Utility Department not to exceed \$8,900.00 using funds from line 7647.

PASSES

8. Discussion and Consideration of Ordinance 24-01 replacing 23-20 Community Center Rules and Fees. (Erin Nolan)

This is to update the ordinance on the increase of the deposit from \$100.00 to \$250.00.

Motion by Gordon Hatthorn and seconded by Jon Williams to accept Ordinance 24-01 replacing 23-20 Community Center Rules and Fees.

PASSES

Executive Session: entered at 7:43 p.m.

9. 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 (Chief of Police, City Secretary, Finance Officer, Utility Supervisor, Utility Clerk and Utility Workers).

General Business: returned at 9:09 p.m.

10. Possible Discussion and Consideration of appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: All Employees (Chief of Police, City Secretary, Finance Officer, Utility Supervisor, Utility Clerk and Utility Workers).

**Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to increase Chief Henken's salary to \$73,500.00, increase Tony Berger's hourly rate by \$2.00, increase Erin Nolan's hourly rate by \$2.00, and increase Mike Reieux's hourly rate by \$1.00.
PASSES**

Motion by Rocky Hicks and seconded by Gordon Hatthorn to increase Cynthia Sharp's hourly rate by \$1.00.

PASSES

4- Yes 1- No

Councilman Woods votes against because he does not agree with the amount.

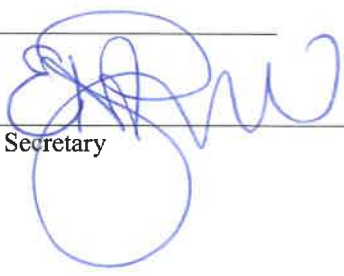
Adjourn/Dismiss: Mayor Suzanne Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m._



Mayor Suzanne Powell





ATTEST by: 
Erin Nolan, City Secretary