

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 18, 2011

#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Vice Mayor Rick Strebing, Aldermen Jerry Askren, Terry Baldwin, Dale Brandenburg, Jon Cooper, Steve Foster, Steve Nichols, Michael Puhr, Rickey Williams, Jr., and DeMarko Wright. Absent were Aldermen Ron Candido, Lois Cooper, Bill Gilbert, and Sharon McMahan. A quorum was present. Alderman Gilbert arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Janet Myers, City Comptroller Gayle Brandon, Corporation Counsel David Wesner, Assistant Corporation Counsel Rich Dahlenburg, City Engineer David Schnelle, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Houston, Human Resources Administrator Bill Westphal, Neighborhood Development Manager John Dreher, Planning & Zoning Manager Christopher Milliken, Public Development Director John Heckler, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Public Transportation Director Richard Brazda, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, Rehab Specialist Angie Jestis, Risk Manager Kathy Courson, Public Works Service & Operations Manager Bob Scott, and Superintendent of Solid Waste & Fleet Maintenance Carl Carpenter.

There were also 4 news media and 12 audience members in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Tommie Reed followed by

#3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman DeMarko Wright.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held January 4, 2011, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Brandenburg moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman J.Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. There being no changes, Alderman Brandenburg moved for approval, seconded by Alderman J.Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

*[Alderman Gilbert arrived at 6:06 p.m. and took his seat at the dais.]*

#6....MAYOR'S REPORT

#6-A..Proclamations – None

#6-B..Board/Committee Appointments – None

Mayor Eisenhauer announced there were vacancies on several boards and invited anyone interested in serving to call his office.

#6-C..Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions

Human Relations Administrator Houston thanked everyone for the support of the Martin Luther King Celebration events held this past Sunday and Monday.

#6-D..Items of Information

- Mayor Eisenhauer and Public Works Director Ahrens recognized Bob Scott and Carl Carpenter

for their leadership, professional standards, and commitment to the community. Both recently graduated from the Illinois Public Service Institute, a three-year program recognized as one of the premier programs to teach leaders and managers the best way to lead their agencies as well as the public. Bob Scott was also selected by his peers to be the leader on the Institute Management Committee for the next three years. Plaques were presented to both for their accomplishment. Mayor Eisenhower also thanked the Council for continuing to allow dollars to be budgeted for training due to the benefits that education and skilled training bring to the employees and subsequently, the community.

- Mayor Eisenhower thanked everyone for prayers for his mother-in-law who recently underwent major surgery and wished a speedy recovery to Alderman Williams' grandmother who is hospitalized, as well as Alderman Lois Cooper who is recuperating from a recent fall.
- Mayor Eisenhower updated the Council on his ten days spent in Springfield for two major issues before the legislature during the lame duck session. The Gaming License Expansion Bill passed the Senate and the House Executive Committee but was never called for a vote before the full House. Therefore, work will begin again with the next General Assembly to bring a river boat to Danville. He thanked Senator Mike Frerichs, Representative Bill Black and Representative Chad Hayes for their support and efforts. The other issue was the Income Tax Bill, which was approved and which could have a negative impact on future local distribution if the State overspends the cap it set for itself.

#### #7-A..PUBLIC HEARING on CDBG Annual Action Plan for 2011-2012 Budget Year

Neighborhood Development Manager Dreher announced the City is seeking public input in order to formulate the Annual Action Plan on housing and community development activities for the 2011-2012 budget year, as set forth in the 5-year Consolidated Plan adopted in 2010. It is anticipated that Congress will allocate \$1 million. All comments and suggestions will be heard now until the Plan is printed and submitted to Council for a vote. There were no comments made by the Aldermen or audience members.

#### #7...PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Marcia Setzer with Lamar Advertising, Darrin Friskney with Watchfire, and Frank Brunacci with WorkSource Enterprise, Inc., all spoke support of Special Use Permit #207 in order to place a digital billboard on property at 3711 N. Vermilion and all thanked the Council for its consideration.
- Robi Rew of Shorewood Ct. voiced concern about Special Use Permit #207, especially safety and aesthetics of the digital billboard, limited regulations, types of advertisement, and who would profit.
- David Crawley of Kimball thanked the City for appointing Ken Cox as the City liaison for the Neighborhood Associations and stated the first meeting was well attended with lots of input. He then invited Aldermen to attend each of the neighborhood meetings to give input.

#### #8....ZONING PETITIONS

#8-A..Special Use Petition #207, ORDINANCE NO. 8727, was presented. Petitioner Lamar Advertising is requesting a Special Use Permit in order to construct a billboard on property at 3711 N. Vermilion in the B-2 Highway Business Zoning District. After hearing testimony during a Public Hearing on January 6, 2011, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval with no conditions. Alderman Gilbert moved to concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission, seconded by Alderman Baldwin. Mayor Eisenhower addressed questions during audience comments by explaining the billboard would not be of the flashing variety but would have panels that would change every 8-10 seconds for each separate advertisement and that the City regulates all billboards through Zoning and Building Codes. He stated that besides the permit fees paid by Lamar, the City would



receive no financial benefit from the billboard. Profits from advertising would go to Lamar, WorkSource would receive revenue from the lease of the property, Watchfire would benefit from the sale of the billboard, and the advertisers would gain through sales/service. Ms. Setzer from Lamar pointed out that the advertising would not be offensive and the agreement with WorkSource puts restrictions on the types of advertising. She also stated the company pays City property and sales taxes and construction and maintenance crews stay in hotels and eat in restaurants in Danville during various times of the year. Alderman Foster stated that although he voted against the petition in 2007, he would support this petition since all concerns voiced earlier have now been addressed, Lamar having already removed two existing billboards, and the ability to add public safety emergency notices immediately through electronic means. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Williams, Askren, Gilbert, Wright, Baldwin, Nichols, Puhr, Foster, Brandenburg, J.Cooper

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen McMahon, Candido, L.Cooper

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#### #9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhower presented Payroll for January 7, 2011, of \$64,358.35, and January 14, 2011, of \$471,713.40. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Brandenburg. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Williams, Askren, Gilbert, Wright, Baldwin, Nichols, Puhr, Foster, Brandenburg, J.Cooper

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Candido, L.Cooper, McMahon

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#### #10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhower presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, each having been published, posted, and distributed, for January 11, 2011, of \$722,852.02, for January 18, 2011, of \$298,361.93, and for Special Run for January 18, 2011, of \$2,000.00. Alderman Brandenburg moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Gilbert. Alderman Baldwin questioned a payment for professional services for a traffic study and City Engineer Schnelle stated funds are coming from DATS and the study includes areas around Edison, North Ridge, and East Park schools. There being no further questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Askren, Gilbert, Wright, Baldwin, Nichols, Puhr, Foster, Brandenburg, J.Cooper, Strebing

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Candido, L.Cooper, McMahon

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#### #11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION 2011-1 approving the Lease Renewal and Extension Agreement for the landscape waste composting facility with Allied Waste Inc., dba Brickyard Disposal and Recycling for a three-year period from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2013, at the same conditions and rate, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Strebing. Chairman Puhr explained the resolution was amended during Committee to be three years instead of two years at the request of Brickyard. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:



Ayes: Aldermen Askren, Gilbert, Wright, Baldwin, Nichols, Puhr, Foster, Brandenburg, J.Cooper, Strebing, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Candido, L.Cooper, McMahan

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11-B..Items of Information

*The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.*

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-A..Chairman Nichols presented the City Clerk's License Report, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Baldwin. The Report, as follows:

RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Schlarman High School

Venturing Crew 4242 dba Knightfire Drum & Bugle Corps

There being no questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-B..Items of Information

Chairman Nichols announced the next Public Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. following the City/County Public Safety Building Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#13...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#14...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman Foster suggested consideration be made to provide more security at future Council meetings. Mayor Eisenhower stated security measures are in place.
- Alderman Foster announced a Mayoral Forum on Monday, January 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at DACC Bremer Center.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:01 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Williams and a second by Alderman Gilbert.

  
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Janet K. Myers, City Clerk

I, Janet K. Myers, City Clerk of the City of Danville, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the regular meeting held January 18, 2011, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

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Janet K. Myers, City Clerk

Approved: 02/15/11

Posted Publicly: 02/17/11