

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 03, 2015

#1...THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Vice Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., Aldermen Jon Cooper, Kevin Davis, Steve Foster, Frank Hoskins, Steve Nichols, Rick Strebing, Sharon McMahon, Michael O'Kane, and Michael Puhr with a vacancy in Ward 7. Aldermen R.J. Davis, April Gilbert, and Tom Stone were absent. A quorum was present. Alderman Tom Stone arrived at 6:02 p.m. and Alderman April Gilbert arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Staff Members Present: City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel David Wesner, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Houston, GIS Coordinator Adam Aull, Information Technology Administrator Agnel D'Silva, Planning & Urban Services Manager Christopher Milliken, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Doug Ahrens, and Public Works Service & Operations Manager Bob Scott.

There were also 12 audience members and 2 news media in attendance.

#2...INVOCATION was given by Reverend Steve Perkins, Pastor from Allen Chapel AME Church followed by

#3...THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Hoskins.

[Alderman Stone arrived at 6:02 p.m. after the invocation and took his seat at the dais.]

#4...THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, February 17, 2015, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Puhr moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. On the voice vote, the motion so ordered.

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

#6...MAYOR'S REPORT

#6-A..Proclamations – None

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

#6-C..Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions - None

#6-D..Items of Information

- Mayor Eisenhauer wished a Happy Birthday to Alderman McMahon who recently celebrated a birthday.
- Mayor Eisenhauer announced the annual Neighborhood Association Workshop will be held Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.
- Mayor Eisenhauer announced there will be a job fair at the Public Works facility and the Danville Mass Transit facility from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

[Alderman Gilbert arrived at 6:08 p.m. during the presentation of the next item and took her seat at the dais.]

#6-D-1)..Public Works Technology Presentation

Director Ahrens stated there has been discussion hoping the evolution of some of the technology implemented in the Public Works department would rise to the level where the interaction between the citizens, the elected officials, and the department would be as easy as utilizing the smart phones available today. He also stated staff has been pursuing this type of technology the last two years and would like to show the Council where we are at in that process. He stated technology continues to evolve and earlier versions required significant investments in software programs and between Agnel, Adam, and Bob they have done a great job with getting that on the web and with a lot of things now cloud based we are able to offer a system that will permit the interaction of anyone regarding the condition be it a pot hole, a problem in a park, or any other issue, get it to the right staff, get it taken care of and have reports flowing back to the individuals submitting the complaints. There is a lot of accountability built into this where it automatically triggers the supervisors to require activity as well as information going back to the resident as to the status. He then introduced Service and Operations Manager Bob Scott who presented a video from Public Stuff software, which is a company the City is considering on a trial basis. Manager Scott summarized highlights from the video and the technology as follows:

- Concerns would be cloud based so all could see; currently the data bases are split up with the necessity of physical downloads and updates.
- Builds accountability, transparency, and public satisfaction.
- Requests are real time and routed to correct City staff member at the time of the request.
- A more efficient workflow for City staff to manage incoming requests and communicate with residents.
- A platform for residents to report issues like potholes, illegal dumping, etc. on their smart phones, or webpage interface.
- Application allows citizens to communicate with the City in ways they could not before.
- Service requestors receive status updates and alerted when issues are resolved.
- Elected officials can have their own dashboard.
- Less chance for reports falling through the cracks.
- The technology is expandable outside of Public Works as some cities have Police interface.

Vice Mayor Williams questioned the cost and Manager Scott responded the annual subscription fee is around \$9,100.00 per year and citizens will need an IOS or Android app; there is also a desktop app or can go on the web to PublicStuff.com and search for Danville as well. Vice Mayor Williams feels this would be very useful for the City and elected officials and likes the feedback of the complaint and the capability to know the status. Director Ahrens stated all concerns will be dated, timed, and documented with subsequent accountability. Alderman Puhr stated the cost for this type of software was so cost prohibitive in the past. Director Ahrens responded a request for proposal was done a year ago and the response was approaching six figures. Mayor Eisenhauer feels it is more affordable now due to what GIS Coordinator Adam Aull has done with ESRI and GIS systems building several layers. Alderman Foster asked if this type of technology is going to be pursued and Mayor Eisenhauer stated "yes", but there are other applications and staff will review all opportunities. Alderman Foster asked if this can be done with current staff and Mayor Eisenhauer responded "yes". Alderman McMahon asked if there would be any start up costs and Manager Scott responded "no" and Mayor Eisenhauer added the success of this is due to it being a cloud based program so there are no up-front costs with software and hardware. Alderman Stone questioned what information will be "public" information and Director Ahrens responded all of the information will be available at some

levels and some will be password protected. Alderman Stone also questioned if personal information will be available from an individual submitting a condition report and Mayor Eisenhauer stated only the location of the violation will be available and the violation or concern can be submitted anonymously. Alderman Hoskins asked if the system could be flooded if anything and everything is reported and will filtering take place. Director Ahrens responded there will be an educational curve that will have to take place and most communities see a gradual increase in reporting and as far as filtering that would have to be part of the system structure and the City would have to be clear as to what can or cannot be reported. Alderman McMahon asked if duplicate requests could happen and Director Ahrens stated one request does not preclude another when information is entered by another individual. Alderman Hoskins stated there is not much cost savings, but there is accountability and questioned what happens if the requests are not done. Director Ahrens responded that he feels the request will get done quicker as everything will be logged more quickly than the way it is currently logged. Alderman Foster stated the video emphasized increased use of smart phones which should increase public interest in government. Alderman O’Kane asked if the public could receive news such as road closures through this type of software and Manager Scott responded he believed there was a way to provide news to the public. Vice Mayor Williams yielded time to audience member Lynn McClinden who asked if pranking could happen and Mayor Eisenhauer responded the City would have to look into that and also stated there are management tools to clear an item and believes there are safeguards that could be put into place.

#7...PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Lynn McClinden of Danville spoke concern of the difference in the health insurance employee contribution amount as stated on the November Treasurer’s Report and also asked for the default rate per kilowatt hour that is currently in effect pertaining to the electrical aggregation resolution on Item 12-C.

Mayor Eisenhauer stated he will have Jerod McMorris with Good Energy respond to Mr. McClinden’s question pertaining to electrical aggregation during discussion of Item 12-C. Mayor Eisenhauer then stated the insurance contributions for all but Police Unions are set at 10% or 11% of their actual plan and retirees pay the full amount. The Police Unions pay a fixed amount on a monthly basis so that is why there is a disparity on the report.

#8...ZONING PETITIONS – None

#9...PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhauer presented Payrolls for February 20, 2015 of \$510,272.16 and February 27, 2015, of \$71,816.58. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen O’Kane, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, K.Davis, Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman R.J. Davis

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 1 absent and 1 vacancy in Ward 7.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhauer presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, each having been published, posted, and distributed, for February 24, 2015, of \$91,071.84 and for March 03, 2015, of \$585,565.46. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as

presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. Staff addressed questions of various vouchers, as follows:

- Payment made to Jim Pope for reimbursement of public nuisance towed (PNT) vehicle and often times is reimbursed to the individual if that individual is found not guilty;
- William Blair and Co. LLC payment is for annual payment for dissemination agent services for each of the bonds; and
- Precision Systems payment is for Scadata sewer lift station monitoring.

There being no further questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, K.Davis, Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, O'Kane

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman R.J. Davis

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 1 absent and 1 vacancy in Ward 7.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Items of Information

- Director Ahrens announced the Public Works job fair will be held Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 1155 E. Voorhees Street and asked that applicants have a valid driver's license with them. The Public Works supervisors will be available to meet with the applicants to see what their specific skill sets are and to also see where they would be interested in working.
- Director Ahrens announced yard waste stickers are on sale at a cost of \$40.00.
- Director Beith announced the Danville Mass Transit job fair for extra board bus drivers will be held Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 101 N. Jackson Street.
- Chairman Puhr announced the next Public Works meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Nichols presented Items A thru B for a single vote, moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval and placement on file. There being no objections, Alderman Stone seconded. Those items being:

#12-A..City Clerk's Report of Licenses and Permits, being:

RAFFLE LICENSES:

Bismarck Little League
Bismarck Youth Football & Cheerleading
Catlin High School PTA
Catlin Summer Youth League
Gao Grotto
Medical Benefit for Casey Smothers
Relay for Life of Vermilion County
Tilton Fire Department;

- #### #12-B..City Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for November 2014 stating a Beginning Balance on November 1, 2014, of \$12,662,154.37, Receipts of \$5,335,365.42, Disbursements of \$7,271,887.94, an Ending Balance on November 30, 2014, of \$10,725,631.85 and a Cash Balance of \$4,393,122.05; and City Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for December 2014 stating a Beginning Balance on December 1, 2014, of \$10,725,631.85, Receipts of \$3,525,768.94, Disbursements of \$3,762,800.62, an Ending Balance on December 31, 2014, of \$10,488,600.17 and a Cash Balance of \$1,779,588.41.

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

#12-C..Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2015-9 authorizing Execution of Service Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for Electric Aggregation Supply for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers who do not opt-out of such a program, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Foster. Mayor Eisenhower introduced Jerod McMorris, Energy Consultant for Good Energy, and asked him to respond to audience member Mr. McClinden's question and also to address the terms defined on bid day. Mr. McMorris stated the Ameren default price is set in May of every year, but there is talk that Ameren may be going to twice a year. The Ameren tariff price is only for supply; not for distribution and is in the 4.58 per kWh and the price that Danville procured twenty-two months ago was 4.333 per kWh. Mr. McMorris stated the group is looking at four term lengths for this procurement which will be 24 months, 30 months, 36 months, and 40 months. Good Energy will be hosting 13 communities at the David S. Palmer Arena on bid day Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 p.m. when prices will be received from the suppliers. There will be two other locations across the State receiving bids with one in East St. Louis and the other location in Bloomington for a total of 41 communities partaking in the buying group. The hope is to have price stability for as long as possible for the residents when looking at the length of the contract. Mayor Eisenhower stated looking at what the tariff rate was versus the rate that we received in the last bid, Danville citizens saved over \$300,000.00 in a fourteen month period with the current contract ending at twenty-two months, expiring in May, 2015. Alderman Foster asked Mr. McMorris what he anticipates for the future rate. Mr. McMorris responded he does not know the future rate, but anticipates an increase due to the closing of coal plants and nuclear plants and the reliance on natural gas as transmission and capacity is expensive. Alderman Puhr asked Mr. McMorris if this includes every residential customer in Danville unless they opt out and Mr. McMorris responded there are two stipulations where citizens would not be included in this program. One is if the citizen is already with another third party supplier and the other is if they received a letter and do not want to participate in the savings. Alderman Puhr asked if citizens have to stay with Integrys who signed up with Integrys through Vermilion County prior to the City starting their contract twenty-two months ago and Mr. McMorris stated citizens should receive another opt out letter when the contract expired with Integrys. Vice Mayor Williams asked if the contract language states if Ameren's rate falls below the supplier rate they would have to match Ameren's rate and Mr. McMorris responded the language was in the first contract, but not in the proposed contract. The contract does offer citizens the opportunity to opt out at any time with no termination fee. Alderman McMahan asked if Good Energy monitors when a citizen's contract with another company expires and do they send a letter to the citizen. Mr. McMorris stated "yes" and it is called perpetual opt out. Alderman Stone asked Mr. McMorris how Good Energy receives compensation and Mr. McMorris stated they are compensated through the supplier. Alderman O'Kane asked if the City would receive revenue from cost savings through the program and Mayor Eisenhower stated the language states all of the cost savings goes to the citizen and there are no additional costs to the City to have the program. Alderman Foster voiced concern of various individuals soliciting for electric aggregation supply and Mr. McMorris stated it is important to educate the public on the City's program and rate. Mayor Eisenhower asked if it was the desire of the Council for the City to receive a cut of the revenue and the consensus was for all of the savings to go to the citizen. Mr. McMorris stated the price would be raised by .80 per household per month. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Puhr, Nichols, Foster, K.Davis, Gilbert, Hoskins, McMahan, Stone, Williams, Strebing, O'Kane, Cooper

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman R.J. Davis



Motion carried 12 to 0 with 1 absent and 1 vacancy in Ward 7.

#12-D..Items of Information – None

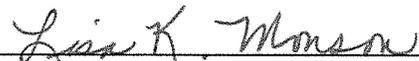
[The next Public Services Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.]

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION - None

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:10 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Hoskins and a second by Alderman McMahon.



Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

I, Lisa K. Monson, 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 March 03, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 03/17/15

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