

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 15, 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, Ron Candido, Jon Cooper, Steve Foster, Bill Gilbert, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Michael Puhr, Rickey Williams, Jr., and DeMarko Wright. Absent was Alderman Lois Cooper. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Janet Myers, City Comptroller Gayle (Brandon) Lewis, Corporation Counsel David Wesner, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Houston, Information Technology Administrator Teresa Winn, 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, and Risk Manager Kathy Courson.

There were also 3 news media and 40 audience members in attendance.

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

#3...THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Jerry Askren, who was wished a Happy Birthday on March 16.

#4...THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held March 1, 2011, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Brandenburg moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Puhr. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5...THE AGENDA for the evening was presented with the removal of Item #8-A, Special Use Petition #209 for 3164 E. Main, at the request of the Petitioner to postpone. There being no further changes, Alderman Candido moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Baldwin. To address a question as to how long the petition could be postponed, Manager Milliken stated the ordinance provides that the Council must act on the petition within 45 days of the Hearing. There being no further questions, 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

Jamie Davis, representing American Red Cross, presented the City with a Certificate of Recognition and Commendation for its support of the American Red Cross. Mayor Eisenhauer thanked Ms. Davis and the American Red Cross for the continued service to the community by making sure residents of Vermilion County are taken care of, despite changes that relocated the office out of the area.

#6-D..Items of Information

• Amy Chrisman, local artist, announced a partnership with St. James United Methodist Church

Keystone Sunday School Class to paint another Danville landmark in order to raise funds to improve handicapped accessibility at the church through the sale of limited edition prints. She then unveiled the Landmark painting of St. James United Methodist Church that will be on display in the Council Chambers along with the seven other Vermilion County Landmark paintings. Mayor Eisenhower thanked Ms. Chrisman for her wonderful artistry and the contribution to the community. He also thanked the sponsors of previous paintings for their contribution.

*[Mayor Eisenhower allowed a few minutes for those here only for the unveiling to leave the chambers.]*

- Mayor Eisenhower announced the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Division II Basketball Tournament starting today at Danville Area Community College. Sixteen teams from 13 states will be in Danville throughout the week that will mean an economic boost to the community. With 450 volunteers needed each day, more are being solicited.
- Sales tax numbers received in March for December 2010 sales exceeded projections by \$200,000.00. Mayor Eisenhower stressed the importance of shopping locally and stated it appears that many heeded the pleas made to Danville residents.
- Mayor Eisenhower announced that Danville Housing Authority has agreed to approve a resolution to decrease the total of certified Section 8 Vouchers from 620 to 397; thereby complying with the City's Community Development Block Grant Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

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

- David Crawley of N. Kimball Street requested consideration of repairs to Williams Street around intersections of Harmon Street & Gilbert Street. When asked about Alderman Lois Cooper, Mayor Eisenhower reported she is hoping the doctor releases her soon so she can resume her normal activities and return to Council meetings.
- Ken Cox, President of Meadowlawn Neighborhood Association and Volunteer Neighborhood Association Coordinator for the City, spoke on behalf of all neighborhood associations in thanking the City Council and City Directors and Managers for their support and cooperation. A Spring Workshop was held February 28 and all were thanked for their participation, especially Connie Osgood, Public Development Administrative Secretary, for putting all the materials together.
- Barbara Delanois, attorney representing petitioner for alley vacation, stated she would be available to answer questions during presentation of the ordinance.

#### #8...ZONING PETITIONS

#8-A...Special Use Petition #209 was postponed previously.

#### #9...PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhower presented Payroll for March 4, 2011, of \$65,873.35 and for March 11, 2011, of \$685,017.92. Alderman Baldwin moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman J.Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Askren, Candido, Gilbert, Wright, Baldwin, Nichols, Puhr, Foster, Brandenburg, J.Cooper, McMahon, Strebing, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.



#10... SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhauer presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, each having been published, posted, and distributed, for March 8, 2011, of \$709,406.62 and for March 15, 2011, of \$138,688.11. Alderman Brandenburg moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman J.Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2011-16 rejecting of all bids for Bid #446 for the Garfield Pool Main Drain Retrofit due to errors that disqualified one bid and miscalculations causing an excessive contract price for the other, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Strebing. There being no discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-B..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2011-17 waiving bid requirements and awarding Bid #447 for the Garfield Pool Main Drain Retrofit to sole bidder Schomburg & Schomburg in the amount of \$37,096.00, to come from Other Improvements line item in the Capital Improvements budget, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Foster. It was stated that the project is scheduled for completion April 13, 2011. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-C..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18 appropriating MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Funds, Section #11-00000-00-GM, in the amount of \$276,000.00 for the 2011 General Maintenance Program that will include road improvements to various roadways, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Brandenburg. There being no discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-D..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19 approving additional work for Borgen



Drive and Borgen Place to allow for earthwork and sanitary sewer work by Duce Construction and amending the purchase order an additional \$211,104.42 for a total of \$960,000.00, to come from MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Funds Section #09-00336-00-PV, which funds were made available from a State of Illinois grant, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Brandenburg. There being no discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-E..Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20 appropriating \$700,000.00 of MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) Funds, Section #11-00342-00-RS, for the 2011 Overlay Program that will include portions of Gilbert Street, to come from MFT funds and Infrastructure Improvement funds, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Mayor Strebing. Alderman Williams questioned an earlier belief that simply repairing Gilbert Street would be wasteful and City Engineer Schnelle stated that other recent extensive pavement patching projects using newer methods by Public Works staff have been successful. It is now thought that this process could also be used on Gilbert Street to extend the life a few more years until funding is available for a complete reconstruction. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent during voting: Alderman McMahon

Absent: Alderman L.Cooper

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-F..Chairman Puhr presented ORDINANCE NO. 8731 vacating an east/west alley South of Commercial Street between College Street and Park Street for SCT Holdings, LLC, for an amount of \$3,485.00, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Strebing. There being no discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-G..Items of Information

*The next Public Works Committee meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 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 as presented, seconded by Alderman Baldwin. The report as follows:

RAFFLE LICENSES

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermilion County

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Danville Correctional Center Employee Benefit Fund

Oakwood Youth Ball League  
Sabres Bash'en Out Cancer – Relay for Life  
Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure  
Vermilion County Assoc of Educational Office Professionals

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

#### #12-B-1..Review of Preliminary 2011-2012 Budget

- Mayor Eisenhauer handed out answers to questions by Alderman Candido and briefly went through each. Alderman Puhr questioned the additional revenue brought in by the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee for capital improvements and street repair and Mayor Eisenhauer stated \$902,000.00, of which \$644,000.00 is dedicated toward Overlay Program, \$200,000.00 towards Seal Coat, \$75,000.00 for Contractual Services, with about \$50,000.00 for construction and improvements. Alderman Askren commented on statistics showing percentage of salary increases for employees by stating there is a big difference in the dollar amount received by one employee to another and it's hard to determine why a particular increase was given on numbers alone. It was stated several factors need to be taken into account such as a savings overall to the City through negotiations on issues as minimum manning by the Firefighters or increased productivity through schedule changes in the Public Works Division versus the lack of contribution from the Police Officers towards insurance costs, or which ones were settled through negotiations versus those settled in arbitration. Alderman Foster voiced support of maintaining the motor fuel tax in order to continue providing funds for maintenance of streets. There being no further questions, Mayor Eisenhauer encouraged everyone to submit further questions to his office, at which time they will be addressed and distributed to all.
- Mayor Eisenhauer handed out an updated Recap and Projected Revenue Report and Cash Flow Report. Receipts for March reflect increased City and State sales tax numbers, as stated previously.
- Comptroller Lewis announced a Public Hearing on the proposed 2011-2012 Budget will be April 5, 2011. A notice will be sent to the newspaper for publication.

#### #12-B..Items of Information

Chairman Nichols announced the next Public Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

#13....CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#### #14...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Mayor Eisenhauer stated several staff members are participating in a 40-hour NIMS (National Incident Management System) Training all week long, with another group having already completed the course. Training is now a requirement to receive federal or state funding for reimbursement of expenses during disasters.
- Mayor Eisenhauer extended sympathy to Comptroller Lewis and her family at the sudden death last week of her sister, Lynn Williams.
- Alderman Candido questioned who to contact regarding manhole covers on North Vermilion Street that have sunk below the pavement since resurfaced by the State. City Engineer Schnelle stated that due to limited budget at the State level, this was one area that received cuts and, although the City has requested several issues be looked at, the City has no authority to dictate how or when they do it.



- Mayor Eisenhower announced that the deadline for submitting nominations for Celebrity Way is nearing. The Committee will review the nominations and forward a recommendation for Council action on April 19, 2011.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:12 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Gilbert and a second by Alderman J.Cooper.



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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 March 15, 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: 04/05/11  
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