

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 7, 2016

#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 at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Vice Mayor Rickey Williams Jr., Aldermen Brenda Brown, Jon Cooper, Dan Duncheon, R.J. Davis, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, Michael Puhr, Lloyd Randle, Tom Stone and Rick Strebing. Absent was Alderman Steve Nichols. A quorum was present. Alderman Nichols arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Staff Members Present: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom, Deputy City Clerk Megan Mudd, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Human Resources Administrator Bill Westphal, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Deputy Director Ray Garcia, and Public Works Director Doug Ahrens.

There were also 43 audience members and 3 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Hank Anderson, Co-Pastor, Central Christian Church followed by

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

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, May 17, 2016, having been published and distributed, was presented. Alderman Davis moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Brown. On the voice vote, the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Mayor Eisenhauer announced the removal of Item 12-G Resolution approving 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Submission and Item 14-A Resolution amending the Collective Bargaining Agreement between City and Local 703 Laborers. Alderman Cooper moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman McMahon. 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 congratulated the Schlarman Academy Archery Team on their 2016 State Championship. Principal for Schlarman Academy Gail Lewis introduced the Schlarman Archery coaches Jerry Kuchenbrod and Michelle Winn along with the elementary, junior high, and high school team members. Principal Lewis stated besides winning the Illinois State Championship, the archery team also competed at Nationals and placed in the top 25%. Their success at Nationals also qualified them to compete at Worlds. Mayor Eisenhauer presented a plaque to Schlarman Academy in recognition of the 2016 NASP Archery State Championship. Mayor Eisenhauer congratulated the coaches and each student individually that was in attendance. Schlarman Academy was presented with another plaque by Mayor Eisenhauer for

the 2016 IESA Class 8A Girls Track and Field State Championship. The two female students that participated, Capria Brown and Chian Scott, were unable to attend the meeting due to prior engagements. Both girls were awarded a plaque for their combined success at State winning them the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track and Field State Championship. Schlarman Academy High School Track and Field Team members Sarah Craig and Jayden King were also present and acknowledged for their accomplishments at State. Another student from District 118 who was unable to attend the meeting will also get recognized at a later meeting for her achievements at the State Championship.

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

- Cyril Ostiguy of Danville spoke regarding items #12B and #12C of the agenda stating that he noticed there are insufficient funds for Item #12C, the 2016 Seal Coat Program and questioned how the City could then put up \$600,000.00 for Item #12B, the Application to ITEP for Funding the Denmark Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Path, and how that was reconciled.
- Janis Ostiguy of Danville encouraged everyone to attend the 2016 Decision America Tour with Franklin Graham on June 14<sup>th</sup> by joining him on the Capitol steps in Springfield to pray for our Nation and its officials. She stated that for anyone unable to attend in Springfield is then instead invited to join her on the sidewalk out front of the Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse at 201 N. Vermilion Street on the same day for a prayer vigil.
- Joseph Hutchins of Danville spoke concern of the influx of crime in his neighborhood of "Rabbittown". He stated he has was born and raised in Danville for the last 27 years now and is asking if something can be done to help with all of the crime his neighborhood is witnessing. He noted that in the last three days there have been 2 shootings and 1 arson related crime by means of a Molotov-cocktail.
- Kathy Christensen of Danville spoke concern regarding the violence in her neighborhood. She stated examples including when her car was vandalized by a large group of teens, one of which was jumping on the hood of her vehicle, and that she and her husband discovered bullet holes in their bedroom window pane and the siding of their house. Police were notified and responded, to which she said they were very kind, thorough, and completed interviews with her and the neighbors. She noted that her neighborhood is well established with families that have been there for 20 and 40 plus years, and is concerned by the on-going bullying from large groups of teenagers that are roaming around her neighborhood. She asked the City Council whether or not there is a task-force being put together to help combat the skyrocketing crime or what other steps are being taken.
- Maureen M. O'Connell of Danville, a life-long resident, spoke concern of the many shootings her neighborhood has seen. She spoke praise of the Danville Police and Fire Departments but is asking what more can they do as citizens and what can and will be done by City officials. She stated that one property specifically is owned by Kevin Flynn and questioned eviction procedures with families involved in frequent criminality.
- Yahya Rahman of Danville, a resident since 1989 spoke concern of his neighborhood Holiday Hills, stating that he has also witnessed the influx of crime and has seen the teenagers wandering around that seemingly have nothing to do. He cited examples of speeding, loud music, littering of trash, grass not being mowed, and kids being disrespectful to other drivers and neighbor's properties. Mr. Rahman asked if there could be an increase in the police presence and patrols, hoping that will help deter some of the misconduct in his neighborhood.
- Gerald McDaniel of Danville spoke concern of the loud music/noise and garbage in his neighborhood of Holiday Hills stating the loud music causes his windows to rattle and house to vibrate, and that his neighbors are constantly having to pick up trash and garbage that is thrown out of vehicles.

- Arthur Cronkhite of Danville spoke concern regarding the recent Land Bank Agreement, stating that it's purely land speculation. He quoted Mussolini as saying that fascism is the merging of business and government and that's exactly what is being done here. He stated the County does not have a good track-record when it comes to their properties and then cited examples of illegal land deals. He also stated he has not seen a report anywhere showing that a land bank agreement actually works.
- Vince Koers of Danville spoke regarding the Riverfront, stating that he has been a proponent of Riverfront improvement for many years now and wants to make sure the City Council is still open to ideas and plans since it's still in the conceptual phase. He believes there may be expressed interest from Pete Nelson of the Nelson Tree Building group in submitting a design for a walking bridge type structure to go over the River. He stated that he supports the University of Illinois students and their ideas and plans but there are other people still interested in giving their opinions and ideas regarding Riverfront plans.
- Mike Scott of Georgetown spoke regarding the Land Bank Agreement, stating that tax dollars are not going to fund the Land Bank and that it's actually done through grants and other types of funding. He said it will help to rid vacant properties that currently house drug-dealers and other criminals. He stated this tool should be utilized to save your own City.
- Suzanne Reed of Danville spoke concern of the crime in her neighborhood of "Rabbittown", stating that her grandson was over visiting and had to roll onto the floor after a shooting occurred one morning at her residence. She stated that she works hard to pay for her house and doesn't know what to do but does know that her family is in danger.
- David Crawley of Danville spoke in support of his neighbors that live in Holiday Hills and the entire community as a whole stating that he has had to put up video cameras on his property that record 24 hours a day because of the increase in violence and crime. He asked if a POP Unit could come out to his neighborhood for a weekend or if a committee could be formed to address some of the continuous problems and give assistance. He offered himself to be one of the committee members if it is ever created.

#8...ZONING PETITIONS - None

#9...PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhauer presented Payrolls for June 3, 2016, of \$77,026.21. Alderman Randle 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 Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahan, Stone

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Nichols

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhauer presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for May 24, 2016, of \$242,537.10 and June 7, 2016, of \$1,005,518.63. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahan, Stone, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Nichols

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Items of Information

*[The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.]*

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-A..In the absence of Chairman Nichols, Vice Chairman Foster presented the City Clerk's License Report, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Brown.

The report as follows:

LICENSES:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT:

Danville Township – June 11<sup>th</sup> at Danville Stadium

TOBACCO DEALERS:

Spirit Shop – 614 E. Voorhees

Sunshine Liquors – 2013 E. Main

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

#12-B..Vice Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-81 authorizing Application to ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) for Funding to Develop the Denmark Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Path, requesting \$3,000,000.00 in funds with an estimated \$600,000.00 in matching funds required by the City to develop and construct a path to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic on portions of Old Ottawa and Denmark Road, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without recommendation by Committee, seconded by Alderman Stone. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Nichols

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-C..Vice Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-82 awarding Bid 560 for 2016 Sealcoat to the sole bidder Daniel Ribbe Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$219,205.94, to be paid from the Infrastructure Development and Improvement Fund-Pavement Maintenance, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without recommendation by Committee, seconded by Alderman Brown. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Nichols

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-D..Vice Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-83 authorizing a Line of Credit for Danville Mass Transit, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Stone. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Nichols

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

*[Chairman Nichols arrived at 7:02 p.m. during presentation of the next item and took his seat at the dais.]*

#12-E..Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-84 approving Intergovernmental Agreement for Creation of Vermilion County Land Bank Authority, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Stone. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Duncheon, Davis, McMahan, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane

Nays: Aldermen Brown, Randle

Motion carried 12 to 2.

#12-F..Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-85 concerning the Appointment of City Representation to the Vermilion County Land Bank Authority, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval with recommendation by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Vice Mayor Williams stated he really appreciates the work that Corporation Counsel Wesner and Mayor Eisenhauer have done to draft the resolution. Vice Mayor Williams voiced a couple of opinions, the first one being the Land Bank having the power to remove anyone at any time for any reason and agreed that the City Council ought to be able to do so and that it should be considered. Vice Mayor Williams stated that was a problem they encountered at the Danville Housing Authority for several years, that people would get appointed and then go a little rogue. Secondly, Vice Mayor Williams stated that our representatives should come from the City of Danville and personally thinks it should be Mayor Eisenhauer and a member of the City Council body, ensuring that the voice of the people is fully represented. Vice Mayor Williams moved to amend language in line one of the resolution which states "one other representative" to "one other alderman" appointed by the Mayor with the concurrence of the City Council, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Mayor Eisenhauer thanked Vice Mayor Williams for suggesting the amended language and stated he originally thought of going down that route, but didn't want to pigeon-hole one of the Alderman to be on it. Vice Mayor Williams voiced interest in serving on the Vermilion County Land Bank Authority Board if it were the pleasure of the Mayor.

On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion to amend the resolution so ordered.

Alderman Duncheon requested discussion on the length of term, specifically recalling the annual approval procedure. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the process for any committee that has an appointment by the Mayor with concurrence of the City Council is that at any time prior to the end of the term the Mayor would have the ability to come forward with a recommendation to the body to remove or end the term of an individual serving on that committee, and stated there are few exceptions to that. A member of the Council could bring to the Mayor a concern with an individual serving on a committee and the Mayor would determine whether to bring that forth to the full body. Mayor Eisenhauer stated we have never had that up to this point, but the process in itself already exists to that level. Alderman McMahan asked for the term limit and Vice Mayor Williams stated he believes the agreement mentions it is a three year term. Mayor Eisenhauer confirmed it is a three year term. Alderman Duncheon moved to amend language that the City Council can bring to the Mayor the recommendation to suspend the appointment of the Alderperson to the Vermilion County Land Bank and to request to the Mayor to recommend a new appointment to the City Council. Vice Mayor Williams asked for clarification on the language. Mayor Eisenhauer stated he would paraphrase but

Item 3 would then be that a member of the City Council may bring forth a resolution to remove an aldermanic representative to the Vermilion County Land Bank which would then be voted on by the City Council. Alderman Strebing seconded the motion made by Alderman Duncheon. Alderman Foster voiced support of the amendment.

On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion to amend the resolution so ordered.

After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote on the resolution as amended being:

Ayes: Aldermen Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O’Kane, Randle, Cooper

Nays: Alderman Brown

Motion carried 13 to 1.

#12-G..previously removed.

#12-H...Items of Information

*[The next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.]*

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Vice Mayor Williams stated his cousin, April Williams, passed away this past week due to a heart condition and also due to drug use, particularly heroin. He commended Director Beith and her group for their efforts to raise awareness and for her assistance in trying to get help for his cousin. The loss of his cousin and other concerns voiced by audience members, it is endemic that there are major problems in the Community and he is currently working with some people on recommendations regarding public safety and plans to share those with Director Thomason and Mayor Eisenhauer for possible considerations to the City Council.
- Alderman Pickering asked how could the public safety problems be addressed and Mayor Eisenhauer stated the Council has made a step in the right direction for holding landlords accountable for tenant’s actions by passing the public nuisance ordinance such as 725 Commercial being a rental property. Mayor Eisenhauer also stated there are multiple conversations taking place currently, but it is not safe to discuss openly.
- Alderman Foster asked Director Thomason if he would like to comment and Director Thomason asked citizens to report every single incident and that he will be putting extra officers into certain areas.
- Mayor Eisenhauer encouraged citizens to call more frequently with any information such as for parties and also writing down license plate numbers and time of loud music coming from vehicles.
- Alderman Davis feels the City should get tough on gangs, curfews, including parents and should “stop the bleeding”.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#14-A..previously removed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:44 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Pickering and a second by Alderman Duncheon.

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Megan Mudd, Deputy City Clerk

I, Megan Mudd, Deputy 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 June 7, 2016, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

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Megan Mudd, Deputy City Clerk

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