

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 5, 2016

#1...THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Scott Eisenhower at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Scott Eisenhower, Vice Mayor Rickey Williams Jr., Aldermen Brenda Brown, Jon Cooper, Dan Duncheon, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, Michael Puhr, and Rick Strebing. Absent were Aldermen R.J. Davis, Lloyd Randle, and Tom Stone. A quorum was present. Alderman Davis arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Staff Members Present: City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Human Resources Administrator Bill Westphal, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Planning & Urban Services Manager Christopher Milliken, Planner I Liila Bagby, Planning Technician Ross Hilleary, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, and Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith.

There were also 13 audience members and 3 news media in attendance.

#2...INVOCATION was given by Reverend Ryan Harris, Pastor of First Assembly of God Church, followed by

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

#4...THE MINUTES of the regular meetings held, June 7, 2016 and June 21, 2016 having been published and distributed, were presented. Vice Mayor Williams 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. Mayor Eisenhower removed Item 7-A Presentation on Riverfront Development Project. There being no further changes, Alderman Cooper moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Pickering. 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

Mayor Eisenhower reminded everyone of the 23rd Annual Community Day which will take place this coming Sunday, July 10th at Lincoln Park from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#6-D..Items of Information

- Mayor Eisenhower wished Alderman Cooper a "Happy Birthday".
- Mayor Eisenhower stated due to the great work of our Danville Police Officers, five arrests have been made in connection with the recent fatal shooting. He then passed out to Aldermen a copy of a letter from President Sparks with the Danville Firefighter Association Local 429 I.A.F.F. regarding their involvement with the community engagement and also provided a copy of his response to President Sparks so Aldermen will understand his response.

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

Mayor Eisenhauer introduced Ross Hilleary, Planning Technician with the Urban Services Division who gave a Presentation on the Our Danville software.

Mr. Hilleary invited everyone to bring out their phones to download the application and made the following statements;

- The Our Danville “app” is now available for iOS software as well as for Android devices. The app can be found by searching OurDanville as one word.
- Accounts are able to be created to save the users submitted requests.
- Requests are very simple to make and are divided into different categories.
- The user can take a photograph with their phone and attach it to the request, add a location and also add a description if needed.
- The request can be submitted privately or publicly dependent on the user’s preference. Mayor Eisenhauer asked Ross to further explain the difference between submitting the request privately or publicly. Ross responded that the Our Danville app gives users the option of submitted a request via Facebook or an email address. It was clarified that if the user wants feedback of the result of the request, it will need to be submitted publicly.
- Ross stated that if users do not have a phone, there is a link on the City’s website that will allow the same functions as well as links on the City website to both app stores.
- Vice Mayor Williams asked if a user could submit a request anonymously but still receive updates on the issue. Mr. Hilleary responded that it could be done but not creating an account but by submitting requests as a guest.

Audience Comments

- Cyril Ostiguy of Danville spoke regarding the Riverfront and reminded everyone that if it is built, the City has to maintain it. Mr. Ostiguy also stated he and Ross Hilleary created a flyer for the car show taking place at the Balloons Over Vermilion event. He thanked Ross for his help and passed out magnets and flyers for the event.
- Jan Ostiguy of Danville asked that we be aware of what money is being spent on and commended the new software. Mrs. Ostiguy also asked that everyone pray for the City and the nation.
- Brett Hayes of Danville spoke regarding the excessive speeds of ambulances and other emergency vehicles traveling on Winter Avenue in front of the park.
- Darrell Hunter of Danville and Pastor of Danville’s Mind of Christ Church spoke regarding the two floods that happened which caused damage to the basement of his church. He stated the repairs were going okay until he was informed by city inspectors that the church needs to include handicapped features. Mr. Hunter stated he was upset that he would have to seek further funding for that and prayed for fairness throughout the city.

#8....ZONING PETITIONS - None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhauer presented Payrolls for June 24, 2016, of \$555,897.09, for July 1, 2016, of \$82,127.60. Alderman Brown 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 Pickering, O’Kane, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, McMahon, Williams, Strebing

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Davis, Stone
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhauer presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for June 28, 2016, of \$168,017.71, special run for June 28, 2016 of \$13,512.74, and July 5, 2016 of \$219,635.04. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. After questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Davis, Stone
Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Items of Information

Chairman Puhr announced the next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2016 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 and placement on file, seconded by Alderman Brown. The report as follows:

LICENSES: None

FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT:

Danville Stadium – June 24, 2016, July 2, 2016, and August 5, 2016 at Danville Stadium, 401 Highland Blvd.

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

[Alderman Davis arrived at 6:45 p.m. during presentation of the next item and took his seat at the dais.]

#12-B..Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-98 accepting and adopting the Downtown Riverfront Conceptual Plan described in Exhibit A so Mayor and City staff can begin implementation of the Plan including pursuit of funding, and other tasks necessary for implementation, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Foster. Alderman Duncheon questioned if the walk-ways across the river could be coordinated with the dam removal and asked if the removal of the dams is still going to take place. Mayor Eisenhauer responded the dam removals have been held up due to the State's inability to approve a budget. Now that the State has approved a budget, they are going through to determine what components of that budget will receive funding and which aspects will not. The City anticipates hearing back within the next couple of weeks from IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) of what components of the dam removal are included in the new budget process and will also receive indication from them as to timing for the removal of the two dams. The Ellsworth Park dam will be done in house by the IDNR and the Danville Dam engineering will be done by the IDNR, but will be contracted out. Ms. Bagby stated there will have to be some infrastructure put in place in order to remove the Danville Dam such as a utility road for service vehicles so the City is

going to try to work with them to see what can be kept to build off of the walk-way plans. Alderman Duncheon questioned if the project will include getting rid of the curve when driving north on Gilbert Street and turning onto Main Street. Director Schnelle stated that portion of the plan is more difficult to implement because it involves two State regulated routes and the State Department of Transportation has vastly different goals than the local community. Alderman Duncheon asked why Bresee Tower was not mentioned as being a part of the Plan, possibly as an observation deck. Mayor Eisenhauer responded the reason why it wasn't mentioned is because of the extremely unknown factors as it relates to Bresee and the hopes are there will be more interest and discussion regarding the future of Bresee due to the development of the Riverfront. Ms. Bagby stated Stream 3 of the Plan includes infill to the downtown area. Manager Milliken thanked the University of Illinois (U of I) students and faculty for all of their collaborative effort and work on their plans and also thanked Liila Bagby for initiating the project and reaching out to her former professor at the U of I. He feels the door has been opened for future collaboration with the U of I. Vice Mayor Williams stated there has been interest in this area at some point for a hotel development and asked if passing this plan would preclude any possibility from economic development. Mayor Eisenhauer responded the Plan does not preclude anything and what it does is set out a game plan for what we see for being viable and reasonable and if someone comes along with a development plan that would give the City the opportunity to have discussions about what is the best use of that land and would that economic development plan fit within it. Alderman Brown stated many of these topics were discussed when the plan was first introduced with the professors and all of the students and she is very excited for Downtown Danville and also she believes economic development interests will follow. Ms. Bagby stated there is a design catalog which is a companion document that includes all of the designs put into one booklet and many of these topics are in the catalog. Alderman Strebing stated he loves the Plan because it is in his Ward and asked if the purpose of the conceptual plan approval is to help with obtaining funding. Mayor Eisenhauer responded yes, approval of Council helps with private and public funding opportunities. Mayor Eisenhauer also thanked Liila Bagby for spearheading the project and for taking the steps to work with the University of Illinois to get a diverse group of students interested in the project. He also thanked the U of I for getting involved and for being an amazing partner. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-C..Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-99 approving the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Program Year 2015 as required in the Consolidated Plan for submission to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funds, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman McMahan. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-D..Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9056 approving Acquisition of Property along West Main Street, to facilitate West Main Street Improvements, Tract No. DSL2687, PIN: 23-08-116-023-0030, from Barbara J. Jackowski in the amount of \$9,000.00, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without Committee recommendation, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Mayor Eisenhauer stated this property is the last piece of property the City needs to acquire for the riverfront area. The parcel is a small sliver of property along the South Gilbert Street alignment located near the Gilbert Street and Main Street intersection curve. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-E..Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9057 approving Purchase of Right-of-Way for the Danville High School (DHS) Shared Use Path Improvement, to allow negotiating to continue for acquisition of the remaining properties and easements summarized in Resolution 2015-133, with the purchase to be paid from Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Section 12-00348-00-BT, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without Committee recommendation, seconded by Alderman Puhr.

Director Schnelle stated there are two property owners the City has had difficulty getting funding from and the City is up against the timing window so in order to make sure we are able to use the grant funds we received for this project we have had to break it out into two phases so the first phase will not include construction of an intersection at Williams and English Streets. The first phase will only construct up to Penn Street and stop there. Director Schnelle added the City will be able to use all of the grant funds, but this will allow us to continue to negotiate and seek the needed property acquisitions that are still outstanding. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-F..Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9058 amending Chapter 92 of the City Code pertaining to Fire Prevention in Section 92.50 (C) to allow certain locations in the City which have staff or security on-site 24-hours per day, 7 days a week to be exempt from the requirement of installing and maintaining a repository unit, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Randle, Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

[The next Public Services Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. following the City/County Public Safety Building Committee meeting.]

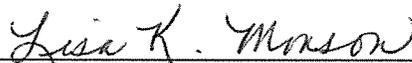
#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Vice Mayor Williams announced donations of Gatorade and water may be dropped off at Project Success for the Mt. Olive Basketball League that runs through August 25th.
- Alderman Strebing announced the fireworks and music at the Gao Grotto have been rescheduled to Saturday, July 9th with the gates opening at 2:00 p.m.
- Alderman Pickering asked for clarification on the speed limit for emergency vehicles to address the concern made during audience comments. Mayor Eisenhauer responded there is no speed limit for emergency vehicles and that he and Director Thomason will get together to discuss.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:58 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Brown and a second by Alderman Pickering.



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 July 5, 2016, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 07/19/16
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