

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 2, 2016

#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:02 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 Jon Cooper, R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, Michael Puhr, Lloyd Randle, Tom Stone and Rick Strebing. Absent were Aldermen Brenda Brown and Steve Foster. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, and Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith.

There were also 58 audience members and 3 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Randy Downing, Pastor of The Rock Church, followed by #3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman McMahon.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, July 19, 2016 having been published and distributed, was presented. Alderman Davis 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 Stone moved for approval as presented, 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 announced the American Legion Post 210 Senior Speakers Baseball team recently won the Illinois State Tournament for the first time in Post 210 history and will play in the Regional American Legion Tournament this week.
- Mayor Eisenhauer congratulated North Ridge Middle School student Gabrielle Springer, State Champion for the 2016 IESA Class 8AA State pole vault competition. He presented Gabrielle with a State Championship sign. There will also be a state championship sign that will hold banners of the City's recent State champions displayed in the riverfront area as progress is made on the project.
- Mayor Eisenhauer announced the American Legion State Golf Tournament will take place at Harrison Park Golf Course on Saturday, August 6th and Turtle Run Golf Course on Sunday, August 7th with an opening ceremony Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

- Mayor Eisenhower announced Alderman McMahon will be performing in three theatrical performances of the Lincoln Park Theatre Company "The Hallelujah Girls" from August 12th to August 14th and encouraged everyone to attend one of the performances.

#7...PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Frank Hoskins of Danville spoke concern of Arrow Ambulance Service transport time due to a an experience that occurred with his step-daughter waiting 10 hours in the emergency room with a blood clot for an ambulance ride from Champaign to Peoria.
- Jim Anderson of Danville and Vice President of Presence USMC Foundation voiced support of two ambulance licenses and feels two licenses would enhance provider choice, improve quality of patient care, and better serve the citizens in the Community.
- James Mulvaney of Danville and Chairman of the Presence USMC Leadership Board voiced support of two ambulance licenses, feels it is important to have choice and feels two licenses will provide quality of care. He also stated back-up ambulance service is important in the Vermilion County area and it is in the best interest to eliminate monopoly and not have only one ambulance service in the City.
- Jennifer Cord of Danville and Regional Chief Ambulatory Ancillary Mission Officer with Presence United Samaritans Medical Center and Presence Covenant Medical Center voiced support of two ambulance providers in the City and spoke concern of the City only having one ambulance provider that will now not be located in the Community as it affects the local hospital and the citizens of Danville by limiting the immediate availability.
- Cyril Ostiguy of Danville thanked everyone on behalf of the Illiana Antique Auto Club for their support of the successful Balloons Over Vermilion car show and stated the proposed ordinance for two ambulance services in the City of Danville is a no brainer.
- Janis Ostiguy of Danville and nurse in the Community for 44 years spoke concern of two ambulance providers if it means going back to the old ways when there were two ambulance services many years ago when there was competition over who received the call and asked who is going to police the zones in the proposed ordinance. She also spoke regarding the national "In God We Trust Movement" and stated July 31st was the date it was celebrated nationwide in the churches and explained it is a program to remind us of our roots. There are a number of ways to bring it forward in the community and one of the items is a flexible window cling for homes or vehicles she would like to purchase for the City's public safety vehicles.
- Steve Sparrow of Danville and owner of Medix Ambulance Service for 37 years stated he requested a single license as he feels there is no way two providers can perform the service and do it correctly to abide by all of the requirements of the ordinance. He spoke concern of the cost and there not being enough people in the Community to support two ambulance providers as there will be a drop in calls and feels one license gives stability with EMT's.
- Dr. Brad Weir of Urbana and Carle Hospital Emergency Medical Services Medical Director spoke support of Arrow Ambulance Service being the only ambulance provider in the City of Danville. He voiced concerns with two ambulance providers such as concerns with dispatch operators and referenced an article handed out to Aldermen titled "Advanced Life Support Skill Deterioration Among Paramedics in Low Call Volume Emergency Medical Service Systems". He feels competition can be a detriment and urges the Council to vote "no" to two ambulance licenses.
- Larry Sapp of Champaign and Director of Arrow Ambulance spoke concern with two ambulance providers in the City of Danville. He handed out information from a personal perspective from his 35 years operating as an EMT provider. He recognized Steve and Debbie

Sparrow for their 36 years of dedicated service to Danville with Medix Ambulance Service and acknowledged the trust they placed in Arrow Ambulance over the past year with discussions on the merger and acquisition and the importance of keeping Steve on for the next 18 months to ensure that Steve's values and commitments to Danville continue in the operations with Arrow Ambulance. He stated Carle does have a presence in Danville and Arrow Ambulance's intent is to keep care local. Arrow started July 29th and of all the 9-1-1 calls responded to on all patients with the exception of two went to the local community hospital and stated Carle has a regional level one trauma center and they cannot take care of all of the patients and Arrow operates in systems throughout central Illinois where we transport to many hospitals. The two patients that were transported to Carle asked to be transported there. He has been working with Steve Sparrow to create a system specific to Danville. He did some research and stated this system is working in other places and there is no one else in the State that specifically operates a two ambulance, two zone rotating system with the exception of Champaign. He voiced concern of not knowing the uncertainty of what a second license is going to bring to their business plan.

- Tim Compton of Champaign and Director of Presence Pro Ambulance voiced support of two ambulance providers and gave an overview of what Pro Ambulance offers to the City of Danville. He stated Pro Ambulance has vehicle tracking systems, 12 lead EKG's, and capnography to deliver care as quickly as possible. He stated the Pro Ambulance staff is educated to the highest standards and feels Danville can support two ambulance service providers. He also stated Pro Ambulance has the same capabilities as Arrow Ambulance Service and they will keep patient care in the forefront of their minds and feels there is no downside for the City to have two ambulance providers. The model that is in place has worked for him personally for 26 years.
- Dr. Kurt Bloomstrand of Champaign, emergency room physician and EMS Director for Presence Regional EMS and works for Presence Covenant Medical Center as well as Presence United Samaritans Medical Center. He has a long history in EMS and has a deep interest in emergency medicine and also pre-hospital emergency care. He spoke about clinical care aspect and competition and stated it was previously mentioned that pre-hospital experience might be "watered down" if there were two ambulance providers. He feels this is not the point for the City Council to ponder, but for the individual ambulance services to step up to the plate for high quality training no matter the call volume. He also stated as medical director this onus lies on myself in order to provide this high quality training to my paramedics that operate underneath my license. We expect the highest standards as it is required within our system and also required through the State. Presence EMS has a commitment to the highest standards for training and education which affords our providers a confidence and technical competence to provide a level of care the City of Danville deserves. The clinical care provides for two agencies as myself along with Dr. Weir meet with the Region 6 committee on a regular basis to develop patient care protocols that the entire Region 6 utilizes. Presence Pro and Carle Arrow operate on the exact same protocols so there is no difference in patient care between the hospitals which are the same protocols Medix used. From a patient care perspective having two ambulance services only increases the resources and patient care that the Danville citizens deserve. Having competition forces all parties to put their best foot forward and to stay on the cutting edge in order to deliver the highest quality of patient care.
- Dr. Jared Rogers of Mahomet and CEO of Presence United Samaritans Medical Center voiced support of two ambulance licenses, stated Presence USMC has served the community for more than 130 years, and stated patient care is the number one priority for Presence USMC. Our community has changed since the original ordinance was passed to grant one license and

one ambulance license is no longer enough to do the job. The healthy competition will ensure that our community receives the highest quality of pre-hospital emergency medical care and having the two ambulance services allows additional back-up and urges the Council to change the ordinance to two ambulance providers.

- Kevin Parrish of Danville spoke regarding the number of pawn licenses in the City and would like to open a pawn business in Danville. He stated currently there is a limit of three pawn licenses in the City and was told the reason for the limit is due to too much work on detectives to research serial numbers. He has found a free service called "Leads Online" that does not require leg work for the police department and is a downloadable service that can track stolen items by automatically reading serial numbers. He would like for the Council to consider additional pawn licenses.

#8....ZONING PETITIONS - None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhauer presented Payrolls for July 22, 2016, of \$574,545.54, and for July 29, 2016, of \$78,685.24. Alderman Strebing 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 Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster and Brown

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhauer presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for July 26, 2016, of \$228,744.42, special run for July 26, 2016 of \$27,560.03, and for August 2, 2016, of \$676,952.49. Alderman Puhr 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 Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster and Brown

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Items of Information

Chairman Puhr announced the next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 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:

LICENSES:

Arrow Ambulance, LLC dba Carle Arrow Ambulance-812 N. Franklin St.; and

#12-B. City Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for March 2016 stating a Beginning Balance on March 1, 2016, of \$17,517,999.24, Receipts of \$3,919,541.59, Disbursements of \$2,973,521.05, an Ending Balance on March 31, 2016, of \$18,464,019.78 and a Cash Balance of \$4,773,130.91.

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

#12-C..Chairman Nichols presented amended ORDINANCE NO. 9061 amending Chapter 111 of the City Code pertaining to Ambulances to change one (1) license to two (2) licenses to allow for competition and increased service to the Community, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Corporation Counsel Wesner reviewed the amended items throughout the ordinance and stated changes were made to Section 111.06(E) pertaining to the license renewal period being May 1 to April 30 changed from January 2 to January 1 with any licenses issued prior to the effective date of the ordinance shall expire on April 30, 2017 and Section 111.09(A) and (B) pertaining to emergency dispatch where no request is made by the patient, the City shall be broken into two (2) zones. Mayor Eisenhower stated the zones will be discussed in the future with the providers, if the ordinance is approved, to determine the appropriate dividing line and what should be taken into consideration when determining the zone line. He also stated it will be 60-90 days before the City will be up and running with two providers so there will be time to meet with the two entities. Questions from the Council were addressed to Steve Sparrow with Medix, Larry Sapp with Arrow Ambulance, Tim Compton with Pro Ambulance, Dr. Bloomstrand with Presence USMC and Presence Covenant, and Dr. Weir with Carle Hospital. After further discussion, Alderman Duncheon moved to amend language in Section 111.06(E) adding "Any license holder desiring to terminate their service within the City shall notify the City at least 60 days prior to such termination of service. Any license holder who does not intend to renew their license at the expiration of the current license period shall notify the City at least 30 days prior to the expiration of their license", seconded by Alderman Strebing. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion to amend the ordinance so ordered. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote on the ordinance as amended being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Foster and Brown

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

[The next Public Services Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.]

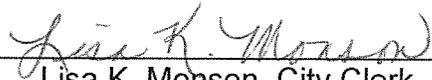
#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman Puhr announced the Midwest Veterans Association will have a fundraiser event for homeless veterans at the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, August 6th.
- Alderman Puhr announced the Vermilion County Conservation District "Cheeseburgers and Fun" event will be held on Saturday, August 13th at Kennekuk County Park.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:32 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Strebing 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 August 2, 2016, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 08/16/16
Posted Publicly: 08/17/16