

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

#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 Brenda Brown, Aldermen Jon Cooper, Dan Duncheon, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Michael O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, Michael Puhr, Lloyd Randle, Tom Stone, and Rickey Williams, Jr. Absent were R.J. Davis and Rick Strebing. A quorum was present. Aldermen Davis and Strebing arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Staff Members Present: City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom, City Clerk Lisa Monson, Budget Director Gayle Lewis, City Comptroller Shelley Scott, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Doug Ahrens.

There were also 6 audience members and 2 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Thomas Miller, Pastor of New Life Church of Faith, followed by

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

*[Aldermen Davis and Strebing arrived at 6:02 p.m. and took their seats at the dais.]*

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, August 15, 2017, and corrected minutes of July 18, 2017, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Cooper moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Randle. On the voice vote, the motion so ordered

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Alderman Brown moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Davis. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6....MAYOR’S REPORT

#6-A..Proclamations

Mayor Eisenhauer presented a Proclamation proclaiming September 5 – 10, 2017 as “Abby Foster Week”. Abby will be competing in the Miss America pageant on September 10th. Vice Mayor Brown moved to concur, seconded by Alderman McMahon. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6-B..Board/Committee Appointments

#6-B-1..Mayor Eisenhauer reappointed Pat O’Shaughnessy to the Housing Authority of the City of Danville Board, term to expire 09/2022. Alderman Stone moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Strebing. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#6-C...Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions

Administrator Finch asked the Council if they had questions in regards to the 2016 Police Survey Results that was reviewed at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Services Committee meeting. Alderman Randle

voiced concern of the low number of respondents for the report and would like to offer a suggestion to go the community again to see if we can get a broader response and recommends we utilize the asset of the DACC (Danville Area Community College) Criminal Justice Program to possibly get the kids involved in participating in a community wide survey where we can put them in locations in the City where they might be able to tap into a broader response to the survey. Administrator Finch responded she will call Alderman Randle to discuss his thoughts. Alderman Davis stated he was approached by three different pastors of churches who stated they were not aware of the survey. Administrator Finch responded she will let him know after the meeting who received a survey. Alderman Duncheon stated he is not so much interested in getting an accurate survey, but getting information and feedback that we might use to become better and that is the exact purpose of it as the more ideas and information you can get the better the value of the survey.

#6-D..Items of Information

- Mayor Eisenhower announced there will be activities at Douglas Park and Douglas Discovery Garden on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Thanks was extended to the Parks Department and the Danville Horseshoe Club from Mayor Eisenhower for a successful Illinois Horseshoe Tournament held at Douglas Park last weekend with pitchers competing from all over the State of Illinois.
- Mayor Eisenhower thanked everyone who watched or participated in the Labor Day parade held yesterday in Downtown Danville. There were 65 entries in the parade which lasted for two hours.

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

- Eugene "Radio" Thompson of Danville spoke concern of a violation letter received from code enforcement and stated he needed more time for abatement.
- Ed Butler of Danville and Danville NAACP President extended a thank you to Mayor Eisenhower, Director Thomason, and Aldermen Pickering and Davis for their participation in the peace marches. He would appreciate participation from all of the Aldermen and also reminded Aldermen to get to know your wards. He stated the Garfield Park basketball games went well this past summer and extended a thank you for the scoreboard. He is also trying to get put together a plan to put young people to work.
- Ed Nelson of Danville voiced concern of violation letters received from code enforcement regarding his property as he is on a fixed income and needs more time for abatement.

#8....ZONING PETITIONS – None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhower presented Payrolls for August 18, 2017, of \$559,270.79, for August 25, 2017, of \$70,386.60, and for September 1, 2017, of \$566,147.18. 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 Strebing, Pickering, O’Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams

Nays: None

Motion carried 14 to 0.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhower presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for August 22, 2017, of \$505,882.94, for August 23, 2017, of \$324.50, and for September



5, 2017 of \$984,660.55. Alderman Cooper moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Puhr. Alderman Pickering questioned the payment to J.T. Pierce Custom Lawn Care for mowing at 1499 E. Fairchild St. by asking why we are paying someone else to mow other than the contractor the City hired to mow. Director Ahrens believes that code enforcement has used other vendors to use direct mowing, but he would have to check with Director Schnelle. The contractor we hired to mow has all of the lots he is interested in so I do know they have reached out to other bidders as they had abatement. Mayor Eisenhauer stated also if there was an intersection being blocked due to high grass and weeds they were contracting those out to be mowed and then sending the property owner a bill as he is not sure if that is what happened in this case, but he will check into it. Alderman Pickering voiced concern of the overspending in the Streets Division Small Tools budget, especially during a budget crisis, and was asked to look into it so she looked back at previous budgets and in 2015-2016 the budget was \$7,000.00 and we spent \$28,000.00; in 2016-2017 we spent \$42,000.00 and already in four months of the current budget year we have spent \$17,000.00 so she stated she cannot vote for the accounts payable knowing we are spending money like this when we are in a crisis budget so that is why she will be voting "no". Mayor Eisenhauer stated in other departments that has certainly been the case as department 22 has overspent their small tools and equipment budget as well. Alderman Duncheon asked if the payment to Downtown Danville Inc. was for their payment in full and Mayor Eisenhauer responded "yes". There being no other questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Alderman Pickering

Motion carried 13 to 1.

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A...Items of Information

Alderman Puhr announced the next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

#12-A..City Clerk’s License Report, as follows:

BUSINESS LICENSE:

TOBACCO DEALER:

S.G.S. Food & Mart, Inc. dba Stroud Liquors – 418 S. Gilbert St.

#12-B..City Treasurer’s Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for April 2017 (amended) to amend the cash balance from \$5,884,277.64 to \$5,924,723.80 due to changes following the auditor’s visit in the General Fund, Infrastructure Development, Working Cash, and Civic Center funds; for May, 2017 showing a Beginning Balance on May 1, 2017, of \$17,737,075.68, Receipts of \$3,616,599.54, Disbursements of \$3,079,886.79, an Ending Balance on May 31, 2017, of \$18,273,788.43, with a Cash Balance of \$6,469,566.23; for June 2017 showing a Beginning Balance on June 1, 2017, of \$18,273,788.43, Receipts of \$4,068,468.36, Disbursements of \$5,156,740.16, an Ending Balance on June 30, 2017, of \$17,185,516.63, with a Cash Balance of \$5,404,680.97.

Alderman Strebing questioned the reason for the amended April Treasurer’s report and also asked why the reports are delayed for approval by Council. Treasurer Wilson responded the changes were necessary following the auditor’s visit for reclassification of food and beverage taxes and liquor taxes,

gas tax up, hotel tax down, State use tax up and transfers from working cash not recorded. She stated the delay was due to the auditor's visit to wait on changes and entries made by the Finance Division to amend the April report and then bring the May and June reports for approval. There being no further questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-C...Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2017-91 authorizing a Budget Amendment in Fire Division (022) Budget, to increase Other Revenues \$10,000.00, to account for billing to Mercy Housing Lakefront for Fire Services and Supplies for the period of 08/23/16 to 07/12/17, with funds to come from Miscellaneous Billings for Fire Services and Supplies provided, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without recommendation by Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 14 to 0.

#12-D...Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2017-92, approving Submission of 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application, in the amount of \$32,407.00, to be used jointly with Vermilion County, with the City's portion being \$18,148.00 to be used to pay overtime costs for personnel to staff focused patrols in high crime areas which gang violence and gun violence occur for the Police Division, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as discussed in Committee, but no Committee recommendation, seconded by Alderman Stone. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 14 to 0.

#12-E...Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2017-93, approving Submission of 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) Application, which would provide funding to the Fire Division for Technology upgrades, with the City's contribution to be \$14,900.00, which is 10% of the requested amount of \$149,000.00 with funds for the 10% match to come from the Capital Improvements Fund 302-302-00-55017, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as discussed in Committee, but no Committee recommendation, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 14 to 0.

#12-F...Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9110, amending Chapter 39 Pertaining to Personnel Policies, by amending Section D(2) of Ordinance Number 8945 by deleting the number "355.00" and replacing it with number "405.00" as well as amending the wage chart, as the position classification number shown for the Public Safety Secretary in Ordinance Number 8945 was incorrect and needs to be corrected, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman McMahon. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 14 to 0.

#12-G... Items of Information

*[The next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.]*

#13... ITEMS OF INFORMATION


- Alderman Williams reminded everyone Project Success will resume before and after school programs at South View and North Ridge starting next Monday and still have some slots at both sites. There are also a handful left at Laura Lee Fellowship House.
- Alderman Williams apologized for not being able to participate more in the summer peace marches as he had previous commitments. He also stated there are a couple of neighborhood associations in his ward that meet regularly, but recently there has not been a lot of participation from his constituents. There have been new residents to his ward so he will take a look at starting up meetings again.
- Alderman Pickering announced the Old Soldier's Home Neighborhood Group will meet Monday, September, 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at 308 Delaware St.
- Alderman Strebing voiced concern of a property on Fera Street that he has spoken concern of in the past as there is now a wrecked vehicle in front of the house and asked if someone could take a look at it. He also asked for paperwork on the selling of lots of what you can and cannot do with them.
- Alderman O'Kane announced the Ward 4 Neighborhood Groups will meet at Illini Skateland on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. He also announced the Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Tootsie Roll Drive will take place Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> on street corners and various businesses.
- Alderman Duncheon announced he will be the guest speaker at the Vermilion Heights Neighborhood Association group meeting that will take place Thursday.
- Alderman Randle extended appreciation to City of Danville for all of their support with the Corvettes for Education and Classic Car Show event for the Loretta Randle Scholarship fund. He stated Shelly Larson, Superintendent of Community Improvements, meets and exceeds our expectations.
- Alderman Davis stated his heart is heavy as two people were murdered in his ward on Labor Day and asked residents to help with keeping crime down as police cannot be everywhere at the same time. Many crimes are drug related and he asked people to report suspicious activity as there is a whole new flood of drug houses and pressure needs to be put on these houses.
- Alderman Pickering asked when the budget performance report will be received and Mayor Eisenhauer responded as soon as the Comptroller and Budget Director can get the product that we want to provide to you completed we will make sure you get it.
- Alderman Foster spoke on a different approach to the stormwater management fee situation and suggests the City consider other options such as the following:
  - Consider Direct City-Public Options (similar to the Sidewalk Programs): a) affected homes in the past can become eligible for special programs at their options – have them install a back flow valve for problem basements and we could possibly reimburse them with credits on the water-sewer bill or adding a clause to their own home-owner's policy and possibly earn a credit from the City. b) eligible yard and driveway flooding damage on eligible properties get reimbursed in the same manner;

- City Insurance Pools: a fund can be established to cover eligible claims for isolated water event for enrollees' (with past history) or whole areas of the City could become eligible with much smaller fees for each home than the storm water control plan's monthly fees. He spoke to Old National Insurance liability agent Toby Potter who gave him various solution ideas.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:55 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Williams and a second by Alderman Pickering.

  
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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 September 5, 2017, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 09/19/17  
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