

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 6, 2015

#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.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Scott Eisenhauer, Vice Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., Aldermen Brenda Brown, Jon Cooper, Steve Foster, Frank Hoskins, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Sherry Pickering, Michael O'Kane, Michael Puhr, Lloyd Randle, Tom Stone, and Rick Strebing. Absent was Alderman R.J. Davis. 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 David Wesner, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Human Resources Administrator Bill Westphal, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Doug Ahrens.

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

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend J. Michael Wright, Pastor of Carter Metropolitan CME Church, followed by

#3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Vice Mayor Williams.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, September 15, 2015, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Cooper moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Puhr. On the voice vote, the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Mayor Eisenhauer announced the removal of Item 12-A City Clerk's Report. There being no further changes, Alderman Brown moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Stone. 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 October 11, 2015 as "Allen Chapel AME Church 150th Anniversary Day". Vice Mayor Williams moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Hoskins. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Eisenhauer then read the proclamation and presented it to Pastor Perkins and Reverend Phelps.
- Mayor Eisenhauer presented a Proclamation proclaiming October 15, 2015 as "Kiwanis Pancake and Sausage Day". Alderman Strebing moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Puhr. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Eisenhauer then read the proclamation and presented it to Kiwanis members Pastor Dave Anderson and Matt Long.

#6-B..Board/Committee Appointments

Mayor Eisenhower announced the appointment of William "Bill" Bucher to replace Curtis Mettam, term to expire 09/2020 to the Danville Public Building Commission Board. Alderman Strebing moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Stone. On the voice vote the motion so ordered.

#6-C..Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions - None

#6-D..Items of Information

Corporation Counsel introduced Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom who stated she is excited and honored to serve as the City of Danville Assistant Corporation Counsel.

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

- Scott Heatherton of Danville, Coordinator of Reader's Route, DACC Adult Education Literacy Program, asked the City Council to consider honoring Danville Public Library Director Barbara Nolan in some special way as she will be retiring later in the month after four decades of service to the Community.
- Cyril Ostiguy of Danville, President of the Illiana Antique Auto Club, thanked the City for the additional space that was granted for their car show held during the Vermilion River Fall Festival at Ellsworth Park.
- Jan Ostiguy of Danville spoke concern of K-9 expenses and requested a report on tasks in which City K-9 dogs are trained to perform.

#8....ZONING PETITIONS - None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhower presented Payrolls for September 18, 2015 of \$540,848.68, September 25, 2015 of \$68,174.72 and October 2, 2015, of \$530,873.60. Alderman Foster 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 O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Brown, Hoskins, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhower presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, each having been published, posted, and distributed, for special run of September 21, 2015, of \$58,142.05, for regular run of September 22, 2015, of \$439,594.61, for regular run of September 29, 2015, of \$9,555.12, and for regular run of October 6, 2015, of \$760,505.16. Alderman Cooper moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Randle. Staff addressed questions of various vouchers, as follows:

- Daniel L. Ribbe Trucking, Inc. payment is for material hauling service. Director Ahrens stated the City would need to send more personnel in smaller trucks to transport the material and on a per tonnage basis it is less cost to have a vendor haul the material.
- Payment to Varsity Striping and Construction is for pavement marking installation at various locations;
- Funds used for payment to Paw-A-Day Inn K-9 Suites for K-9 expenses were donated by Doug Barnette;

There being no further questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A..Items of Information

- Chairman Puhr announced the next Public Works meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
- Chairman Puhr announced the possibility of a special Committee meeting before the City Council meeting on October 20 as the bid opening for the Poland Road Access Road will take place on Thursday, October 15. The access road is needed for the six acre development site located near Vermilion Street and Poland Road. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the item placed directly on the City Council agenda for October 20.

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-A..City Clerk’s Report – previously removed

#12-B..Chairman Nichols presented the City Treasurer’s Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for July 2015 stating a Beginning Balance on July 1, 2015, of \$16,952,439.07, Receipts of \$4,146,221.47, Disbursements of \$3,060,212.02, an Ending Balance on July 31, 2015, of \$18,038,448.52 and a Cash Balance of \$4,251,427.76, and August, 2015 stating a Beginning Balance on August 1, 2015, of \$18,038,448.52, Receipts of \$6,470,035.20, Disbursements of \$5,522,970.51, an Ending Balance on August 31, 2015, of \$18,985,513.21 and a Cash Balance of \$5,350,618.91, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Brown. There being no questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-C..Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9011 adopting a Supplement (S-49) to the City’s Code of Ordinances, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Foster. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-D..Items of Information

Chairman Nichols announced the Joint City/County Public Safety Building Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m. with the City’s Public Services Committee meeting immediately following.

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

#13-A..Presentation of Proposed 2015 Tax Levy

Mayor Eisenhauer presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015 Tax Levy and Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. The Tax Levy presentation included explanation of the Tax Levy formula, provided a detailed review of the proposed Tax Levy, and review of the Police Pension and Fire Pension Funds.

The proposed 2015 Tax Levy totals \$5,853,298.00, a decrease of 1.88% from 2014 if the \$2.00 monthly Public Safety Pension Fee is increased by \$4.00 per month to \$6.00 per month. If the \$2.00 monthly fee stays the same with no additional fee, the proposed 2015 Tax Levy totals \$6,427,298.00, an increase of 7.00% from 2014. The proposed 2015 Tax Levy totals \$6,724,298.00, an increase of 11.94% from 2014 without any fee. The City levies an amount; not a rate, as the City's EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) is not known until May and the tax rate cannot be calculated until the EAV has been determined. Over the last twelve years, the tax rate has increased five times, decreased four times, and remained stagnant twice. The challenges to the Levy were stated as follows:

- Police and Fire Pensions – Factors used to determine pension calculation includes number of active employees, number of inactive employees and dependents (Police has 72 inactive participants and 62 active participants with Fire having 84 inactive participants and 45 active participants. The only factor the Council has control over is active participants), salary (3% annual compounding COLA), investments, benefits (over 25 bills enacted into law from the Illinois State Legislature over last twenty-five years), poor investment concerns following 2001, 2008 and still have not recovered, and years of inappropriate funding up to 1991 yet in 1994 still over 50% funded and now near 30% funded.
- IMRF Pension – Investment returns not as strong following 2001, 2008 although did rebound this year;
- This year we will no longer use 7.50% as a return rate on investments, but now forced to use 6.75% due to horrible returns over the past ten years;
- Due to recent retirees in Fire, even though they haven't been replaced, there is a negative impact to the pension.

The good news in this levy is one of the bonds will be retired this fiscal year and therefore not included in next budget year thereby lowering the levy. The levied amount is higher than previous year with no money going to IMRF, FICA, or General Fund; rather than Property Tax contributing to General Fund, General Fund will abate the Property Tax with sales tax used to alleviate pressure on property tax. The levied amount breakdown is 29.57% to Police Pension, 37.10% to Fire Pension, 3.66% to Bond and Interest, and 29.67% to Library.

[Alderman Strebing left the meeting at 7:16 p.m. during presentation of the next item.]

Presentation of Proposed 2016-2017 Budget

Mayor Eisenhower presented a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of each Division budget included in General Fund and highlighted the process that was reached to create a balanced budget. He presented proposed recommendations from each department to balance the budget. He stated the General Fund Budget total is \$24,559,396.00 and projected general fund revenues presented are up 1.7%. Revenues used to budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 mirror the projected totals for fiscal year 2015-2016, which come mostly from State Sales Tax, which is up 1.5%, Home Rule Sales Tax, down 1.2%, Corporate Replacement Tax, up 13%, and State Income Tax, which is up 9%. The total expenditures are up 2.20% over last year's expenditures and the revenues exceed expenditures by \$4,613.00. The challenges to the Budget were stated as follows:

- State economy is a great concern due to no State budget in place. The State is withholding Video Gaming Receipts, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, money for DMT transfer zone and operations, threatening loss of other State funding and perhaps federal funding which is passed through the State. Also, there is the fear of losing LGDF (Local Government Distributive Fund) revenue, discussion of revenue to help balance the budget may be both good and bad, and lack of State budget may impact consumer spending, business expansion or location;

- Some concern about the national economy and its impact on consumer spending, business expansion or location;
- City will continue to hold down worker's compensation and liability claims;
- Negotiations and arbitrations; and
- Decrease in purchasing power with rising costs of materials and utilities.

The proposed budget does not include the following:

- Demolitions of Dilapidated Structures;
- Storm Water Management Projects; and
- Expenses Related to Special Projects

Mayor Eisenhower stated the Administration feels it is more pragmatic to utilize a dedicated, sustainable funding source rather than rely on property tax (through bonding) or current revenues. He also stated with a balanced budget the City continues to provide services that meet the needs of the residents in the most efficient and effective way possible, but does not address wants of Mayor, City Council, administration, or residents, but the daily challenge of determining dividing line between wants and needs of the community. After the presentation, Mayor Eisenhower addressed questions and stated discussion will take place each Tuesday with Special Study Sessions planned until final vote on the tax levy and budget by the Council on December 15, 2015.

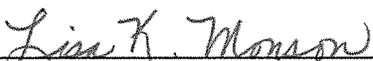
Other Items of Information

- Alderman Puhr announced a Stormwater Presentation will be given at the Danville Village Mall October 7th at 6:00 p.m. Director Schnelle announced the final data gathering meeting on the Stormwater plan will be held Wednesday, October 21 at the Public Works Facility at 5:30 p.m.
- Alderman Puhr requested an update on the Danville High School Improvement Project at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:56 p.m. following a motion by Vice Mayor Williams and a second by Alderman Hoskins.



 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 October 6, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

 Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 10/20/15
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