

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 17, 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 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 Brenda Brown, Aldermen Jon Cooper, R.J. Davis, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahan, Steve Nichols, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, Michael Puhr, and Lloyd Randle. Absent were Aldermen Dan Duncheon, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, and Rickey Williams, Jr. A quorum was present. Alderman Duncheon arrived at 6:01 p.m. and Alderman Williams arrived at 6:13 p.m.

Staff Members Present: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom, Budget Director Gayle Lewis, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Shelley Scott, Engineering & Urban Services Manager David Schnelle, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Human Resources Administrator Bill Westphal, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Planning & Urban Services Manager Christopher Milliken, Public Transportation Operations Supervisor Robert McNeil, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, and Public Works Director Doug Ahrens.

There were also 27 audience members and 3 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Ken McCray, Pastor of Higher Dimension Faith Center Church, followed by

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

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, October 3, 2017, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Randle 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 announced Item 12-A will be removed. Alderman Puhr moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

[Alderman Williams arrived at 6:13 p.m. and took his seat at the dais during presentation of the next item.]

#6....MAYOR'S REPORT

#6-A... Proclamations – None

#6-B... Board/Committee Appointments

#6-B-1... Fire Division Promotional Ceremony

Mayor Eisenhower administered the Oath of Office to each Fire Division personnel individually, beginning with Assistant Chief Todd Spicer, Assistant Chief David Millholland, Captain Timothy Heinrichs, Captain Jerome Sparks, Lieutenant Michael Morgan, and Lieutenant John Darby. Linda Bolton, Chairman of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners and Amy Hoose, Commissioner on the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners then presented each individual with the Board's Certificate of Appointment. After the swearing-in, each spoke a few words of appreciation and introduced family and friends present.

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

Alderman Foster reported the Vermilion Regional Airport Board met today and talked about the air show at length. The board took a vote and it was determined the air show will be back next year. The attendance was down due to the date so next year the date is going to be September 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2018 with hopes of getting the attendance back up to recover losses received this year.

#6-D....Items of Information - None

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

Vince Koers of Danville spoke regarding the Bresee Tower and stated one of the problems associated with the tower is if there is a fire the power should be disconnected before water is sprayed on the building. We have fought for years communicating with Corbin Corporation and the City could strengthen the situation if the City started condemnation procedures with this building with the intention of darkening the building to darken the antenna on top of the building and it would be safer to fight a fire and he thinks the City would have grounds to do that on the public safety point of view and he thinks the City might get a better response from Corbin Corporation if that antenna were dark.

#8.....ZONING PETITIONS

#8-A....Mayor Eisenhauer presented Special Use Permit #229, ORDINANCE NO. 9113, amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map for Petitioner McCormack Family Investments, LLC to allow for a Special Use Permit at 2721 N. Vermilion Street for climate controlled interior storage and mini-warehouses in the B3 General Business Zoning District. Alderman Cooper moved to concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to grant approval by a vote of 5 to 0 with 4 absent, seconded by Alderman McMahon. Attorney Steve Miller, representing McCormack Family Investments, LLC and Jennie Kirby, one of the developers of the project and an owner and operator with McCormack Family Investments, addressed questions and concerns from the Council. Alderman Randle voiced opposition to the project and feels the location is a prime retail area and this type of business is not suitable. Aldermen Brown, Puhr, and Foster voiced support of the project. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Aldermen Randle, Davis

Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing

Motion carried 10 to 2 with 2 absent.

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Eisenhauer presented Payrolls for October 6, 2017, of \$70,268.12, and for October 13, 2017, of \$549,302.33. Alderman Cooper moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

[Alderman Davis left the dais at 7:09 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Eisenhower presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for October 10, 2017, of \$384,605.16, and for October 17, 2017 of \$342,476.52.

Alderman Foster moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Davis, Stone, Strebing

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

[Alderman Davis returned to the dais at 7:10 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A... Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2017-103 authorizing Entry into Agreement with Vermilion County Land Bank Authority for the Purpose of Marketing Lots, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without Committee recommendation, seconded by Alderman Cooper. 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, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

[Alderman Davis left the dais at 7:13 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]

#11-B... Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2017-104 awarding Bid 588 for Asbestos Abatement Phase II to Schemel-Tarillion in the amount of \$60,180.00 for 520 Chandler St., the former Lincoln School Building, and to KAM Services in the amount of \$25,694.00 for 714 Garfield Place, with funding to come from the Community Development Block Grant Budget and the Community Reinvestment Fund (310) Budget, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval without Committee recommendation, seconded by Alderman Cooper. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Davis, Stone, Strebing

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

[Alderman Davis returned to the dais at 7:14 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]

#11-C... Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2017-105 amending Agreement to Hanson Professional Services for Engineering Services for Northwest Pump Station/Denmark Road Project, in the amount of \$57,020.00, for a total amended amount of \$611,368.00, with funds to come from MFT Funds, Section 16-00352-00-PV, line item number 103-6352P-16, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Cooper. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Alderman Pickering
Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing
Motion carried 11 to 1 with 2 absent.

#11-D... Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9114 waiving the requirements of Section 30.07 (A) of the Code, approving Purchase of Right-of-Way for the Voorhees Street Bridge Replacement, for 702 May Street, in the amount of \$300.00 to be purchased from J.D. and Kelly Gerling and for 918 N. Collett, in the amount of \$300.00 to be purchased from Christopher and Marissa Yochious, to be paid from MFT Funds, Section 08-00330-02-PV, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Cooper. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Williams, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Brown

Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-E... Items of Information

[The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.]

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-A... *[previously removed.]*

#12-B... Items of Information

Chairman Nichols announced the next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

#13... CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Duncheon moved to go into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Specific Employees and under Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Lease of Real Property, seconded by Alderman Foster. The roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Alderman Cooper

Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing

Motion carried 11 to 1 with 2 absent.

TIME: 7:16 p.m.

Vice Mayor Brown moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Alderman Foster. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Eisenhauer called the meeting back to order at 7:50 p.m. and announced there will be no action taken regarding Lease of Real Property under Item 13-B.

#13-B... *[previously removed.]*

#14... ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman Foster stated he was sorrowed to see the passing of Lou Mervis. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the passing of Mr. Mervis' is a huge loss, not only for his family, but for his extended family and friends as well as the Community. Danville will never be the same and he does not think everyone truly recognized the number of projects that he helped facilitate and negotiate

and was instrumental in bringing to Danville the number of times where the City was not in a position to purchase land as an incentive and so Mr. Mervis stepped up and did that. Those are things that are quite frankly unheard of in most communities this day and age and he was always willing ready and able committed to doing those things, quite honestly up to the day of his passing. It is a loss that this community will be very difficult to bear over the number of years to come when it becomes more recognizable for Danville and how he kept moving this community forward.

- Alderman Davis thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his mother during her recent hospitalization. He also appreciated the various comments during the discussion of the SU Permit #229 as it was a very good discussion.
- Alderman Puhr announced the passing of an active community member and former City employee Clyde Darnell.
- Alderman Williams feels proud of the young people at North Ridge Middle School for some of the work they have been doing. He invited everyone out next Thursday, October 26th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Lights on Afterschool program for elementary children at Laura Lee Fellowship House and Harrison Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for middle school and high school kids.

[Alderman Cooper left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. before presentation of the next item].

#15...Discussion of 2017 Tax Levy and Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Mayor Eisenhauer passed out several spreadsheets. Document #1: Allocate salaries in the enterprise funds to try to generate additional dollars for the general fund by offsetting those costs in enterprise funds. Document #2: Relates to making the budget more understandable at the respective of where we have moved funds from one division to another. Document #3: Storm and Sanitary Sewer Fund Budget to compare budget amount to actual amounts and increase in personnel due to moving Storm Water program into the Sewer Fund and increase in Contractual Services, Commodities and Capital due to moving Storm Water program into the Sewer Fund. Document #4: Scenarios which include informational columns with the Police Pension increasing from \$2,893,000.00 in 2016 to \$3,688,575.00 in 2017; Fire Pension increasing from \$3,318,000.00 in 2016 to \$4,147,500.00 in 2017; and the Library increasing from \$1,800,911.00 in 2016 to \$1,866,800.00 in 2017 for a total of \$1,690,964.00. The first scenario shows no change in the property tax rate but an increase in a revenue in 2017 for a 0.00% increase and a Tax Rate of \$2.0430. The second scenario shows property tax and other revenue increase in 2017 for a 10.85% increase for a Tax Rate of \$2.2647. The third scenario shows if all pension obligation was placed on property tax for a 62.95% increase and a \$3.3289 Tax Rate. The fourth scenario shows if all pension obligation was placed on Public Safety Fee at \$67.13 monthly for a -68.65% increase and a Tax Rate of \$0.6405. Document #5: Blended Property Tax-Public Safety Pension Fee with Plan to Retire Pension Debt. Mayor Eisenhauer stated the actuarial report was received today from Lauterbach and Amen and they will give their presentation to the Council at the November 7th meeting. There is an increase in the new numbers over what we projected. He reviewed each document especially documents four and five. The blended Property Tax-Public Safety Pension fee plan would generate \$9,709,130.00 total revenue the first year to \$24,803,281.00 in year 2040 which creates a tiered system with the higher your property tax amount the lower you would pay in public safety pension and conversely those who pay little to no in property tax would pay more in a public safety pension. Pension payment growth would be projected at 25% the first year, 16% the second year and 9% the third year followed by 3.25% growth each of the remaining 19 years. Library growth would be projected at 2% annually. Revenue growth from the public safety pension fee and property taxes would be at 10% increases each of the first five years then 3% increases in the tax rate and fee each of the remaining 17 years.

Mayor Eisenhower stated it will be a big hit in the first year, but it is to be the starting line. This is a proposal to get to a little bit more consistency in what residents pay in both property taxes and pension fee. This plan also tries to put the City on a path with reasonable growth rates. Discussion ensued from the Council regarding the blended plan.

[Alderman Williams left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. during discussion of the previous item.]

#16...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:06 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Nichols and a second by Alderman McMahon.



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 17, 2017, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 11/07/17

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