DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 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, R.J. Davis, Steve Foster, Frank Hoskins, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Sherry Pickering, Michael O'Kane, Michael Puhr, Lloyd Randle, Tom Stone, and Rick Strebing. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bethany Nystrom, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Gayle Lewis, Corporation Counsel David Wesner, Engineering & Urban Services Director David Schnelle, Planning Technician Ross Hilleary, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Doug Ahrens.

There were also 6 audience members and 3 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Ken Cameron, Pastor of Danville Alliance Church, followed by
#3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman McMahon.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, November 17, 2015, 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. There being no changes, Alderman Cooper 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 - None

#6-B..Board/Committee Appointments
#6-B-1) Mayor Eisenhauer presented the appointment of Alberto Bello to the Danville Public Library Board, to replace Tricia Teague, with term to expire July, 2019 and asked for concurrence. Alderman Puhr moved to concur, seconded by Alderman McMahon. There being no questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

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

#6-D..Items of Information

- Mayor Eisenhauer announced there is a pledge poster located in the City Council Chambers to promote the "It Can Wait" campaign sponsored by AT&T Illinois which encourages safe driving and to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving. The pledge is to no longer text and drive. High school students from Danville High School and First Baptist School and State and local leaders signed the pledge at City Hall on Monday, November 30. Students from Danville High School, First Baptist School and Schlarman Academy will be promoting the pledge. He

#7-B..PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was opened by Mayor Eisenhauer. Aldermen received updated copies of the Proposed Budget showing a total budget of $55,006,738.00 minus the departmental transfers of $8,650,091.00 for a grand total of $46,356,647.00 as well as updated copies of the Proposed Budget line item by line item. A summary review of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget was given by Mayor Eisenhauer noting the following:

- The Budget Summary shows a list of General Fund Expenditures and Revenues with an anticipated $25,865,304 in General Fund Expenditures; $3,198,669.00 in General Fund Receipts with $22,666,634.00 required from General Fund a surplus of $5,536.00 at the end of the year which indicates the General Fund is balanced;
- Some increases, decreases in revenues budgeted with total General Fund expenses projected to increase 7.75%, which includes all interfund transfers and abatements with General Fund surplus of revenues over expenditures expected to be $5,536.00;
- Public Works total budget up 2.00%;
- Urban Services and Engineering total budget down 0.25%;
- Public Affairs total budget up 16.94% with abatements to offset the property tax levy from the General City Government budget which increased 24.75% ;
- Public Safety total budget up 7.45% due to the Public Safety fee receipts which will be going to the General Fund receipts then being transferred to the pension funds so this is considered a pass through;
- The billing and collection for the Sewer, Solid Waste, and Public Safety fees is an annual cost of $210,000.00 which will be split three ways among the Sewer Fund, Solid Waste Fund and General Fund.
- There is a reduction in the Public Works Maintenance of Storm Sewers to allow for the $70,000.00 cost to cover the billing and collection of the Public Safety fee in the General Fund.
- Comptroller Lewis reminded everyone Harrison Park Golf Course is on a calendar year so their budget has already passed. She also stated the 2007 Debt Service Fund is showing a negative balance because the City is going to pay a bond forward and will be paid out of the reserve.

There were no Aldermanic comments pertaining to the Budget. Mayor Eisenhauer opened the floor for Public Comment at 6:32 p.m. Clerk Monson called for public comments on the proposed 2015 Tax Levy and Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The following audience member addressed the Council:

Lynn MClinden of Danville expressed appreciation for the work on the budget and compared it to running a $55,000,000.00 a year corporation and stated that is a heavy responsibility that requires a lot of homework and seriousness of purpose and general public spiritedness. As far as the particulars of the tax levy I appreciate that you are holding the line at $2.05 and do think that it was prudent and necessary to increase the Public Safety fee which is a good move to help broaden the burden to a wider base of payers and spread out onto the users of the fee. As far as the Budget, the General Fund coming out with a $5,000.00 surplus is good.

There being no further public comments, Mayor Eisenhauer concluded the Public Hearings for the 2015 Tax Levy and the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 by stating the Tax Levy and Budget will continue to be on public display and that final action will take place at the regular Council meeting on December 15.

Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster
Nays: None
Motion carried 14 to 0.

#12-C..Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2015-131 authorizing application to USEPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency) Brownfields Assessment Grant Program, to apply for a $400,000.00 grant to pursue the redevelopment and reuse of vacant and underutilized sites within the community, requiring no local matching funds, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Alderman Hoskins asked Director Schnelle for his thoughts on the chances of receiving the grant. Director Schnelle stated the grants are becoming more competitive and because the City received one in the last round of applications the chances are decreased and due to the criteria being changed it is also more challenging to receive a Brownfields Assessment Grant. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Hoskins, Davis, McMahon, Stone, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Brown
Nays: None
Motion carried 14 to 0.

#12-D..Chairman Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9013 amending Chapter 117 Pertaining to Public Safety Fee, to increase the fee by $2.00 per month per structure to $4.00 per month per structure and delete the term "Pension" from the title of Chapter 117 and the heading of Section 117.01 to state "Public Safety Fee", moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Foster. Alderman Foster stated he only had one constituent call him against the fee increase, but she also felt it was a more equitable way to pay for pension costs than paying more through property taxes. He also believes that a large portion of the community supports the fee increase and he voiced support of the fee increase. Vice Mayor Williams voiced opposition to the fee increase and stated he had several people tell him they were against it, but he also had a couple of people tell him they supported the fee increase. He also stated the City is spending $4,000,000.00 more than last year which is $3,000,000.00 above and beyond what is needed for the additional pension payment. He feels like the City should be tightening its belt on expenditures in other areas and feels that every year he has been on the Council, the City has increased a tax or fee. He is concerned with the creation of the two new positions and the cost involved with the benefits and salaries. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen McMahon, Stone, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper, Puhr, Foster, Hoskins
Nays: Aldermen Davis, Williams, Nichols, Brown
Motion carried 10 to 4.

#12-E..Items of Information
Alderman Puhr asked if notification had been sent pertaining to a change in which the County now issues raffle license. Clerk Monson stated she will send a press release notifying the public of the change.
[The next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.]
#13...<u>REVIEW AND PLACE ON PUBLIC DISPLAY</u>
Mayor Eisenhauer presented Items 13-A through 13-J for review and asked that all items be placed on public display until the December 15, 2015 Council meeting. There being no objections to take

stations open and Mayor Eisenhauer responded we have all four fire stations operating today with 43 firefighters. Alderman Pickering asked if Mayor Eisenhauer has suggested the closing of a fire station and Mayor Eisenhauer stated his belief is the City could function with three fire stations; not four fire stations, but what I have also said is it is not represented in any way the budget and when once we receive the ruling from the ULP that was filed against us by the Fire Division then we will determine whether or not we have the authority to move forward with closing of which fire station I deem best fit for the City. There being no further discussion, Mayor Eisenhauer asked for a voice vote. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#15...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman McMahon stated Illini Skateland hosted the Land of Lincoln Speed Skating Invitational last weekend with 200 skaters participating from across the region.
- Alderman Strebing thanked Director Schnelle for their work with the new South Griffin Street Bridge. He also thanked the Solid Waste employees for going above and beyond especially during strong winds when they exit the trucks to pick up blown over toters.
- Alderman Puhr asked if the Council will have more detailed reports for Fire Division response times and Mayor Eisenhauer responded "yes".
- Comptroller Lewis stated the audit has been extended and have filed with the State and Federal government due to having trouble getting information from the actuary and the investment broker for GASB 67. The information is now completed and the auditor's should have the audit complete within the next two weeks.

#16...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#17...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:00 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Strebing and a second by Alderman McMahon.

Lisa K. Monson

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 December 1, 2015, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 12/15/15
Posted Publicly: 12/16/15