DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 19, 2021

#1. THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

[Due to Coronavirus, COVID-19 the meeting was conducted in a combination of in person and virtual attendance through audio/video access using a virtual meeting platform to maintain social distancing during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and Public Act 101-0640. The meeting was streamed live on the City of Danville website's homepage: www.cityofdanville.org.]

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. [physically present]. Elected Officials Present via Videoconference were Vice Mayor Bob Iverson, Aldermen Brenda Brown, Sharon McMahon, Michael O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, Aaron Troglia, Robert Williams, and Darren York. Absent were Aldermen R.J. Davis and Dan Duncheon. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Physically Present: City Clerk Lisa Monson and Information Technology Assistant Administrator Aaron Weaver.

Staff Members Present via Videoconference: City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Fire Chief Don McMasters, Police Chief Chris Yates, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter.

Various members of the public and media joined the electronic meeting via YouTube live video streaming.

#2. INVOCATION was given by Alderman Brenda Brown, followed by

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

#4. THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, January 5, 2021, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Pickering moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman McMahon. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5. THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Alderman Williams moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Troglia. 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
Mayor Williams presented Items 1 and 2 for a single vote, and asked for concurrence for two board appointments. Alderman Pickering moved to concur, seconded by Alderman Puhr. Mayor Williams stated he asked Alderman Brown to serve on the boards as she has a strong accounting background and ethics to help watch over the pension funds for the City and she gladly accepted. Those appointments being:

1. Appointment of Brenda Brown to Firemen’s Pension Board, term to expire April, 2024; and
2. Appointment of Brenda Brown to Policemen’s Pension Board, term to expire April, 2022.

There being no questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.
#6-C...Reports of Boards, Agencies, Commissions
Administrator Finch thanked Mayor Williams, Council Members and the community for helping the MLK Committee have a successful 2021 King Celebration. She enjoyed Mayor Williams’s comments during the services. Mayor Williams stated it was strange not having everyone in attendance, but he felt the spirit of unity. We still have some trying times ahead of us, but if we work together and be good stewards, we can still accomplish many things. He acknowledged Caleb Campbell who won the $4,000.00 scholarship and praised him for an outstanding, encouraging and inspiring speech. Administrator Finch will forward the speech to the Aldermen. He thanked Administrator Finch, Mrs. Mary Thompson, and the MLK Committee for a fantastic job on a wonderful service. The service has been viewed over 1,000 times on the St. James United Methodist Church Facebook page. Alderman Brown asked if the scholarship recipient could read their speech at one of the City Council meetings and Mayor Williams stated he will be invited to read his speech at the first City Council meeting in February. Alderman Williams commended Mayor Williams, Administrator Finch, and the MLK Committee for an excellent program presented for the Martin Luther King celebration. He missed the march this year, but everything else was wonderful. Mayor Williams praised the soloists who sang during the service and Vice Mayor Iverson stated one of the soloist is a lady from his church, First Presbyterian Church and can be heard every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Mayor Williams reminded everyone that contributions are still being accepted with checks payable to the MLK Committee and mailed to City Hall, 17 W. Main St., Danville, IL 61832.

#6-D...Items of Information
Mayor Williams asked everyone to keep Alderman Davis in prayer as he is hospitalized with COVID-19. Mayor Williams stated he had permission to make the announcement. Mrs. Davis had Coronavirus as well, but is doing better. Alderman Brown stated she has spoken to Alderman Duncheon and she has been sick with COVID-19 as well. Mayor Williams asked for prayers for Alderman Duncheon also.

#7....PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None
#8....ZONING PETITIONS – None

#9....PAYROLL
Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of January 8, 2021, of $74,243.61 and for run of January 15, 2021, of $712,458.49. Vice Mayor Iverson moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Poshard. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Stone, Williams, Troglio, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE
Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed for a special run of January 8, 2021, of $361,011.10, for January 12, 2021, of $362,066.88 and for January 19, 2021, of $206,303.63. Alderman McMahon moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Troglio, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
#11-A...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-7 Authorizing Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant allowing reimbursement to the City for wages for officers conducting traffic enforcement and safety details for 10/1/2021 to 09/30/2022, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Chairman Puhr explained this item would normally fall under the Public Services Committee, but Chief Yates received permission from himself and Chairman McMahon to take it to the Public Works Committee due to timing of the grant application. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-B...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-8 Authorizing Franchise Agreement for Cable Television Service with Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio, LLC with the term of the Franchise Agreement to be ten (10) years from the effective date and the City to collect the maximum permissible Franchise Fee of five percent (5%) of Gross Revenues, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Troglia. Chairman Puhr clarified the resolution is for cable television only and is not for internet. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-C...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-9 Authorizing Budget Amendment in Harrison Park Fund (400) to Create Line Item 400-400-00-46155 Reimburse Processing Fees in the amount of $7,500.00 to Facilitate Receipt of Credit Card Fees to make a one-time transfer of $5,360.00 to 400-400-00-46155 Reimburse Processing Fees to come from Line Item 400-400-00-46090 Other Revenues where processing fees have been received year to date and amend the budget to Increase Expense Line Item 400-400-00-52030 Credit Card Company Fee in the amount of $7,500.00, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-D...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10 Approving Amendment of Agreement for Engineering Services with Clark-Dietz in the amount of $310,225.00 (previously $252,800.00) for Realignment and Improvements to W. Williams from Robinson to Logan and Authorizing Budget
Amendment in Motor Fuel Tax Fund (103); the purchase order amended to $310,225.00 with the additional funding provided through a line item transfer from 103-103-20-55000 (Capital Improvements Program) to 103-103-20-66036 (West Williams Reconstruction), and appropriating MFT funds for Section 20-00361-00-PV, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebking. Alderman McMahon asked for an explanation of the realignment. Chairman Puhr responded there will eventually be a "S" curve. Engineer Cole explained from Robinson Street to Chandler Street is where the realignment will take place with the biggest offset at Harmon Street where it is currently misaligned. He also stated there is a map included in the upcoming item. Alderman Poshard asked if the railroad tracks on W. Williams Street are exempt and Engineer Cole responded he does not know the exact language, whether it is exempt or abandoned, but the railroad track at that location is rarely used and the tracks will remain. Chairman Puhr stated the City will continue negotiations with Kirchner Lumber for relocating their storage area to the north of the current location. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane

Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-E...Chairman Puhr presented ORDINANCE NO. 9306 Approving Purchase of Real Property for Williams Street Realignment Project, waiving the requirements of Section 30.07(A) of the Code of Ordinances and the purchase of 502 Robinson St. from Willard Cameron, Jr. in the amount of $7,000.00, 509 W. Williams St. from Paul Baldwin in the amount of $1,000.00 and 519 W. Williams St. from Frederick Neubert, a land exchange with current owner at 614 W. Williams St. located at the southeast corner of W. Williams St. and Chandler St. This purchase along with any fees and costs associated with completion of the transaction to be paid for from line item 107-107-00-52058 Infrastructure Development, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Troglia. Chairman Puhr stated the property is to the north on the jog that was previously a taxicab business. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson

Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-F...Items of Information
- Director Carpenter reported there were two minor call-outs for snow/winter weather events last weekend. There will be overtime from the Street Department for the call-outs.
- Director Carpenter stated Ron Kiser, retired longtime Parks employee, passed away January 15, 2021. He asked to keep Mr. Kiser’s family in prayer.

[The next Public Works Committee meeting will take place by videoconference on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.]

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT
#12-A...Chairman McMahon presented RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11 Approving Application for Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) 2021 Small Equipment Grant for COVID-19 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) up to $26,000.00 for 100% match with 0% local match, moved to dispense
with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Brown. Chairman McMahon explained Chief McMasters received permission to bring the resolution straight to City Council due to the timing of the grant application submission. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Puhr, York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-B...Items of Information
Chairman McMahon announced the next Public Services Committee meeting will take place by videoconference on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

#13...CLOSED SESSION
Alderman Pickering moved to go into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Specific Employees and Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Pending Litigation, seconded by Alderman Troglia. The roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen York, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr
Nays: None
Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent. TIME: 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Williams announced no action will be taken after closed session.

Alderman Pickering moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Vice Mayor Iverson. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order at 6:46 p.m.

#14...ITEMS OF INFORMATION
#14-A-1) COVID-19 Update and Discussion on Pandemic
Mayor Williams stated he has received questions regarding vaccinations. Currently Vermilion County is in Phase 1B Vaccine Distribution, which is for anyone age 65 and over, the first responders and for County and State officials. He is getting clarification from Vermilion County Health Department (VCHD) to see if City officials are included in Phase 1B. Vermilion County Health Department hopes to have a system up online by the middle of the week for vaccine registration if the individual meets the criteria. Alderman Williams received the Moderna vaccination Tuesday from the Veterans Administration and urges everyone to receive the vaccination, as some individuals seem resistant to it. Mayor Williams stated the media has contacted him and he has agreed to take the vaccine publicly at which time it is available to him. His hope is to ease fears that people have about taking the vaccine. Alderman Pickering clarified Region 6 has moved up a tier. Mayor Williams stated “yes” and announced Region 6 has moved to Tier 1 so bars and restaurants can return to indoor seating at 25% capacity or 25 persons per room, whichever is lower. Bars and restaurants should be closed 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Also, cultural facilities are able to reopen if they choose to, so we are headed in the right direction as today we were at 6.5%. Alderman Pickering asked if that includes the bowling alley and Mayor Williams responded if they service food, it is his understanding they should be able to open. Alderman Puhr stated video gaming is able to be turned back on today and Mayor Williams stated yes it was. Mayor Williams encouraged the Aldermen to read their e-mails for any COVID-19 updates.
#15...ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:51 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Pickering and a second by Vice Mayor Iverson.

___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 January 19, 2021, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

___Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk___

Approved: 02/02/21
Posted Publicly: 02/03/21