

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 4, 2020

#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., Vice Mayor Bob Iverson, Aldermen Brenda Brown, Sharon McMahon, Michael O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, Aaron Troglia, and Robert Williams. Aldermen R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, Steve Foster, and Michael Puhr were absent. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, Deputy City Clerk Megan Mudd, GIS Coordinator Adam Aull, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Interim Fire Chief Don McMasters, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter. There were eight audience members and two news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Reverend Ryan Harris, Pastor, The Assembly Danville Church, followed by

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

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, January 21, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Strebing 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 Brown moved for approval, seconded by Alderman McMahon. 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 announced the appointment of Alderman Sherry Pickering as Chairman, Vice Mayor Bob Iverson and Alderman Tom Stone, City of Danville Property Code Inspector Rick Brown, Adam Stuhr, Carolyn Wands, and Nancy O’Kane as members to the Danville Housing Committee. Mayor Williams also announced that in the advisory capacity there will be Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV and as a non-voting member Alderman Aaron Troglia. Mayor Williams stated he appreciates the Aldermen and community members that are willing to serve, also stating there are some big issues to tackle in the community and I have every faith that you will help us find the remedies we need to move forward in the best manner, so thank you very much for your service. Alderman Strebing moved to concur, seconded by Alderman McMahon. There being no questions or further discussion, 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 Williams announced that The Assembly Danville Church was kind enough to provide \$5 gift cards to all of us from Mad Goat Coffee so that we could go out and have a cup of coffee or tea some time so we really appreciate that.

- Mayor Williams announced that Chairman Foster is absent tonight because he is under the weather so Vice Chairman McMahon will be leading the Public Services Committee report tonight.
- Mayor Williams announced that he asked Chairman Puhr to represent the City over at the Sol Systems meeting regarding the possible installation of solar panels on land near the Aqua IL water treatment plant so Vice Chairman Strebing will be leading the Public Works Committee report tonight.

[Alderman Davis arrived at 6:24 p.m. during the presentation and took his seat at the dais]

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

#7-A) Presentation on Report it!

Adam Aull, GIS Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation and highlighted the following information:

- The new Report It! App is a replacement for the Our Danville App. It is a simple and effective solution for our citizens to report problems within our City.
- Solution Goals for this app were security, staff development, simple to use, routing the cases to case managers/staff, ready by 2020, and no cost since the app was designed and built in-house on our existing system.
- Solution Development included database design, programming, configuration, an alpha test to make sure everything was working property, training with staff, and then a Beta test from the fall to the winter internally to make sure that we were working out as many bugs as possible before releasing it to the public.
- Solution Deployment so that the app could be utilized on the City website as a web link. There is no download for the application, so you would go to the City of Danville.org website and click on the logo and there is no signup involved. You do not have to create an account or submit your email address because we eliminated all of that. Most of the main browsers work well with this application such as Google, Firefox, Safari, except Microsoft Edge which is not compatible. There is citizen and staff entry so that either a citizen can enter the information themselves or administrative staff can enter as well if a citizen were to call in with the specific information.
- Solution Components will allow the citizens to see the Report it! App and they will have access to a dashboard that gives them some statistical information about the reports and they will be able to query and filter results by ward or by type of report and the staff has a manager application where they can administer these reports, such as what the progress status is or what the notes are according to the stage that the process is in.

Coordinator Aull proceeded with a live demonstration of the Report It! App for the City Council. Alderman Stone asked for clarification on which people would be answering phones to take in the condition reports. Coordinator Aull replied that if someone does not have access to a computer or mobile device they can call City staff and then that staff member would be able to log the information directly for them and go thru the system just as if they were entering it themselves. Alderman Stone asked if there will be a preferred number for that call or is it something we are going to publish. Coordinator Aull replied that right now the Legal department is set up and the Public Works department because that is where most of the calls come in, but anyone who has access to the City of Danville website that receives a call can enter the information instead of transferring the call around. Alderman Stone asked if there would be something set-up for after hour calls like a voice menu or voicemail and Coordinator Aull replied that we do not have anything like that right now but it will probably work like a regular voicemail right now, if a citizen calls after hours with the information then whichever staff members receives that voicemail in the morning would then enter the information in. Alderman Troglia asked if the reports go to an inspector and Coordinator Aull replied that yes once

the problem is submitted, the system identifies which zone it is for that specific code enforcement inspector. They have an email directly on their phone that alerts them to the new case and then they can go in and administer it as needed. Mayor Williams added that some things they will not be notified on such as a pothole, which would go to a specific person at Public Works. Mayor Williams accepted a question from the audience and further discussion ensued. The City Council thanked Coordinator Aull for his work over the last year in developing this app for the citizens of Danville and for the cost-savings to the City as well. Coordinator Aull stated the old Our Danville app was about \$11,000.00 per year that we are now able to put back into our budget because of this new one being created and used in-house.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Melissa Brandon of Danville voiced concern regarding crime in her neighborhood and landlord responsibilities. She stated that since a lot of section 8 vouchers have been handed out a lot of people are being displaced throughout the community and we have had some issues with rental property, such as people coming in and basically not abiding by or respecting other neighbor's property and space. Mainly we have had issues with loud music from one neighbor and we have called the police several times. They have been issued tickets and have been to court and it is still ongoing. There was actually two, possibly three tickets to that one person this weekend and it is so bad that it's still loud sometimes at 5:00 in the morning. I work all hours since I work at Quaker so sometimes I'm working seven to seven every day until the fourteenth day and then I get a day off. We have done everything we can as far as conversing, and we don't know what else to do. So we would like to know what the landlord's responsibility is in a situation like this. We have also been hearing rumors of the possibility of cameras being installed in different neighborhoods and what do we need to do to have a camera installed in our area. Mayor Williams stated he would be talking with Chief Yates and would follow up with her regarding the first issue. Also with any kind of state award there are stipulations and etcetera that sometimes make it take a little longer than it normally would for you or I to enact a project, so long story short we are just waiting for the final steps and then we will be placing cameras at various areas throughout the community. One thing that we are not doing is sharing where those are located because we don't want to tip off anyone but I did hear your address and let's just say in areas where there have been high activity there will likely be monitoring.
- President Ed Butler of the Danville NAACP stated that next Tuesday there will be a celebration in honor of Ivaldale Foster in the Board Chambers at the Vermilion County Administration Office. They will be dedicating their meeting room to her at 6:00 p.m. so anyone that is able to attend should stop by to help celebrate the special occasion.
- Carolyn Wands of Danville thanked the City Council for the demolition of buildings in west downtown. She has lived there for almost 20 years and is seeing great changes around that area now. There is a lot of excitement from people attending the neighborhood meetings now so we thank you and all of your work is greatly appreciated.

#8....ZONING PETITIONS – None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of January 24, 2020, of \$64,705.21, and for run of January 31, 2020, of \$531,849.21. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Foster, Puhr

Motion carried 10 to 0 with 4 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for special run of January 24, 2020, of \$1,000.00, for run of January 28, 2020, of \$226,658.23, for special run of January 29, 2020, of \$24,660.16, and for run of February 4, 2020, of \$555,852.93. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Iverson. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Davis, Duncheon, Foster, Puhr

Motion carried 10 to 0 with 4 absent.

#11...PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A... Items of Information

- Director Carpenter reported his department and staff are preparing for any snow that may show up tomorrow.
- Vice Chairman Strebing announced the next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-B... Items of Information

- Mayor Williams stated he would like to thank Interim Chief McMasters and his department for their efforts in the three fires that were going simultaneously last night.
- Vice Chairman McMahon announced the next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

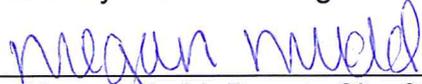
Alderman Williams stated that February is Black History Month and it was established back in 1976 to celebrate the struggles and achievements of blacks in our society. We in Danville have come a long way in the last 20 or so years and we are fortunate to have our first African-American Mayor, Rickey Williams, Jr., and three African Americans on our council, Alderman Brown, Alderman R.J. Davis, and myself. It seemed like an impossible dream years ago when I grew up here in Danville, but now we have an African American Superintendent of Schools and several elementary principals that are all African Americans, as well as coaches and others. This was impossible years ago, so we have come a long way, but Danville still has a long way to go. We are faced with many items such as crime, poverty, health issues, housing issues, and homelessness and these are the things the Council needs to be addressing in the months to come. I hope we will be able to accomplish a lot of these, and we have a pretty good team here and we are up to the task of facing these issues. I just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that February is Black History Month.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

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#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:36 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Pickering and a second by Alderman Troglia.



Megan Mudd, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 02/18/20

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