

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019

#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 Brenda Brown, Aldermen Jon Cooper, R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Steve Nichols, Michael O’Kane, Sherry Pickering, Mike Puhr, Lloyd Randle, and Rick Strebing. Absent was Alderman Tom Stone. A quorum was present.

Staff Members Present: City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Shelley Scott, Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Safety Director Larry Thomason, and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter. There were also 14 audience members and 4 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Rev. Daniel Offett, Director, Danville Rescue Mission, followed by #3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Alderman Randle.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, January 15, 2019 having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Randle moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Vice Mayor Brown moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Cooper. 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 – None

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

#6-D...Items of Information

#6-D-1) Introduction by MLK Chair Mary Thompson of the 2019 Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Recipient Cedrick Wilson, Jr.

Mayor Williams introduced Mrs. Mary Thompson, MLK Committee Chair, who thanked Mayor Williams, the City Council and the Community for their support enabling the Committee to continue to award the scholarship. Mrs. Thompson noted 2019 is the 23rd year for the scholarship. She then introduced the 2019 MLK Scholarship Recipient Cedrick Wilson, Jr., who presented his MLK essay “I Have a Dream”.

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

- Jerry Hawker of Danville voiced concern of the Administration and Council for not reviewing the budget line item by line item and stated we are going to be asking the general public for \$221,467.00 yet we say the rate is going to stay the same at \$2.26 as it does not matter what the rate is, but it matters how much more money the Administration is taking out of the people who live here and work here. He also voiced concern of a grant totaling over \$200,000.00 was

lost by the City as the funds were to be used to cover demolitions and adequate paperwork was not forwarded on to the federal government and the State and now the City is going to have to make-up for the funds. He hopes somebody answers for losing \$200,000.00 of taxpayer's money. He has not heard anything about this and according to the records he looked at, it happened months ago.

- Carolyn Wands of Danville thanked Mayor Williams and the City Council for serving the Community and spoke concern of housing in Vermilion County, especially the mixed-income units proposed by the Housing Authority of the City of Danville in the downtown area as her fear is density and suggested scattered housing as public transportation is close to most neighborhoods.

#8.....ZONING PETITIONS - None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Williams presented Payrolls for January 18, 2019, of \$598,485.26, for January 25, 2019, of \$189,171.61, and for February 1, 2019 of \$523,403.73. Alderman Randle 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 Puhr, Nichols, Foster, Brown, Duncheon, Davis, McMahon, Williams, Strebing, Pickering, O'Kane, Randle, Cooper

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Stone

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for January 22, 2019, of \$342,159.49, and regular run of February 5, 2019, of \$870,545.36. Alderman Cooper moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Stone

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 Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. He announced discussion will take place in the Solid Waste Division pertaining to large garbage set outs.

#12...PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

#12-A...Chairman Nichols presented City Treasurer's Report for November 2018 for approval, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Duncheon. The report as follows: Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for November 2018 stating a Beginning Balance on November 1, 2018, of \$17,561,082.53, Audit Adjustments 04/30/18 to Cash, of (\$8,733.02), Adjusted 10/31/18 Balance, of \$17,552,349.51, Receipts of \$4,699,878.37, Disbursements of \$6,295,259.85, an Ending Balance on November 30, 2018, of \$15,956,968.03 and a Cash Balance of \$8,244,577.36.

There being no questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-B...Chairman Nichols presented RESOLUTION NO. 2019-5 authorizing the Write-Off of Delinquent Accounts totaling \$55,393.22 in uncollectible accounts and release all remaining liens on properties that are to be written off for the purposes of bankruptcy, death, or dissolution of business totaling \$28,768.93, as recommended by Committee, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Alderman Strebing questioned if the City was going to try to pursue to collect some of the money and Mayor Williams responded not the accounts on the list attached to the resolution, but the staff in the Finance and Legal Divisions are working to pursue other outstanding collections as delinquent accounts have not been gone after in years. Corporation Counsel Wesner explained typically we try to do the write-offs at least once a year, but one thing he has always noted is, if for some reason, some money comes in for these, obviously it will be receipted and go against what we have suggested to be written off, it is more of an accounting and auditing issue, just to make sure, if we are fairly certain we are not going to see any collection, we might as well write it off so it does not look like a receivable and count as that fashion. There are certain circumstances where there are things left in place like a foreclosure that may wipe off the lien, but the person is still eligible to make payments or a bankruptcy which wipes off the personal debt, but if there is a lien on the property for the same amount that does not go away because they filed bankruptcy unless the property sells. Alderman Randle questioned where the City ranks on the list of recuperating money after an individual has a bankruptcy. Corporation Counsel Wesner responded that is an accounting software system issue on the idea as you receive money and relate it to particular things and also the State of Illinois Treasurer's office has a program where you submit a list of names that end up having a tax refund due to them by the State of Illinois as long as they have the information from us, we actually will take that tax refund against what they owe us. Alderman Foster asked what year the last time delinquent accounts were written off and Comptroller Scott responded 2013. Alderman Foster stated there has been effort to collect on the accounts since 2013 as it is an endless task. Corporation Counsel Wesner feels the list really is not that long given the nature of what we deal with. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Alderman Randle

Absent: Alderman Stone

Motion carried 12 to 1 with 1 absent.

#12-C...Chairman Nichols presented amended RESOLUTION NO. 2019-6 approving Application and Acceptance of Highway Safety Grant Funds to Allow for Distracted Driving Enforcement through the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$4,720.00 and Amending Police Division FY 2018-2019 Budget (Fund 021), to create line item 001-021-00-46241 Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$4,720.00 for the receipt of grant funds and increase budget to line item 001-021-00-51028 Highway Safety Grant for the expenditure of the grant funds, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Director Thomason explained the Highway Safety Grant, offered through the Illinois Department of Transportation, operates on a cost reimbursement basis, costing \$4,720.00, and the special enforcement detail, specifically on distracted driving, will take place in April, 2019. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Stone

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#### #12-D..Item of Information

Alderman Puhr asked if Council was going to be revisiting the rental registration program in regards to increasing inspections and Mayor Williams responded "yes". Alderman Strebing stated windows need boarded up at the old Rick's Furniture store.

*[The next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.]*

*[Alderman Duncheon left the meeting at 7:25 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]*

*[Alderman Strebing left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. during discussion of the next item.]*

#### #13...PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Mayor Williams provided a 2019-2020 Budget Overview and reviewed in detail the following information:

- The Budget Binders include:
  - ❖ The cash flow report which projects ending FY19 with slightly more than \$400,000.00 in reserves due to closely monitoring expenditures and the updated FY18 has been finalized with audit adjustments.
  - ❖ 2018 Tax Levy: Amount is up \$221,467.00 (3.35%), but the tax levy rate remains the same at \$2.26.
  - ❖ The Draft Budget
  - ❖ Salaries Report
- Budget Discussion:
  - ❖ Expenditures: \$791,492.00 over FY19 due to pensions nearly \$215,000.00; salary increases \$336,000.00 (2% raises and union contract settlements), and Public Safety positions \$240,292.00 (Police and Fire Chiefs plus three police officers for POP - Problem Oriented Policing unit)
  - ❖ Revenues: (based on an average 11 months of actual data or the last 16 months of actual data) Police Division: Last FY revenue projection was \$1,318,343.00; this FY the revenue projection is \$861,895.00 (a decrease of \$456,448.00); anticipate a 1.99% increase in revenue primarily due to 1) business license fee (\$42,500.00), 2) Video Gaming Fee (\$18,100.00), 3) Hotel-Motel Tax increase 2% (\$200,000.00), 4) Civic Contribution Fee (\$80,000.00), and 5) Fire Grants (\$644,000.00).
  - ❖ Reductions: Positions – 1) Associate Corporation Counsel (\$75,000.00), 2) Community Development Planner (\$55,000.00), and 3) Other under consideration (\$135,000.00).
  - ❖ Reductions: Other – Downtown Danville (\$10,000.00), and Vermilion Advantage (\$20,000.00).
  - ❖ Ends with a surplus of \$5,700.00

Mayor Williams addressed questions from the Council as he discussed the budget overview. The Public Affairs Department and Public Safety Department budgets were reviewed line item by line item. The total proposed budget amount is \$51,166,196.00

#### #14... ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman Foster voiced appreciation for work from City staff on grants especially the OSLAD grant that was recently awarded for work to be performed at Ellsworth Park.
- Mayor Williams thanked the Public Works Division for snow removal from the recent snow event and also thanked Administrator Finch and the MLK Celebration Committee for events held January 20<sup>th</sup> to January 21<sup>st</sup>.

#15...CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Brown 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)(6) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Real Property, seconded by Alderman Foster. The roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Alderman Cooper

Absent: Aldermen Stone, Strebing, Duncheon

Motion carried 9 to 1 with 3 absent.

TIME: 8:04 p.m.

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

Alderman Randle moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Alderman Puhr. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order at 9:15 p.m.

#16...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:15 p.m. following a motion by Vice Mayor Brown and a second by Alderman Pickering.



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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 February 5, 2019, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 02/19/19

Posted Publicly: 02/20/19