DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2020

#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:08 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 via Zoom audio to maintain social distancing as required per the Governor's Executive Order 2020-10.]

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. [physically present]. Elected Officials Present via Teleconference were Vice Mayor Bob Iverson, Aldermen Brenda Brown, Dan Duncheon, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, Aaron Trogia, and Robert Williams. Alderman R.J. Davis was absent. A quorum was present.

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

Staff Members Present via Teleconference: City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, 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 audio 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, May 19, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Duncheon moved for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Mayor Iverson. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Alderman Pickering moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Puhr. 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
  • Mayor Williams announced a swearing-in ceremony is taking place in the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. for Firefighter Ryan Allison who is being promoted to Lieutenant and two probationary firefighters will be sworn in at 9:30 a.m. including a female firefighter the City has not had in a number of years.
  • Mayor Williams stated there was a peaceful march for racial equality and police accountability on Sunday, May 31, 2020. He saw people of all different groups participating in the march. The march started at CVS Pharmacy, corner of Fairchild and Vermilion Streets and ended for a
gathering at the Public Safety Building. He learned about the march at the last minute and it was nothing he had planned for ahead of time, but felt it was very important for himself, Chief Yates and police officers to be present. He thanked those who organized and participated in the march. He also added we have worked hard to make many improvements, but have a long way to go as we continue to grow and flourish.

- Then on Sunday evening, individuals attempted to loot at the Village Mall Burlington and Stock and Field stores. He thanked the Police Division as they arrived within one minute of the break in. He also thanked Solid Waste crews of the Public Works Division who boarded up windows at the Burlington Store as Burlington did not have any supplies to secure their building. He also thanked Sheriff Hartshorn and his deputies for their assistance. Alderman Puhr praised Mayor Williams and stated his informational posts on Facebook as they are appreciated from the citizens. Alderman Brown did not know about the march, but asked if Aldermen could be informed in the future regarding events such as the march. She also thanked Mayor Williams. Mayor Williams apologized to Alderman Brown and stated the march happened so hastily so he will be sure next time, if something like this arises again, he will notify the Aldermen. Alderman Foster voiced concern of the situation that occurred up north and believes this was criminal intent and due to the unusual circumstances, this crime should be considered gross misconduct. Everyone should call the State’s Attorney office, as it is not the same as shoplifting. He also feels the City should consider help with funding TIPS through Crime Stoppers. Mayor Williams responded Crime Stoppers have been invaluable in solving crimes in the community and we could consider providing funding. He also stated thankfully people have worked with the City and police officers were strategically placed before the looting occurred. He thanked every citizen who sent information to help stop this from being any worse.

#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 May 22, 2020, of $521,338.90, and for run of May 29, 2020, of $74,730.81. Alderman Brown moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Duncheon. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Davis
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 run of May 19, 2020, of $235,301.91, for run of May 26, 2020, of $301,977.23, and for run of June 2, 2020, of $356,732.50. Vice Mayor Iverson 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 Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Davis
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.
#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
Mayor Williams presented Items A thru C for a single vote. There being no objections, Chairman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering.

#11-A..RESOLUTION NO. 2020-42 accepting quotations for Bid 649 for 2020 Crack Sealing Program to lowest responsible bidder Freehill Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of $131,335.50 to be paid for from Fund 103 (Motor Fuel Tax) budget line item 103-103-00-600GM (General Maintenance); and

#11-B..RESOLUTION NO. 2020-43 awarding Bid 650 for 2020 Asphalt Materials to Open Road Asphalt Company, LLC and Cross Construction, Inc. as the acceptance of multiple quotations will allow City staff to select the most cost effective alternative for the supply of material based upon specific daily operations, material availability, and other factors. The asphalt materials will be paid from Fund 103 (Motor Fuel Tax) budget line item 103-103-00-600GM (General Maintenance); and

#11-C..RESOLUTION NO. 2020-44 awarding Bid # 651 for Concrete Pavement Patching to lowest responsible bidder Beniach Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of $312,809.00 for the purpose of replacing failed sections of concrete pavement on N. Bowman Avenue, E. Voorhees Street, and Southgate Drive.

There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia

Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11-D... Items of Information
Chairman Puhr voiced appreciation to the Code Enforcement Division and the Public Works Department, Streets Division for responding to complaints very quickly.

[As previously announced the next Public Works Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. will be cancelled.]

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT
#12-A...Mayor Williams presented the City Clerk's Report of Licenses. Alderman Duncheon moved to dispense with the report and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. The report being:

BUSINESS LICENSES:
TOBACCO DEALERS:
Lynch Travel Mart – 379 Lynch Rd

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

#12-B...Mayor Williams presented the Danville Public Building Commission Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2019. Alderman Brown moved to dispense with the reading and asked for acceptance and placement on file, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-C...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-45 authorizing Contract for Dedicated Fiber Internet Connection and Fiber Ethernet Network Services to Comcast Business Communications, LLC, listed on the Federal Acquisition Service (FSA) Information Technology Schedule pricelist, will provide internet connection and Ethernet network services to all of the City
facilities for the period of September 1, 2020 thru August 31, 2023 for Ethernet Dedicated Internet, Ethernet Network Service and telephone services for 36 months at a cost of $6,021.90 monthly. Services will include 4 - 200 Mbps EDI lines, delivered for Danville City Hall, Public Safety Building, Public Works Operational Building and Fire Station #3, and 4 – 200 Mbps ENS delivered for Danville City Hall, Public Safety Building, Public Works Operational Building, and Fire Station #3, and, 3 – 50 Mbps ENS for Fire Station 1, Fire Station 2, and Harrison Park Golf Course, and 1-100 Mbps ENS for Danville Mass Transit, all at a monthly cost of $5,404. The PRI over Fiber located at Danville City Hall and PRI over Fiber located at Public Works will be at a monthly cost of $308.95 per building.

Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Troglia. Alderman Puhr asked if the fiber will go to all buildings and Administrator DSilva responded “yes” and stated the City will receive a significant discount and will save $38,000.00 over a three-year period. In response to Alderman Puhr’s question if new fiber will need to be run, Administrator DSilva stated no, existing fiber will be used and the bandwidth will be doubled. Alderman Strebing questioned if this would help the Fire Department with the repeater system. Administrator DSilva responded “no” as the contract is for connectivity between the buildings and the repeater system is communication through the radio towers. Mayor Williams stated Chief McMasters is working on the repeater system. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-D...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-46 approving Application and Acceptance of the U.S Department of Justice JAG (Justice Assistance Grant) JAG Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program and Authorizing Budget Amendment in FY 2021 Police Budget (021). The Grant is for the purpose of law enforcement to replenish supplies and equipment as well as proactively prepare for additional pandemic outbreaks and the grant operates on a cost reimbursement basis. The Police Department anticipates an allocation of $119,870.00 to be used over a two-year period to end in May of 2022 ($99,411.00 requested for year one and $20,459.00 for year two). The grant funds are to be utilized for equipment to include but not limited to computers, servers and storage for remote access, disinfectant equipment and personal protection equipment. In addition, funds will be used for supplies as well as manpower hours for hiring officers back for special enforcement periods to mitigate the release of prisoners prematurely back into our community by Illinois Department of Corrections as a response to COVID-19 outbreaks. The FY 21 Police Division (021) budget to be amended as follows: Create Line Item 001-021-00-46215 Jag Grant and receipt of any funds into line item 001-021-00-46215 Jag Grant, Increase Revenues-Line Item 001-021-00-46215 Jag Grant by $99,411.00 and Increase Expenditures-Line Items 001-021-00-51002 Overtime by $12,000.00, 001-021-00-53017 Small Tools & Equipment by $74,792.00, 001-021-00-53021 Chemicals & Ammunition by $600.00, 001-021-00-53026 Clothing by $2,400.00, and 001-021-00-53099 Other Commodities by $9,619.00. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Puhr. There being no questions or comments, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.
#12-E...Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-47 approving Purchase of Mobile Command Vehicle for Fire for a 2020 Ford F-150 4x4 Supercrew truck, will be purchased from Courtesy Ford in the amount of $33,144.44, the purchase of emergency lights and siren for the vehicle, will be purchased from Rahn Equipment Company in the amount of $2,612.00, and the purchase of a Leer fiberglass truck topper, which will be purchased from Fagen Auto in the amount of $2,095.00 with funding for each purchase to come from line item 302-302-00-55015-Capital Improvements Fund-Vehicles. Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Mayor Williams voiced appreciation to Chief McMasters for his good stewardship in finding a vehicle locally for 16% under budget. Alderman O’Kane voiced appreciation to Chief McMasters for bringing this forward. Alderman Puhr stated he is glad the City is purchasing from a local business. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes:  Aldermen Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson
Nays:  None
Absent:  Alderman Davis
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-F...Mayor Williams presented ORDINANCE NO. 9266 defining Meeting and Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings that permits a member of the public body to attend any meeting of a public body as defined in the Open Meetings Act via electronic means with the rules stating the following: 1) The member cannot attend because of personal illness or disability; 2) The member cannot attend because of employment purposes or the business of the City of Danville, Illinois; or 3) The member cannot attend because of a family or other emergency. Alderman Duncheon moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Alderman Duncheon clarified closed session is not included in the electronic attendance ordinance. Alderman Puhr stated the reasons have to be serious to utilize electronic attendance. Mayor Williams clarified it would not be permissible if a member is on vacation. Alderman Foster expressed appreciation to Mayor Williams and Counsel Mockbee for their efforts to bring the Ordinance forward as he asked the Council to look into possibly allowing electronic attendance. He utilized electronic attendance when he served on the Vermillion Regional Airport Authority Board when he was recuperating from surgery. In response to Alderman O’Kane’s question regarding the majority who have to be in physical attendance as well as how many people can be physically absent, Counsel Mockbee stated there has to be a majority of the whole City Council physically present so that would be eight members. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:
Ayes:  Aldermen Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing
Nays:  None
Absent:  Alderman Davis
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#12-G...Items of Information
[As previously announced the next Public Services Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. will be cancelled.]

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION
•  Aldermen Puhr and Brown voiced concern of the events occurring recently in the country and hopes and prays as a country everyone can get through them and stated we are more alike than different and people need to be civil to each other and love and pray for one another.
• Alderman Pickering stated she understands why there was not time for Mayor Williams to inform the Council of Sunday’s march, but would like the public to understand why City Council members were not in attendance. Mayor Williams stated he is going to send something out to let the people know why the Council was unaware and the Council expresses their solidarity.
• Alderman Williams thanked Mayor Williams and organizers for the march. He spoke about a letter the Council received from Aleta Randle proposing the ban on yardwaste burning be permanent. Mayor Williams stated people are on both sides of the issue and he plans on placing the item for discussion at one of the in-person July City Council meetings.
• Alderman Pickering questioned if it is okay for Council members to attend the swearing-in ceremony. Mayor Williams stated yes, but he has asked everyone attending to wear masks to keep everyone safe.
• Alderman Duncheon voiced support for a City celebration for the Fourth of July or sometime this summer. Mayor Williams stated he is working on some type of celebration for the community to be held sometime this summer.
• Aldermen McMahon, Pickering, and Puhr reminded individuals of the dangers of blowing grass clippings onto the streets. It is not only bad for the sewers, but for motorcycle riders as well.

#14…CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15…ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:03 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Duncheon and a second by Vice Mayor Iverson.

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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 June 2, 2020, 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

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