

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 16, 2020

#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:01 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, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Michael O'Kane, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, Aaron Troglia, and Robert Williams. Aldermen R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, and Sherry Pickering were 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 Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk, 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, June 2, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman Stone 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 Puhr 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 – None

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

#6-D...Items of Information

Mayor Williams announced the Juneteenth celebration will take place Friday, June 19, 2020 at Lincoln Park from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He explained Juneteenth is celebrated each year on June 19th to recognize the last day enslaved slaves received word they were emancipated. There will be speakers to talk about the history of Juneteenth along with food and dancing.

#7....PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS - None

#8... ZONING PETITIONS

#8-A.. Mayor Williams presented Special Use Permit #243, ORDINANCE NO. 9267, amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map to allow a Special Use Permit at 3700 East Main Street-Zoned I-2 for Petitioner Alexander Real Properties LLC to allow for use as Medicinal/Adult Use Cannabis Cultivation Center. During a Public Hearing on June 4, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted 5 to 1 with 1 absent to recommend approval. Alderman Puhr moved to concur with the recommendation, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Alderman Stone questioned if the road McLane Company built on their west line will be the access and ingress from the new site or is there a plan to construct a new entrance. Andrew Mudd, Attorney representing the Petitioner, responded the decision will actually be up to IDOT as to if there can be two curb cuts that close together. Mr. Matt Alexander, representative for the Petitioner, stated the intent is for the access to be off Main Street unless negotiations with McLane are successful in accessing off the eastern portion of the site. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: Alderman Brown

Absent: Alderman Davis, Duncheon, Pickering

Motion carried 10 to 1 with 3 absent.

#9... PAYROLL

Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of June 5, 2020, of \$567,682.70, and for run of June 12, 2020, of \$79,567.65. Alderman Brown moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Stone. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis, Duncheon, Pickering

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#10... SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of June 9, 2020, of \$428,878.62, for run of June 16, 2020, of \$528,817.80. Alderman Puhr 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 O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis, Duncheon, Pickering

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A... Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-48 authorizing Budget Amendment for Infrastructure Development Fund (107) and Awarding Bid 652 to the lowest responsible bidder Midwest Asphalt, in the amount of \$962,240.12 for the Harrison Street Improvements and Parking Lot Construction and amend the FY20-21 budget by increasing Infrastructure Development Fund-Construction and Improvements budget line item 107-107-00-52058 through a transfer of \$600,000.00 from the Fund 107 reserves and a line item transfer of \$400,000.00 from 107-107-00-52060 (Overlay Program). Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the readings and asked for



approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Stone. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis, Duncheon, Pickering

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

Mayor Williams presented Items B and C for a single vote. There being no objections, Chairman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Strebing.

#11-B..RESOLUTION NO. 2020-49 authorizing Budget Amendment in General City (015) for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget to be amended and line Item 001-015-00-52074 Community Events to be created and to be funded in the amount of \$18,000.00 with the funds to come from the General Fund Reserves for a July 4, 2020 fireworks display at Danville Stadium with Central States Fireworks, Inc. for a cost of \$15,000.00 with funds in the amount of up to \$3,000.00 that may be needed to provide other support for the event; and

#11-C..RESOLUTION NO. 2020-50 approving Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Tilton providing for a monetary contribution of \$7,500.00 by Tilton, to the City, towards a July 4, 2020, fireworks display at Danville Stadium.

Mayor Williams stated we have worked hard to get something together that he thinks the community can really enjoy and they would be proud of. He is thankful that Mayor Phillips was such a willing partner with the City. The Village of Tilton will be voting on their intergovernmental agreement on Thursday, June 18th and feels it is a great thing for the entire Vermilion County community. If for some reason Tilton does not pass it, he asks that the City still support this due to the last several months that we have had with everyone being cooped up due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the great difficulties and challenges that we face as a nation and community, he feels now more than ever it is important to celebrate the freedom we have as citizens of this country and this is a way to show the people that we appreciate them and that we are celebrating them. Vice Mayor Iverson, Aldermen Puhr, Foster, and Strebing voiced appreciation to Mayor Williams and everyone responsible for organizing the great event and are glad to be partnering with the Village of Tilton. Mayor Williams responded to questions regarding social distancing, parking, alcoholic beverages, and portable toilets. Mayor Williams voiced appreciation to the City team along with his mother and sister for all of their work organizing the event. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. with food trucks and a band, with fireworks at dusk. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis, Duncheon, Pickering

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 3 absent.

#11-D... Items of Information

- Chairman Puhr voiced appreciation to the Director Carpenter, Construction and Maintenance Manager David Ruwe and Public Works staff for street repairs that have taken place throughout the City.
- Alderman Foster questioned a previous zoning petition approved by Council for a cannabis cultivation center and Mayor Williams responded the business previously approved withdrew. Alderman Foster asked if the cannabis dispensary was able to sell medical marijuana. Mayor Williams stated he will look into it and let him know at the next Council meeting.

- Alderman Brown voiced concern with tall grass in Ward 1 as she has received many complaints. She thanked Director Carpenter for addressing complaints in her Ward. Mayor Williams reminded citizens to report tall grass on the "Report It" app on the City website.
- Alderman O'Kane suggested Aldermen ask Tracy Craft, Program Compliance Coordinator, for a spreadsheet of grass the City is responsible for cutting in their Ward.

[The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.]

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

BUSINESS LICENSES:

FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

City of Danville – 07/04/20

Turtle Run Golf Club – 07/03/20

TOBACCO DEALERS:

Dale's Place – 1217 E Fairchild St

Sunshine Liquors – 2013 E Main St

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

#12-B... Mayor Williams presented the City Treasurer's Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for April 2020 (unaudited) stating a Beginning Balance on April 1, 2020, of \$23,269,062, Receipts of \$4,926,124.79, Disbursements of \$3,041,084.23, an Ending Balance on April 30, 2020, of \$25,154,102.89 and a Cash Balance of \$18,501,155.12. Alderman Stone moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval and placement on file, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-C... Items of Information

Alderman Puhr voiced concern of reports of bars allowing patrons to sit inside their establishment and thought that is not allowed yet due to the orders from the Governor. Mayor Williams responded it is not allowed and local law enforcement do not have authority from the Governor to address that so complaints should be reported to the Vermilion County Health Department.

[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

- Alderman Puhr stated he called Alderman Davis to check on he and his wife and they are doing okay and practicing social distancing. Mrs. Davis was so appreciative to hear from him. He recommended other Aldermen reach out to them.
- Alderman Williams voiced concern of racial inequality and shared some thoughts due to the demonstrations and protesting occurring in the nation. He stated discrimination has existed for over 400 years and minorities have been subjected to disparities in economics, health, education, and religious opportunities. He asked for freedom, justice, and equality for all Americans and called on all citizens and Council members to be a beacon of light to work towards eliminating discrimination.
- Mayor Williams stated we need to all stand by love, justice, and unity in the Community. He also announced Danville is ranked number 30 in the nation as a place to relocate after the pandemic.

- Alderman Brown thanked Alderman Williams for bringing up Veterans and ethnicity or racial issues and stated we have to recognize as a City we can only move forward when we are on one accord and when we get on that one accord we will see some progress, but feels we have a long way to go.
- Mayor Williams stated he has not had an opportunity to explore this yet in depth, but one thing multiple citizens and leaders in the community have recommended to him is that we look at Lynch Road and Lynch Spur and possibly reconsider the name of those roads. When visitors come into town that is the first thing they see and he stated the word “lynch” does not have many good things associated with it such as fear, retaliation, and hate. He would like to understand the history of why it is called that and he just wanted to let the Alderman know the Administration is looking into changing the name of the roads.

#14...CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#15...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:12 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Brown and a second by Alderman Troglia.



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 16, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 07/07/20
Posted Publicly: 07/08/20