

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL
JULY 7, 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.

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

Staff Members Present: City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Engineer Sam Cole, Construction & Maintenance Manager David Ruwe, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, Fire Chief Don McMasters, Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Parks & Public Property Superintendent Steve Lane, Police Chief Chris Yates, Public Transportation DMT Streets Superintendent Petro Poulos and Public Works Director Carl Carpenter.

There were five audience members and three news media in attendance.

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

#3....THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Vice Mayor Iverson.

#4....THE MINUTES of the regular meeting held, June 16, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Alderman McMahon moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Mayor Williams announced the City Clerk's report has been amended. Alderman Davis moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Brown. 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 thanked all of the City team for everything done during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic as unusual situations had to be figured out. He also thanked the Aldermen who gave good advice to their constituents and helped calm fears during the pandemic.
- Mayor Williams voiced appreciation to Director Carpenter and Superintendent Lane for setting up for the fireworks event that took place on July 4th. He also thanked Mayor Phillips and the Village of Tilton as it was a fantastic event and gave the community hope and reprieve. There was a good turn out and social distancing occurred.

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

- Carolyn Burke of Danville spoke concern of the suggestion of renaming Lynch Road. She feels there could have been a more positive way to go about the possibility of renaming the roadway during this particular time in the country and took it as a personal insult to her ancestors. She

also feels meetings with aldermen should have taken place and then have recommendations on how to handle the issue and has never heard of anyone having objections to the name of the street.

Mayor Williams responded to Mrs. Burke's concerns regarding the name of Lynch Road. He stated the media did not cover everything and suggested she go back and listen to the audio to hear the full statements that were made. He is sorry she was offended; however, he said he would like to do research, did not have knowledge of the history, had been brought to his attention by a number of citizens and did not make a recommendation and feels the City should examine and explore things before a recommendation is made. He has a meeting with the descendants of the Lynch family on Thursday, July 9th as there have been some wonderful suggestions both from them and the community that could honor them as they should be honored and also to make everyone feel welcome to the City.

- Dorothy Engelman of Fithian (maiden name Lynch) voiced concern of the suggestion of renaming Lynch Road as she is proud to be a descendant of the Lynch ancestry whose history in Vermilion County, Illinois and Vermilion County, Indiana can be traced back to homestead acquisition of a land in the early 1800's. Lynch Road and Lynch Spur were constructed on property running through the Lynch property thus the name Lynch Road and Lynch Spur. The Lynch ancestors have received many positive responses from so many people and she thanked all of those who called or wrote letters on the proud history of the Lynch family.
- Gloria Bolden of Danville voiced concern of the increase to her sewer bill and stated it is getting too high.

#8....ZONING PETITIONS – None

#9....PAYROLL

Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of June 19, 2020, of \$552,096.82, and for run of July 2, 2020, of \$552,906.71. Alderman Stone 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 Puhr, Foster, McMahan, Brown, Davis, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

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 run of June 23, 2020, of \$457,058.79, for run of June 30, 2020, of \$59,989.60, and for run of July 7, 2020, of \$965,261.51. Alderman Stone 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 Foster, McMahan, Brown, Davis, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

#11-A...Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-51 awarding Bid 657 for Open-Air Picnic Shelter to RCP Shelters, Inc. for Historic Ellsworth Park Redevelopment Project in the amount of

\$22,620.00 with the cost of the work partially paid through an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program Grant with matching funds by the City from the Parks & Public Property budget-Materials to Maintain Buildings, line item 001-051-00-53011, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Superintendent Lane explained the shelter will be located on the northwest side of Ellsworth Park near where the playground was previously located. Alderman McMahon questioned the timeline and Superintendent Lane responded the project has to be completed by May 1, 2021, so as soon as the shelter materials are received, the construction will begin. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-B... Items of Information

Director Carpenter reported on the following:

- Asbestos is being done on all of the buildings to get them in the demolition process and added we will do as we did in the past season, contract those out and do some ourselves later with CDBG dollars being used. A lot of blight was removed last year.
- He appreciated cooperation from the Alderman during the Stay-at-Home order and communicated with most of the Council members during that period to address concerns. The drainage problem with the railroad in Ward 7 has been taken care of.
- Staff is continuing to fight illegal dumping.
- Sweeping is being done everyday.
- Staff is going out with the road widener and placing patches of asphalt to prepare the roadways for sealcoat.

Other Items of Information

- Alderman Brown voiced concern with tall grass in Ward 1 and would like to see us work something out in the budget next year to mow vacant lots more than every six weeks. The grass is up to her waist in some lots and wild animals get into the tall grass. She stated we need to do better than every six weeks and find a way to put it into the budget. Director Carpenter stated he is hoping the City can get rid of a lot of vacant lots through the selling of “side lots”, then the City can look into the vacant lot mowing going to every four weeks.
- Alderman Poshard voiced appreciation to Director Carpenter and Public Works staff for addressing issues in Holiday Hills. He announced the first meeting of the year for the Holiday Hills Neighborhood Association will take place at Holiday Hills Family Church at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2020. There are currently 39 members. He thanked Ashlyn Massey and her husband Ethan for creating a website for the neighborhood association and he has distributed 471 pamphlets to homes in the area. He thanked Bob’s Market for donating flowers for the entrances to Holiday Hills.
- Mayor Williams praised City parks employee Dalton Dieu, who is also a teacher at North Ridge, for changing a flat tire for his high school friend.
- Mayor Williams voiced appreciation to Director Carpenter and Recreation Manager Cindy Parson for making special accommodations at the municipal pool for Linda Williams. Linda is a family friend who has an amputated leg and loves swimming. She was able to swim again due to the accommodations made at the pool.
- Alderman Puhr announced 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... Chairman Foster presented the City Clerk's Report of Licenses, moved to dispense with the report and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Stone. The report being:

BUSINESS LICENSES:

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

Arrow Ambulance, LLC dba Carle Arrow Ambulance

FIREWORKS DISPLAY:

Danville Boat Club – 07/11/20

TOBACCO DEALERS:

Danville Discount, Inc., dba Danville Grocery & Deli – 1814 E Main St

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

#12-B... Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-52 authorizing Acceptance of Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Grant for the Violence Prevention Program for the purpose of providing units of Illinois local government police agencies reimbursement for purchasing and installing community cameras to reduce violent crime, solve crime, and prevent violence and Amending Fiscal Year 2020-21 Police Department Budget (021) as follows: Create Line Items: 001-021-00-51029–Violence Prevention Program Expenditures by \$73,775.00, and 001-021-00-46250–Violence Prevention Program Revenues by \$73,775.00 with funds for this amendment to come from the Police Division FY20-21 grant revenues, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Mayor Williams stated Senator Bennett helped secure the grant and the cameras have been installed throughout the community. Alderman Troglia asked if there are any costs to the City in Items A and B. Mayor Williams responded the City's cost is \$1,600.00 for camera mounting installation. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-C... Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-53 authorizing Acceptance of Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board Camera Grant purpose of providing units of Illinois local government police agencies reimbursement for purchasing in-car video cameras for the use in law enforcement vehicles, purchasing officer-worn body cameras for law enforcement officers, and training for law enforcement officers in the operation of these cameras and Amending Fiscal Year 2020-21 Police Department Budget (021) as follows: Increase Expense Line Item: 001-021-00-53017–Small Tools & Equipment by \$90,355.00 and Increase Revenue Line Item: 001-021-00-46099–Reimbursement of Expenses by \$90,355.00 with funds for this amendment to come from the Police Division FY20-21 grant revenues, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Brown. Chief Yates explained the division will be equipping 16 digital allied video cameras in squad cars which will equip each squad car. In addition, each squad car will have one body worn camera with the special unit squad cars having two cameras. He also added it has taken four grants and a full year to receive the grant, but the grant worked out and will be good for the police officers and the community. There being no questions or further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-D...Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-54 authorizing a Monetary Donation to Vermilion County Crime Stoppers in the amount of ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), with the donation to be used for reward money and Amending Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General City Government budget (015) by creating line Item 001-015-00-52073 Crime Stoppers, to be funded \$10,000.00 from the General Fund Reserves, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Brown. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-E...Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-55 authorizing Budget Amendment for Community Development Block Grant (106) as the Department of Housing and Urban Development required the City’s Community Development Department to adopt budgets with line items following the naming structure that correlate with Community Development Block Grant projects. The City Comptroller is authorized to amend the FY20-21 budget by decreasing the budget lines below to \$0: 106-106-20-52002, Printing and Binding, 106-106-20-52051, Travel, Training, and Expense, 106-106-20-52083, Dues and Subscriptions, 106-106-20-52099, Other Contractual Services, 106-106-20-53001, Publications, 106-106-20-53003, Office Supplies, 106-106-20-53006, Computer Supplies, 106-106-20-53024, Gasoline, 106-106-20-54023, General Liability Insurance, 106-106-20-54090, CDBG Community Projects, 106-106-20-54091, Program Expense, and 106-106-20-54099, Other Expenditures. The City Comptroller is authorized to amend the FY20-21 budget by creating the following line items and amending the budget to reflect the appropriate action plan amounts: 106-106-19-54037, \$200,000-Blight Removal; 106-106-19-54064, \$1,000-Economic Development Projects; 106-106-19-54180, \$20,000-Accessibility Modifications, 106-106-19-54181, \$175,873-Neighborhood Impact; 106-106-19-54046, \$405,264-Public Improvements and Infrastructure; 106-106-19-54182, \$15,000-Homelessness Building Assistance, 106-106-19-54183, \$593,099-Urgent Need Programs, 106-106-20-54037, \$250,000-Blight Removal; 106-106-20-54181, \$264,400-Neighborhood Impact; 106-106-20-54046, \$158,192-Public Improvements and Infrastructure; 106-106-20-54182, \$15,000-Homelessness Building Assistance, 106-106-20-54184, \$130,000-Public Services, 106-106-20-54180, \$30,000-Accessibility Modifications, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-F...Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-56 authorizing the Mayor to Sell Lots giving the Mayor or his designee the authority to approve the sale of lots on a case by case basis and with the intent of marketing the lots in a timely manner without having to wait for Council approval on each sale and waiving the requirements of Section 30.07(E) of the Code of Ordinances as the City owns certain real property within its corporate limits commonly referred to as “side lots” and wishes to return to the tax rolls and to encourage development with the funds to be receipted into line item 001-

015-00-46086, Sale of City Property, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Vice Mayor Iverson asked how many lots will be sold and Mayor Williams responded there is not a set number as this just authorizes him to be able to proceed with the sale of the lots. There has been interest in at least 35 lots, but there could be more. Alderman Poshard questioned if the buyers have to be adjacent owners to the vacant property and Mayor Williams responded "yes", and the City will verify the eligibility requirements from individuals wishing to acquire the lot, which includes checking adjacent ownership. Mayor Williams also stated the cost to acquire a "side lot" is \$100.00 plus recording fees, unless it is prime property. Alderman Troglia asked what happens if more than one person is interested in purchasing the a property. Mayor Williams stated property acquisition is one a first come, first served basis and the buyer has to meet the following eligibility requirements: 1) live and/or own a property adjacent to City lot, 2) have no code violations, 3) be current on real estate taxes and assessments on any other property owned in the City of Danville, and 4) commit to maintaining the lot. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#12-G...Items of Information

Alderman Foster announced the next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

#13...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Alderman Davis voiced appreciation to Mayor Williams and staff for setting up the dais and extra tables to allow for social distancing. Mayor Williams stated the Vice Chairmen will continue sitting at the dais and the remaining Aldermen will rotate chairs during the necessary social distancing.
- Alderman McMahon stated she gets to open Illini Skateland back up this week.
- Mayor Williams reminded everyone the Municipal Band will be playing every Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park during the month of July. In August and first Sunday in September, Doc Ashton and the Root Canals will be performing at Lincoln Park. Vice Mayor Iverson stated the Municipal Band has their concerts on Facebook Live.
- Mayor Williams announced the municipal pool is open and Summer Sounds concerts are taking place every Friday with bands beginning at 6:00 p.m.

[Additional item of information below Item #14-B]

#14...CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Foster moved to go into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Specific Employees, under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Collective Bargaining Matters, and under Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Pending Litigation, seconded by Alderman Strebing. The roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

TIME: 6:42 p.m.

Mayor Williams announced there will be action taken after closed session.

Alderman Strebing 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 7:07 p.m.

#14-A... Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-57 approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 538-Inspectors for period beginning May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2023. Alderman Strebing moved for approval as discussed in Closed Session, seconded by Alderman McMahon. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#14-B... Mayor Williams presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-58 approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Danville Police Command Association for a four-year period from May 1, 2020, through April 30, 2024. Alderman Strebing moved for approval as discussed in Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Pickering. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon, Williams

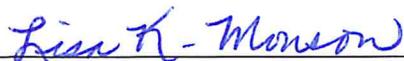
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#13... ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Mayor Williams allowed time for Alderman Davis to speak regarding an additional item of information. Alderman Davis voiced concern of the local cannabis dispensary [*Sunnyside Cannabis Dispensary*] not offering the sale of medical marijuana and feels the Council was led to believe medical cannabis would be offered for sale at the time of the Phoenix Farms special use permit vote even though he voted against it. He added individuals are having to drive to Champaign to purchase medical cannabis. Mayor Williams stated Logan Cronk confirmed the Danville marijuana dispensary is selling adult-use marijuana only. Alderman Strebing stated the signage is still up from the restaurant and would like for someone to look into that as well. Alderman Foster feels their presentation was deceptive and he voted in favor of the dispensary because he thought they would be selling medical marijuana. Corporation Counsel Mockbee stated he will give an opinion on this at the July Public Services Committee meeting.

#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 July 7, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 07/21/20
Posted Publicly: 07/22/20