

DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 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 Vice Mayor Steve Nichols at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main Street, Danville, Illinois.

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

Staff Members Present: City Engineer Same Cole, Corporation Counsel Chuck Mockbee, Deputy City Clerk Megan Mudd, Finance Manager Denise Ahrens, Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk, Human Relations Administrator Sandra Finch, Information Technology Administrator Agnel DSilva, Interim Fire Chief Don McMasters, Police Chief Chris Yates, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Carl Carpenter, and Risk Manager Kathy Courson. There were also 11 audience members and 3 news media in attendance.

#2....INVOCATION was given by Rev. Doug Knapp, Executive Pastor, The Assembly Danville and Associate Pastor, Life Church, followed by

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

#4....THE MINUTES – None

#5....THE AGENDA for the evening was presented. Alderman Troglia moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. 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

Vice Mayor Nichols presented a plaque to former Corporation Counsel Dave Wesner for his years of service that began in August of 1996. Vice Mayor Nichols read the following message from the plaque being presented, "Sincere thanks for many years of dedicated and unselfish service to the City of Danville, presented on the behalf of the City of Danville, October 15, 2019". Vice Mayor Nichols also stated he personally has worked with Corporation Counsel for many years and he has been a good friend and is thankful he has had the opportunity to work with him. Corporation Counsel Wesner stated that he very much appreciates the recognition and has never done this former job for accolades or pats on the back. The one reason I took it is because I felt I could do a good job for the City, for the members of the City Council, and the Mayors over the years. It's been three Mayors that I've worked for in those 20 plus years and many aldermen have come and gone and I've appreciated every one of them. Some of you have been here before I came to the City and are still here so again thank you for those 20 plus years to work for the City. I hope that I have left it better as they say than I came into it; that was my goal anyway. I know Mr. Mockbee will do a great job for the City and I appreciate all of you and good luck in your endeavors. Vice Mayor Nichols stated that he would also like to welcome Mr. Mockbee as our new Corporation Counsel.

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

- Tammy Lopez of Danville spoke concern regarding her home on North Logan Avenue stating that it has been rough for her the past couple of weeks after eminent domain was declared on her property. She stated that her power and phone were shut off and she was also in an accident and her car was taken and she has not been able to get in touch with Chief Yates. I never expected to be called that blighted area and most of us that own our home that they live in and we bought our homes in good faith so that it could be our forever home. Can my own City take my home away from me just to give it to someone else to tear down, they are never going to know the beauty of my home, which overlooks the river and the park, and I can't just get that somewhere else. I understand that new growth and change would be great for our community, but I do not understand why it is possible for someone to forcefully take your land and your home and only give you minimal cents on the dollar for it. Our dear Mayor lives about a block and a half away from me so if the area is so blighted why is he still in it. I suppose I should take the advice of some and our mayor and get out now while I have a good offer but I cannot. I'm not saying I won't go but I want to be paid for my years in.
- After Ms. Lopez had finished her remarks Alderman Puhr remarked that he used to live on Lafayette Street years ago when he first came to Danville and is familiar with that area. Alderman Puhr stated I'm wondering if you had any issues with your foundation when the water pipe broke. Ms. Lopez replied no, but the corner of her garage which catches 3 corners of land and one that comes out the walk-out basement, that corner had cracked off. Alderman Puhr stated he thought she was here several years ago to discuss her home and the problems it was having including after someone had cut the copper pipes in a house north of yours and water flooded that area which intern caused the hillside to start sliding which caused all the problems with the foundations in those nearby houses. Ms. Lopez replied you are correct, except for mine. Alderman Puhr stated your house was appraised, correct. Ms. Lopez stated not to her knowledge. Alderman Puhr stated again he believed her house was recently appraised and she was offered more money than what it was appraised at. Ms. Lopez replied if someone appraised it could you tell me who, and how much because this did not happen according to my knowledge. Alderman Puhr stated there would be a Public Hearing in December and that she could address the zoning board at that time with her concerns. Ms. Lopez replied that she is addressing the council tonight because that is in a month. She asked the Council to save her home or give her a fair price. She was offered \$50,000 and does not feel that's a fair price.

## #8.....ZONING PETITIONS – None

## #9....PAYROLL

Vice Mayor Nichols presented Payrolls for October 18, 2019, of \$71,525.56, October 25, 2019, of \$551,315.95, and November 1, 2019, of \$77,538.70. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Duncheon. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

## #10...SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Vice Mayor Nichols presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of October 22, 2019, of \$491,109.76, and for run of November 5, 2019, of \$1,332,689.66. Alderman Brown moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. After all questions were addressed, and there being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

#### #11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT

##### #11-A... Items of Information

Alderman Puhr stated the next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00p.m.

#### #12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Foster presented Items A thru G for a single vote. There being no objections, Alderman Foster moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Those items being:

- #12-A... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-108 authorizing a one-year agreement for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois through Old National Risk Partners, Inc. for the City’s PPO plan and a High Deductible PPO plan with a HSA (health savings account) with a 10% reduction in 2020 premiums for Health Insurance;
- #12-B... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-109 authorizing a one-year agreement for Health Insurance for Medicare Part B eligible retirees with Health Alliance through Old National Risk Partners, Inc. for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020;
- #12-C... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-110 authorizing a one-year agreement with Principal through Old National Risk Partners, Inc. for Voluntary Dental Insurance for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020;
- #12-D... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-111 authorizing a one-year agreement with Principal through Old National Risk Partners, Inc. to provide \$10,000.00 Group Term and AD&D Life Insurance for current employees, and the option for employees to purchase Voluntary Life Insurance coverage for themselves, their spouses, and their dependents under the age of 25 for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020;
- #12-E... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-112 authorizing a Spousal Incentive to lower monthly Health Insurance Premiums, an incentive program to qualified employees, which provide the appropriate incentive payment of \$500, \$2000, or \$2,500 minus all applicable taxes to employees on January 17, 2020, in exchange for the monthly premium savings and utilization to the City of Danville’s health insurance from January 2020 through December 2020;
- #12-F... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-113 authorizing a one-year agreement extension with Benefit Planning Consultants, Inc. for Flexible Spending Program to allow qualified employees who participate to pay certain unreimbursed medical, dental, optical, dependent and health insurance premiums with pre-tax dollars with a maximum election of \$2,000.00 for period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020;
- #12-G... RESOLUTION NO. 2019-114 authorizing agreement for Liability and Worker’s Compensation Insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) through Loman-Ray Insurance Group, beginning December 1, 2019 to December 1, 2020, with a

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premium of \$1,176,284.00, for a difference of \$-13,485.00 from the previous year's premium due to the City's claim experience, payroll expenses, and the City's property values.

Manager Courson stated the plan for Blue Cross/Blue Shield is the same as it has been for the last two years with no changes to it. This year they came in with a 10% decrease in the City's premiums per month so that will be a savings to the City. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

Chairman Foster presented a resolution authorizing the Write-Off of Delinquent Accounts that are uncollectible by reason of bankruptcy, death, or other circumstances through which the City will not be able to recover the amount owed. Alderman Foster moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Brown. Alderman Troglia asked what the \$2,000.00 for the Stadium that is being written off. Manager Ahrens stated she believes it was for some work that was being done at the stadium and it was at the request of Jeanie Cook and Rick Kurth. Director Carpenter stated that she is correct it was for some work that the City performed and what you are seeing is basically the materials for that repair and then Danville Stadium Incorporated did not pay the City back for that work to be done. Alderman Troglia asked why are we writing it off and a lot of the others as well. Manager Ahrens stated that some of them are deceased, some of them have bankruptcies, and some are uncollectible for whatever reason. If they are available we put them into Idrop [*Illinois Debt Recovery Offset Portal*] which is an Illinois recovery program and as far as the Stadium I have not spoken to anyone there about their piece of it, I just know they refused to pay it. We can send it through to Legal but I'm not sure that will help. Alderman Troglia also questioned the parking. Manager Ahrens stated we have rental parking and in 2016 after we lost Shelly Larson no one was monitoring the parking. I was still being instructed to bill it but no one was monitoring it, so the businesses chose not pay us because they weren't able to park in their own spaces. So we had several months of that until Cindy came in and she's done a great job so far in getting us revenue and getting the businesses back in line with paying. Vice Mayor Nichols and Alderman Troglia disagreed that the businesses are happy with the current parking situation. Alderman Troglia made a motion to amend Item #12-H, by removing the write-off for Danville Stadium. Discussion ensued. Vice Mayor Nichols asked that Alderman Troglia withdraw his motion and then someone could make a motion to delay this until the next meeting. Alderman Troglia withdrew his motion. Alderman Strebing made a motion to table Item #12-H until the next City Council meeting of November 19, 2019, seconded by Alderman Puhr. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

#12-I... Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2019-115 awarding Bid #632 for Roof Repairs at Danville Mass Transit Building due to hail damage at 101 N. Jackson Street and be awarded to River City Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$120,500.00. Alderman Brown moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman McMahon. Director Beith stated the insurance company estimated there was \$137,000.00 worth of damage but both roofing companies

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estimated much less than that so we should have plenty of insurance money to cover it. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Nichols, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone  
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

#12-J...Chairman Foster presented RESOLUTION NO. 2019-116 approving contractual demolition of dilapidated and dangerous structures, Bid #635, that may be contracted out to any of the responding vendors that meet the specific grant criterion. Alderman O'Kane moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Puhr. After all questions were addressed and there being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Nichols, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone  
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

#12-K...Chairman Foster presented ORDINANCE NO. 9226 enacting and adopting supplement S-55 to the City Code of Ordinances, which supplements contain all ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted since the prior supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Danville, including Ordinance No. 9162, passed August 21, 2018 through Ordinance No. 9206, passed May 21, 2019. Alderman Puhr moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Nichols, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Strebing  
Nays: None  
Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone  
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

#12-L...Items of Information  
Chairman Foster announced the next Public Services Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

#13...DISCUSSION OF 2019 TAX LEVY AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET  
Vice Mayor Nichols stated we received a copy of the actuary, which means we should have \$300,000.00 more to spend on local projects or we can send it off. Alderman Puhr stated that IML is supporting the pension overhaul that Governor Pritzker has recommended and they will be going into veto session. They want to combine all the downstate police and fire pensions into two funds and I'm not sure how that will affect our future obligations. Further discussion ensued. Alderman O'Kane stated he would still like to see information on Fund 310 on line item 54177 Community Investment, it's projected at \$726,496.00 and I want to see something that shows what's going in it and what's going back out of it. Alderman Duncheon asked when we would publicly be posting the tax levy. Vice Mayor Nichols replied they would go on display in December and then voted on by the end of December. Further discussion ensued.

#14...ITEMS OF INFORMATION

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- Alderman Puhr announced that he and Alderman Strebing serve on the Children's Dyslexia Learning Center of East Central Illinois Board of Governors and there is a fundraiser coming up this weekend Friday and Saturday there will be a comedian, Jeremy Nunes at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. Alderman Puhr also stated that former Mayor Bob Jones, who is Chairman of the Board for the Children's Dyslexia Center, has been having some recent health complications and was recently released from Carle Hospital and taken to Colonial Manor and will begin recovery so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- Alderman O'Kane announced that a week after the Dyslexia fundraiser there will be a another fundraiser for Holy Family Food Pantry where there will be a beef and noodle dinner along with a raffle and other activities.
- Alderman Williams announced that Veteran's Day is on November 11, 2019 and we should be proud here in Danville as well as Vermilion County of our Veteran's Administration Hospital that is located here. It has provided care and service for our Veterans as well as the other organizations that we have such as the VFW, American Legion, DAV, and we should pause and give thanks to our Veterans that have dedicated their lives to ensure our freedom. Alderman Puhr also noted there will be a Veteran's Day parade on November 11, 2019 at the V.A. property. Chief Yates stated it is the first time they are having a parade on the V.A. grounds and there will be some of our squad cars and honor guard participating to show their appreciation. They will be gathering at 9:30 a.m. and the parade should get underway around 10:00 a.m. Director Carpenter stated that as my fellow veteran Alderman Williams mentioned the ceremony will be at the monument that I had built down there this year at 10:00 a.m. and then the American Legion Riders will have their chili that day along with a 5K run on Saturday.
- Alderman Foster asked for an update on City Clerk Monson and Deputy Clerk Mudd replied that Clerk Monson had a health complication come up over the weekend and is at home resting and expects that she will be back in the office this week or next.

#### #15...CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Pickering 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)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Salary Schedules, seconded by Alderman Duncheon. The roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Foster, McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Nichols, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O'Kane, Iverson, Puhr

Nays: Alderman Strebing

Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone

Motion carried 11 to 1 with 2 absent

TIME: 7:06 p.m.

Vice Mayor Nichols announced there will be action taken after closed session.

Alderman Pickering moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Alderman Brown. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Vice Mayor Nichols called the meeting back to order at 7:33 p.m.

#15-A...Vice Mayor Nichols presented ORDINANCE NO. 9227 amending the wage administration chart as follows:

- A. Elected Officials – Salaries of Elected Officials shall remain as is currently set forth in Section A of the Wage Charts.
- B. Non-Union Full-time Employees – Section B of the Wage charts concerning non-union employees shall be amended according to the following:

1. The position of Technical Services and Evidence Manager shall be eliminated, being Classification 179.0.
  2. The position of Evidence Manager shall be added, being Classification 176.0, with the salary to be established as \$35,500.00 Base, \$40,000.00 Mid-Point, and \$45,000.00 Max.
  3. The position of Technical Services Manager shall be added, being Classification 177.0, with the salary to be established as \$50,000.00 Base, \$62,500.00 Mid-Point, and \$75,000.00 Max.
- C. Part-time, Seasonal, and Temporary Employees – The wages set forth in Section C of the Wage Charts pertaining to part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees shall remain as currently set forth.
- D. Union Agreement and Contract Employees – The wages for union and/or contract employees shall be set forth in their respective collective bargaining agreements or contracts with the City.

There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

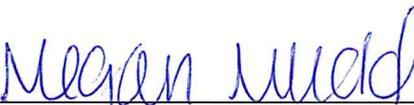
Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Davis and Stone

Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent

#### #16...ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:34 p.m. following a motion by Alderman Strebing and a second by Alderman Pickering.



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Deputy City Clerk, Megan Mudd

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