#1....THE REGULAR MEETING of the City Council of the City of Danville was called to order at 6:03 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 through audio/video access using a virtual meeting platform to maintain social distancing during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation and Public Act 101-0640. The meeting was streamed live on the City of Danville website's homepage: www.cityofdanville.org.]

THE ROLL CALL was answered by Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr. [physically present]. Elected Officials Present via Videoconference were Vice Mayor Bob Iverson, Aldermen Brenda Brown, R.J. Davis, Dan Duncheon, Steve Foster, Sharon McMahon, Michael O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, James Poshard, Michael Puhr, Tom Stone, Rick Strebing, Aaron Troglia, and Robert Williams. 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 Videoconference: City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, City Treasurer Stephanie Wilson, 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 video 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, December 1, 2020, having been published and distributed, were presented. Vice Mayor Iverson moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Troglia. 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 and Alderman Duncheon stated he requested discussion on the City’s response to the pandemic be added as an agenda item and it did not happen. Mayor Williams stated discussion of Alderman Duncheon’s request will occur during the Mayor’s Report. Alderman Pickering moved for approval as amended, seconded by Alderman Stone. 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 reported on the following items:
• The December 22, 2020 Public Services Committee meeting will be cancelled due to the Christmas holiday.

• Director Ahrens with Danville Sanitary District sent written notice terminating the Contract and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for billing and collections services for current sewer, solid waste, and public safety pension fees, effective December 31, 2020. City staff is working to bring the services in-house, hope to have testing done by September and roll out the billing in October.

• Ten applicants have applied for the open Corporation Counsel position. Four applicants are highly qualified. Interviews should be set up the first or second week in January.

• Forty-six applications have been received for the Police Department Administrative Secretary position. Chief Yates will be setting up interviews later this month.

Mayor Williams stated moving forward there will be a “Pandemic Update” item added to the agenda. This item will be added at the request of Alderman Duncheon. Mayor Williams asked Alderman Duncheon to take the lead on the discussion since it was requested by him. Alderman Duncheon requested the item be added to the agenda and the fact that it was not properly included in the public notice of agenda irritates him to say the least. It seems to him since we did not get it on the agenda and get it posted in public it kind of shows it is not at the utmost concern. We have to lead by example and our first example was let’s forget to tell our constituents that we are thinking about their health. It was an oversight, but it should have been on the agenda. I do not want to close down businesses. I want us to talk about it as a group. He stated more phone calls than I have ever received, I learned that voters do look at the agenda. They want to know what we are going to be talking about. The phone calls I got the people were appalled that we were not talking about the pandemic. The discussion is on the agenda now. He feels we should be following the State’s mitigation rule. I do not think there should be any discussion at all, but obviously there has to be, since we are not following the mitigations. The reason why I wanted to have the discussion tonight is so he can hear from each of the Aldermen what we can do to keep each other out of the hospital. It is not about me, but how to keep everyone safe in the community. I think we need to lead by example, which is a concern of ours that this virus is real and is hurting us and is killing some of us. All he wants is a discussion. Mayor Williams stated to insinuate that we do not care or that it is not important to us is ridiculous. As he informed him it was an oversight that the discussion item did not make it on the agenda and quite frankly we have been here doing the work of the City diligently for the last seven months while some of you not even been attending meetings to represent your constituents, so to hear such concern about representation because that hasn’t been happening is a little bit frustrating. Aldermen Duncheon clarified he said with it not being on the agenda appears that we don’t have concern. He did not say Mayor or other Aldermen were not concerned, but it looks like we are not. Mayor Williams asked Alderman Duncheon you say you do not want to close down businesses, but how much of your household income can you give up or will you give up and how many people are you willing to have move into your home that will literally go without food and sustenance to take care of themselves if we do such. Alderman Duncheon stated the first time we were shut down by the state he was on unemployment. It hurt his family immensely. Alderman Duncheon asked how many people do you want to have killed? If his business closes down, he will lose about 60% of his income. It will hurt a lot. Mayor Williams stated he has received phone calls from individuals who have not received unemployment from the first time we were shut down, they have maxed out credit cards, they have gotten additional credit cards and maxed those out. They have gotten additional mortgages on their homes and businesses and they have gotten to the point where there is nothing left for them to turn so life and death is far more than what happens with COVID. Our domestic battery is way up and our child abuse is way up. People are dying from other things that are COVID related. Alderman Troglio stated people who are not affected financially do not care about the shutdown because they are not affected. Alderman Brown stated she believes Alderman Duncheon is asking about the health and well-being of people; not the shutting down of businesses. We sound like we are more interested in
money versus the health and well-being of the citizens of Danville and that is why a long time ago she asked for a discussion on this. We never had a discussion and not all Aldermen voiced their opinion on it. It matters to the community what we think, but evidently, people see it as a point of freedom. We are talking about saving lives. It is not taking away our freedoms to follow the Governor’s guidelines. It is sad when we look at money versus lives. She is speaking how she feels. She believes it is a lack of concern. She thinks most people want freedom to go around and do what they want and feel it does not matter people are dying or continuing to die. Maybe until it hits home we will not see the importance of what the Governor is trying to get us to do. Mayor Williams stated his uncle passed away from this last week and voiced concern that it is about money or freedom versus lives and that is not it for him at all. Alderman Brown stated she has buried several and she said it appears it is about money or freedom versus lives. Alderman Brown stated there are agencies in Danville to help individuals who need food and other assistance. Mayor Williams stated they do not have enough resources to pay for every person. We have hundreds of people employed by the restaurant industry. Alderman Brown stated there are agencies that have funds to help people. She also stated we would not be so long with people out of jobs if the restaurants were shut down for a brief period to help with the COVID virus numbers. Mayor Williams stated the agencies who provide help, including the City, provide at the most $1,250.00 and how many months will that help to take care of their needs.
Alderman Brown stated we should not have to use them as long if we would protect ourselves. Mayor Williams stated some folks have gone nine months without work so how long will $1,250.00 carry them the last nine months. Alderman Brown stated they can look for other employment to help them along the way. She has went to couple of restaurants for carryout and people are packed like sardines and if the restaurants would be social distancing, maybe the COVID wouldn’t continue happening and people would be able to get back to their jobs who have been off for a while. The longer we continue to do this, we are going to have more COVID cases. Mayor Williams asked what solutions do the Aldermen propose. Alderman Duncheon stated the restaurants should follow the mitigation rules such as no inside dining. Why are we punishing McDonald’s, Steak-n-Shake, and all restaurants that are following the mitigation rules, but letting other ones not follow them. He does not like the uneven playing field. He does not want to close down the restaurants, but if that is what the mitigations rules state, they should be shut down. We can take away their liquor license and suspend their business license or have a city-wide mask mandate. We should all follow the same rules. When we took an oath of office we said we would follow the rules. Mayor Williams stated he took an oath to follow the law and there is a difference between a law and recommendations and guidelines. There could be a lawsuit if we enforce something that the courts rule do not have legal standing. Alderman Duncheon stated that is why the City has insurance. Alderman Foster stated he does not like to see us at such odds with each other. He thinks talking about it is a big waste of time and energy, because there is very little we can do about it. He has always been one to feel like the things we can do and how to act on things we have control over. He stated 1.7% COVID-19 cases have been traced to restaurants and things like that with 73% having been traced coming out of the homes. In his opinion, they are overreacting to shutting things down, because they don’t know the science and no one knows for sure. Let’s try to make as much emphasis as we can to help our city long term and short term and he feels like it is taking up so much time to debate and there is so little we can do about it. Alderman Puhr supports Mayor Williams’s decision and stated we live in a country where we do have freedoms, freedom of choice and he thinks the best thing we can do is lead by example as far as wearing a mask in public, social distancing, and not going to large gatherings. He gave condolences to Mayor Williams and anyone else who has lost a relative due to COVID-19. Alderman McMahon stated the City’s numbers are going down according to the Vermilion County Health Department so we should actually be in Tier 2 mitigations. She stated we need to protect our elderly people and we can reiterate the facts. She eats out at least three times a week and patronizes the restaurants in Danville and she has not seen one that is overcrowded. She has not felt unsafe in the restaurants and it is spreading inside the homes; not outside. Alderman Strebing stated he lost a member of the family.
due to COVID-19 and the only thing he can say is people are trying to do the best they can with what they have been thrown at. The main thing is to keep your distance, wear a mask and wash your hands. He is not for passing a resolution for any rules. Alderman Pickering stated she agrees we need to lead by example. We need to follow the rules, but we also need to agree that we disagree. Alderman Poshard stated we have choices and it is our choice to go out into the community or not. He has tried to help the restaurants in the community by purchasing carry out food. He has lost relatives and friends in southern Illinois. Alderman Stone stated he understands everything that has been said, but the elephant in the room is a massive failure of our federal government. We need to educate people on this.

#7....PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, AUDIENCE COMMENTS
[Public input was received by e-mail and submitted to the City Clerk's office prior to the meeting. Mayor Williams read the public comments per Council rules and time limits.]
- Pat Keller of Danville believes the Governor nor does anyone have the authority to close a business down due to COVID-19.
- Jesse Roach of Danville stated individuals are questioning why COVID restrictions are not being enforced in Vermilion County, but thanked Mayor Williams and Vermilion County officials for not interfering with businesses that choose to operate as he feels businesses cannot be expected to shut down and maintain their livelihood and that of their employees.
- Jill Trigalet of Danville supports local businesses staying open during the COVID restrictions.
- Debbie Manning of Danville supports local businesses and stated citizens can follow CDC safety guidelines, stay home if concerned, and order online.
- Andrea Byram of Danville asked to keep restaurants and businesses open.
- Bethany Hager of Danville thanked Mayor Williams, the City Council, local law enforcement, and local health and safety officials for continued support of the Danville community, economy, and especially locally-owned businesses as the emergency powers of the Governor do not give him authority to legislate through executive order.
- Teresa Aird of Danville is in support of businesses staying open and stated the CDC indicated 1.1 percent of positive COVID cases come from restaurants and bars and 78 percent are from people gathering in their homes.
- Mary Speed of Danville stated she is opposed to the petition by Concerned Citizens of Danville regarding all restaurants to be closed to in-person dining. The restaurants she has patronized have followed the mask and spacing guidelines for in-person dining. People who are concerned need to stay home and out of restaurants.
- Mary Ingold of Danville stated she is in support of businesses being given a chance to survive as businesses can stay open safely and people can make their choice to patronize the businesses or not.
- Gary Ingold of Danville thanked Mayor Williams for his support of local workers and businesses during the long pandemic and asked him to resist the efforts of Governor Pritzker to impose unconstitutional restrictions. He believes the best approach to keeping the most vulnerable people safe during the virus is to maximize information on preventative measures.
- Lisa Lovelace of Danville stated Danville businesses must stay open in order to survive as lockdowns and enforcement of unlawful state mandates threaten the livelihood of Danville business owners and employees. Citizens can choose to patronize an open business and is opposed to the petition from Concerned Citizens of Danville asking for the enforcement of mandates.
- Jill Price of Danville stated she supports Mayor Williams in his efforts to keep Danville restaurants open.
• Julie Carlson of Danville stated she is concerned about the failure of businesses to follow state mandates and the lack of a unified voice and action from the city to follow through with enforcement when mandates are violated. She thanked Alderman Duncheon for taking a stand by speaking on the record about the large numbers of patrons in some local restaurants, the lack of social distancing inside, and the danger this causes the entire community. She feels the community needs a path forward that includes both education about COVID prevention and accountability for choices that create a public safety risk. She would like to see a COVID-19 Task Force, countywide partnership to assess where we are, identify and reach agreement on opportunities to minimize COVID spread, seek community input, take action within the scope of available authority, and adjust course as needed.

• Jamie Gooch of Danville stated concern of the city not having a mask mandate and questioned why can’t the indoor dining rule be enforced by having food permits pulled. She stated not everyone could stay home, as he knows of an individual who has dialysis three times a week. She also questioned if the mitigations are illegal, why did the courts dismiss all of the lawsuits.

• Mary Catherine Roberson of Danville stated concern regarding the lack of compliance with COVID-19 mitigation guidelines as there are a large number of businesses failing to follow the Governor’s mandates. She would like to see more resources shared with businesses on how to qualify for grants and funding to support them through any closures. She recommends ordering takeout or curbside pickup to support businesses with closed dining rooms. She was appalled at Alderman Troglia’s offer to pay fines for businesses that are sanctioned for refusing to close. She asked the local officials to encourage local businesses to comply with the Governor’s mandates.

• Stephen Green of Danville stated it has been determined that Governor Pritzker has exceeded his authority of use of Emergency Powers in that his Emergency Powers only have force of law for thirty days and anything beyond this time frame to be enforceable must come through the state legislature. He applauds Mayor Williams and the City Council for respecting the rights of each individual in the community as each business owner has made his choice whether to stay open or not and individuals have the decision to patronize or not patronize the establishments that have chosen to stay open.

• Meg Szott of Danville stated she is a concerned citizen regarding the impact that COVID-19 is having on the city and her family as she has had the virus twice within seven months and was exposed by family members that live in her household. She is vulnerable to the disease because her family is essential workers with children that need care outside of the home due to the nature of their work and the risk factors that lie with those local family members that would otherwise be able to care for her children. She feels the community is no longer a community that cares about its neighbors and only think about being selfish. She would like to see local officials support the efforts the healthcare workers, health departments, and epidemiologists would help further the education of the masses and slow the spread with knowledge. She also thanked Alderman Duncheon for taking a stand by speaking on the record about the large numbers of patrons in some local restaurants, the lack of social distancing inside, and the danger this causes the entire community.

#8...ZONING PETITIONS – None

[Alderman Davis left the meeting at 7:03 p.m. during the roll call vote of the next item.]

#9...PAYROLL
Mayor Williams presented the Payrolls, having been published, posted, and distributed, for run of December 4, 2020, of $650,601.14, and for run of December 11, 2020, of $113,813.58. Alderman
Pickering 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 McMahon, Brown, Duncheon, Poshard, Stone, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Davis
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

[Alderman Duncheon asked to be excused and left the meeting at 7:05 p.m. before presentation of the next item.]
[Alderman Davis rejoined the meeting at 7:05 p.m. before presentation of the next item.]

#10... SCHEDULE OF VOUCHERS PAYABLE
Mayor Williams presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable, having been published, posted, and distributed for a special run of December 5, 2020, of $105,730.30, for December 8, 2020, of $1,815,883.01 and for December 15, 2020, of $552,804.89. 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 Brown, Davis, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Duncheon
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#11... PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT
#11-A... Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-129 awarding Bid #664 to Cummins Crosspoint as the sole bidder for Purchase and Installation of Reconditioned Transit Engine for 2011 Gillig bus (VIN#15GGB2716B1179556), in the amount of $56,821.35 with funds to come from 113-113-21-53015 Materials to Maintain Vehicles and 113-113-21-52015 Maintenance of Vehicles, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Troglia. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Davis, Poshard, Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Duncheon
Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

Chairman Puhr presented Items B and C for a single vote, moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval as presented, as recommended by Committee. There being no objections, Alderman Strebing seconded. Those items being:
#11-B...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-130 approving Utilization of CDBG Public Facility Funds for Laura Lee Fellowship House Rehabilitation at 212 E. Williams Street for structural improvements to replace exterior windows and doors, roof, and flooring up to the amount of $130,000.00 pending the competitive bidding process with the grant to be paid from 106-106-20-54185 Public Facilities line item; and
#11-C...RESOLUTION NO. 2020-131 awarding Bid #663 to Stealth Mode Construction Management LLC for Rehabilitation of Laura Lee Fellowship House Rehabilitation at 212 E. Williams Street in the amount of $129,623.00 with the improvements to be paid from Community Development Block Grant budget-Public Facilities line item 106-106-20-54185.

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Alderman Davis stated he received a few phone calls and asked how many local bids were received on the project and Mayor Williams stated there was only one bid received from someone not in Vermilion County. Alderman Foster stated he feels the project is the right thing to do and Laura Lee Fellowship House has been tremendous to the whole community for many years, is in a nice location, is well run, and they deserve help with the improvements. He reminded the City to always be aware and alert to use the CDBG funds in this manner. Chairman Puhr stated the contractor actually lowered their bid and came up with some cost saving measures as well for the project and the vendor seems very capable and willing to work with Laura Lee Fellowship. Alderman Brown stated it is unusual to hear no one from the community bid on this project. Alderman Brown stated she likes to use local businesses and is sorry they did not and stated she serves on the Laura Lee Fellowship board so she will be abstaining during the roll call vote. Alderman O’Kane stated he reached out to a contractor who does work for the City on occasion and he said he was not aware of the bid, but the vendor said he does not look at the city website for bids. He thinks we should proceed with this bid, but in the future, if we have any contracts, like $100,000.00 or more, the local contractors should get an e-mail that there is work to be bid. Mayor Williams asked Manager Cronk if we send out a notice to local contractors and Manager Cronk responded without getting into the legalities of the bid process he believes focusing on certain contractors, local or not, may be against the law of bids or the City policy. Counsel Mockbee stated he does not have specific information on it, but it does sound like something we should not do. He feels we should look into that in the future. Manager Cronk stated he pulled the entire inquiry list for all of the contractors that looked at the bid documents and we did receive eleven contractors total that pulled the documents and seven of those were local contractors. Alderman Strebing stated how about notification in the newspaper and Manager Cronk responded that is doable. Alderman Poshard stated he agrees with Aldermen O’Kane and Strebing to allow bid to be out there for as long as possible. Chairman Puhr stated we did receive eleven inquiries. Alderman Strebing voiced appreciation to Manager Cronk as information received tonight was more insight than we had last week during the Committee meeting. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Duncheon

Abstentions: Aldermen Brown, Davis

Motion carried 11 to 0 with 1 absent and two abstentions.

#11-D…Chairman Puhr presented RESOLUTION NO. 2020-132 accepting Quote from Gasvoda and Associates, Inc. (GAI) for Pump Station Monitoring Equipment and Installation and waiving the requirements of the Purchasing Manual, in the amount of $33,766.00 with funds for the work to be paid from Storm and Sanitary Sewer Fund-Infrastructure Improvements line item 402-402-00-55018 for the Wilkin Road Station, OSF Station, Ellsworth Park Station, and Eastgate Station, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Duncheon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

[Alderman Davis left the meeting at 7:23 p.m. during presentation of the next item.]
#11-E...Chairman Puhr presented ORDINANCE NO. 9303 waiving the requirements of Section 30.07(A) approving Purchase of 916-918 N. Vermilion Street in the amount of $17,000.00 from Bonnie Ostling for Community Improvement with the purchase to be paid from 310-310-00-54177 Community Investment, moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as recommended by Committee, seconded by Alderman Stone. Alderman McMahon asked if the property location is north of the old Gulick Pharmacy and Mayor Williams responded the property was previously Ostling & Associates law offices as well as the empty lot adjoining to the north. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:
Ayes:  Aldermen Stone, Williams, Troglia, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Poshard
Nays:  None
Absent:  Aldermen Davis, Duncheon
Motion carried 12 to 0 with 2 absent.

#11-F...Items of Information
- Engineer Cole reported on the Northwest Sanitary Sewer project and stated the contractor is out there and there is a 3-1/2 minute delay to get across the lake now. The project is underway, the guardrail has been removed and earthwork has started. The contractor will be working through the winter on bridge construction, widening the causeway and moving forward with the project. The separate road construction bid is posted with IDOT with the bids will be opened the middle of January.
- Mayor Williams announced there is a potential developer interested in the properties at Vermilion and Fairchild Streets. He and Logan have had meetings with potential developers in regards to various lots at the intersection. He feels it will be a good thing for the community.
- Chairman Puhr stated North Logan Healthcare has new owners called Accolade and there is a meeting scheduled with Sam, himself and Logan in regards to improvements in that area. It will also be a good project.

[The next Public Works Committee meeting will take place by videoconference on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.]
[Alderman Davis rejoined the meeting at 7:26 p.m. during presentation of the next item.]  

#12... PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT  
#12-A...Mayor Williams presented the amended City Clerk’s License Report as follows:  
**BUSINESS LICENSES:**
- JDN, Inc. dba Danville Marathon – 3401 E Main St
- KBDV Corp. dba Danville Liquor – 1816 E Main St
Chairman Foster moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval and placement on file, seconded by Alderman Brown. There being no questions or discussion, 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 August 2020 (unaudited) stating a Beginning Balance on August 1, 2020, of $26,008,571.03, Receipts of $5,291,159.87, Disbursements of $3,772,550.62, an Ending Balance on August 31, 2020, of $27,527,180.28 and a Cash Balance of $20,720,084.13. Chairman Foster moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval and placement on file, seconded by Alderman O’Kane. There being no questions or discussion, on the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#12-C...Items of Information
• Chairman Foster stated he has served on the Council for almost 28 years. He advised Vice Chairman McMahon debates are good, but it is very difficult to make decisions on items we have authority over. We really do not want to get into debate over COVID-19 as common sense is the answer. He hopes all can continue to get along as it’s been a great ride. He thanked everyone on the Public Services Committee. He recommended to try to get together to see who is going to be Vice Chairman. There will be three new people on the Public Services Committee unless Mayor Williams moves some Aldermen from the Public Works Committee. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

• Alderman Puhr stated it has been a pleasure knowing you [Alderman Foster] over 25 years and working with you over 20 years. He wished him well. It has been an honor serving as Chairman alongside you.

[The next Public Services Committee meeting will take place by videoconference on Tuesday, January 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.]

#13...CLOSED SESSION
Vice Mayor Iverson moved to go into Closed Session under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss Specific Employees, seconded by Alderman Pickering. The roll call vote being:
Ayes: Aldermen Williams, Troglio, Pickering, O’Kane, Iverson, Strebing, Puhr, Foster, McMahon, Brown, Davis, Poshard, Stone
Nays: None
Absent: Alderman Duncheon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent. TIME: 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Williams announced action will be taken after closed session.

Alderman Puhr moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Alderman Poshard. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered. Mayor Williams called the meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

#13-A...Mayor Williams presented ORDINANCE NO. 9304 amending the Wage Administration Chart as discussed in Closed Session, effective May 1, 2021 as follows:
Non-Union Full-time Employees – Section B of the Wage charts concerning non-union employees shall be amended according to the following:

1. Column created to reflect FY 21-22 salary amounts
2. A position of Full Time FOIA Officer, Classification 455.0, shall be created. The Salary will start at $28,301 Base, $35,375 Mid-Point, and $42,451 Max.
3. The position of Assistant Information Technology Administrator shall be increased to $52,432.00.
4. The position of Superintendent of Recreation, Classification 162.0, shall be eliminated.
5. The position of Grants and Planning Manager, Classification 186.0, shall be increased to $63,000.00.
6. The position of Engineering Technician, Classification 209.2, shall be increased to $63,673.00.
7. Remaining positions increased to reflect 2% salary increase effective May 1, 2021.

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 be amended according to the following:

1. The position of Auxiliary Worker shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $10.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
2. The position of Clerical Assistant shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
3. The position of Intern shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
4. The position of Playground Assistant shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
5. The position of Playground Instructor shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
6. The position of Pool Cashier shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
7. The position of Pool Lead Lifeguard shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
8. The position of Pool Lifeguard shall be increased to a minimum base pay rate of $40.00 $11.00 to reflect the statutory minimum wage.
9. The position of Pool Manager Base Pay Range minimum shall remain the same at $11.00 to reflect statutory minimum wage and the maximum shall be increased to $20.00.

Union Agreement and Contract Employees – The wages set forth in Section D of the Wage Charts for union and/or contract employees shall be amended according to the following:

1. Column created in Clerical to reflect FY 21-22 salary amounts per contract.

Alderman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as discussed in Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Puhr. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Duncheon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

#14. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Mayor Williams presented the 2021-2022 Budget totaling $55,389,126.00 for approval, as was presented and placed on public display November 17, 2020. Alderman Foster moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Strebing. Alderman Foster stated he feels the budget is marvelous and was one of the least debated budget that he can recall. He stated the whole team did a terrific job on it. Alderman Foster asked Comptroller Massey if the budget includes the higher amount to pay on pensions and Comptroller Massey stated the Police Pension Fund includes the recommended amount from the IDOI (4,282,615.00), which is lower than Lauterbach & Amen (4,510,059.00). The Firemen’s Pension Fund includes the recommended amount from the IDOI (4,890,138.00), which is slightly higher than Lauterbach & Amen (4,813,485.00)

Alderman Puhr voiced appreciation to Mayor Williams, Comptroller Massey and the Department Heads for their work on the budget. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Duncheon

Motion carried 13 to 0 with 1 absent.

Mayor Williams thanked the Aldermen for their support of the budget and helping us to be transparent and good stewards. The budget is the taxpayers money and the department heads and staff are using it to make their lives better.
#15...ITEMS OF INFORMATION
- Mayor Williams, Aldermen Strebing, Brown and Pickering wished everyone a “Merry Christmas” and “Happy New Year”.
- Mayor Williams announced City Hall will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.
- Mayor Williams announced this evening’s meeting will be the last meeting for Corporation Counsel Mockbee. His last day with the City is tomorrow [12/16/20]. He will be sworn in as an Honorable Judge on Friday [12/8/20]. He is proud to have worked with him. He was honorable, earnest, hardworking and we are very thankful for all of the work he did. He was someone that everyone could count on and we appreciated him. Alderman Puhr asked if Counsel Mockbee will be able to help with the job interview process for his replacement and Mayor Williams responded “no” due to him being a judge he will not be able to help. Dave Wesner will be the interim Corporation Counsel. Mayor Williams is hoping we will use Counsel Wesner’s services for a month or six weeks at the most. There will be no retainer. It will be an hourly wage of $190.00 per hour. He is capable of running our courts for us.
- Mayor Williams stated to his dear friend Chairman Foster, sometimes we agree and sometimes we disagree, but one thing he can say with certainty is that he has always had the best interest of the people of Danville at heart. You [Chairman Foster] fought hard for them, sometimes given wise counsel in difficult situations and you have been a wonderful colleague and mentor and have become a dear friend. He will miss serving with him. He thanked him for everything he has done for almost 30 years of service. We will honor you appropriately when we are able to meet in person again. Chairman Foster thanked Mayor Williams and stated he plans to stay busy with a couple of things in the community as after 35 years it is hard to sit around and not vote yes and no. He feels very confident about Danville’s future and feels we are going to prosper and pull out of the pandemic and he advises everyone to take the vaccine.
- Mayor Williams reminded the public to wear a mask, wash your hands, use hand sanitizer and stay away from each other and social distance.

#16...ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 8:04 p.m. following a motion by Vice Mayor Iverson and a second by Alderman Brown.

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 December 15, 2020, as the same appears on the records of the City now in my custody and keeping.

Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

Approved: 01/05/21
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