

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2019

#1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mike Puhr called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Robert E. Jones Municipal Building, 17 W. Main St., Danville, Illinois.

Roll Call was answered by Chairman Mike Puhr, Vice Chairman Rick Strebing, Aldermen Bob Iverson, Mike O'Kane, Sherry Pickering, and Aaron Troglia with one Vacancy in Ward 1. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance included Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Shelley Scott, Public Transportation Director Lisa Beith, Public Works Director Carl Carpenter, Harrison Park Golf Course Manager Brock Burton, Program Compliance Coordinator Tracy Craft, Senior Planner Tyson Terhune, 16 audience members, and 2 news media.

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Puhr presented Minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2019. Vice Chairman Strebing moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Troglia. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#3 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Puhr presented the agenda. There being no changes, Alderman Pickering moved for approval as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman Strebing. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#4 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

#4-A) PUBLIC HEARING for Petition to Vacate East-West Alleyway near 918 N. Walnut Street for Troy and Linda Shults. Chairman Puhr opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. for the Petition to Vacate and asked for audience comments in support of or in opposition of the alley vacation. Linda Shults, Petitioner stated last fall they put in a petition to vacate an alley and it was voted down by City Council 6 to 6 vote with two absent. Since then they have made some improvements. They have installed a fence across the north-south alley and left the opening for the east-west which has cut down on a lot of the big truck traffic that was coming through their parking lot. The smaller trucks can still get through there, but the last three months she has seen maybe two Culligan trucks. Last fall, she reported numbers from their security cameras. The average in the fall was 17 walkers, bicycles per day and 7 cars. The last two weeks the count average is 25 walkers and 19 cars a day in a 24 hour period and more than half of it is between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. They get groups of four and five all night long. The alley runs right in front of their house. There is some traffic going south and going through the car wash lot. There are other ways for residents in the alleyways to get out. The alley is 16 feet wide all the way through. She stated they are simply looking for some privacy in their new home they have been working on for a year now. Jeanette Hall spoke in opposition to the alley vacation due to the placement of her garage next to the alley as it is easier to go east to Walnut Street and she goes there many times a day for different things. She does not see all of the people walking waking them up at all hours. There are three large trash bags at the back of the Petitioners house the last three weeks. She does not want to have to back out onto Franklin Street because it is dangerous. The house next to her has a lot of people there with several cars and people who have bikes and motorcycles. She has seen them take off from their back yard to Walnut Street. Troy Shults, Petitioner, stated the alley they are trying to vacate is an east-west alley that goes right in front on their house, the small Culligan truck can get through the east-west alleyway, stated Mrs. Hall has two other points of egress and ingress, and the trash bags are full of ceiling tiles or flooring and as soon as he is finished with the last room the City will be called for a special garbage pick-up and he has informed the City inspector of such. There being no further comments, Chairman Puhr closed the

hearing at 6:15 p.m.

#4-B) PUBLIC HEARING for Petition to Vacate Street/Alleyway for REG Danville, LLC. Chairman Puhr opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. for the Petition to Vacate and asked for audience comments in support of or in opposition of the alley vacation. Paul Calamari, Plant Manager for REG Danville, LLC apologized for having to come back to the Committee as this item should have been included in the last alley vacation. It is a grass alleyway that we had the streets vacated previously and this is one that was an omission on the part of REG Danville, LLC. Mr. Calamari stated this was a recommendation from Assessor Matt Long to help REG subdivide it for simplification. There were no audience comments in opposition to the alley vacation. There being no further comments, Chairman Puhr closed the hearing at 6:16 p.m.

#4 Other Audience Comments

Robert Szymanski of Danville, representing Concerned Citizens of Danville, announced an event on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Ellsworth Park giving citizens a chance to discuss concerns about violence, gangs, drugs, and other community issues. Their goal is to get people to communicate and get to know their neighbors and not be afraid to speak their minds.

#5 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

#6 PAYROLL

Chairman Puhr presented Payroll for June 7, 2019 of \$525,119.29. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Strebing. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen O'Kane, Pickering, Troglia, Strebing, Iverson, Puhr

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#7 VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Chairman Puhr presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable for June 11, 2019, of \$206,316.53. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Iverson. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, Troglia, Strebing, Iverson, O'Kane, Puhr

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#8 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Lisa Beith, Director

#8-A) Items of Information

#8-A-1) Director Beith gave the Monthly Recap for May 2019, which included Ridership Reports, Monthly Revenue Record, and Ridership History. The May fixed route ridership totaled 50,076. The April total ADA ridership was 624 rides, with the May ADA ridership report to be given next month. The total revenue for the month of May was \$24,996.32, which included the Greyhound commission for March, of \$34.68.

#8-A) Other Items of Information

- Director Beith reported both new buses have arrived and should be in service by the middle of July.
- None of the current fleet or the new buses received any weather-related damage from the hail storm that occurred May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Richard Brazda Bus Terminal sustained minor roof damage; however, the building at 101 N. Jackson St. received major roof damage and both were turned over to the Risk Manager for the adjustor's evaluation.

#9 PUBLIC WORKS – Carl Carpenter, Director

#9-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing Budget Amendment in TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Downtown Fund (122), to increase Fiscal Year 2019-2020 TIF Downtown Fund (122) Budget-TIF Project Reimbursement fund by \$7,000.00, with funds for the amendment to come from the TIF-Downtown Fund reserves, for a development incentive for a qualified roof installation project at 136 N. Vermilion Street. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

Ayes: Aldermen Troglia, Strebing, Iverson, O’Kane, Pickering, Puhr

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#9-B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution rejecting Bid 615 to the lowest responsible bidder, Cross Construction, in the amount of \$6,218,787.99, for Northwest Sanitary Sewer Service Area Reconstruction, which had been awarded under Resolution No. 2019-53; and due to delay in obtaining an IEPA SRF Loan causing the improvements to be postponed until loan is fully procured and the improvements will need to be re-bid. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Director Carpenter stated we did not get the loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as there were issues with the consulting firm and on the City’s part. Mr. Childers has been in contact with the firm for three weeks we had a meeting with the engineering consultants last week and we have set up a step by step program to make sure we can reapply for this and by doing so we are actually not completely guaranteed, but more than likely receive at least \$1,000,000.00 of forgiveness on part of the loan. This is not an absolute guarantee we will get the funds as this is money that is put in by the State and other projects get completely dropped off which is called a bypass fund and those funds are delegated to other entities such as Danville that reapply later in the year. With the step by step program, we will have dates we are going to make them meet our criteria and we will meet that criteria and we should have this resolved by December so that the letting can go out in January or February and the project can begin in the next construction season. Chairman Puhr stated with his understanding there will be trees planted along the hill that were taken out. Director Carpenter stated he has been involved with Aldermen Foster, Iverson, and Strebing to work on possible fencing and trees for screening for the Gao Grotto. It was stated pine trees could not be planted until the fall season. Alderman Iverson asked about the possibility of having the stumps removed and Director Carpenter stated it will not be cheap to remove the stumps and it cannot be done in-house and eventually when the project will be done the excavator will be digging all of those out as the sewer line is going to be placed on the hillside. Alderman Iverson questioned the cost when the project is re-bid and asked if it will likely be a higher amount and Director Carpenter responded the City is going to search for as much money as we can possibly get and it will be closer to the estimated \$4.3 million than the \$3.3 million we supposedly received, but we did not and would like to spend the least amount of funds out of the sewer division as possible. Director Carpenter stated the project is paramount on receiving the loan. Discussion ensued about the funding and the City would have to find money to get the sewer portion of the project completed fairly soon, within the next three to five years, as the whole system is failing and on the average we have one break per year out of this forced main that is on the top of Denmark Road near the cemetery. Mayor Williams stated if the bid does go up, unless it goes up more than \$1 million dollars, he feels the City will still be ahead in the long run due to the loan forgiveness. Chairman Puhr asked who the consultant was and Director Carpenter stated Hanson Engineering. Mayor Williams stated this was assigned to one of their newer staff members and it did not get completed as it should have been done last August. Alderman O’Kane asked if the delay will effect Aqua Illinois Water’s project and Director Carpenter responded Aqua will remove their hangers from the dam and reattach it has no effect on this.

After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Strebing, Iverson, O'Kane, Pickering, Troglia, Puhr  
Nays: None  
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#9-C) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing Lease of Golf Carts for Harrison Park Golf Course for the new fleet of (30) 2019 E-Z-GO Model TXT 48V PDS Golf Carts and authorize reclamation of (30) 2014 E-Z-GO Model TXT 48V PDS to the E-Z-GO Division of Textron, Inc., utilizing the National IPA (OMNIA) purchasing program for procurement and enter into a new five-year lease agreement with E-Z-GO division of Textron, Inc. to establish a step payment program. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:  
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Ayes: Aldermen Iverson, O'Kane, Pickering, Troglia, Strebing, Puhr  
Nays: None  
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#9-D) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution authorizing Establishment and Distribution of Corporate Membership Package Funds designed to increase revenues at Harrison Park Golf Course, Municipal Pool, and Danville Tennis Center and allows businesses, and employees of said businesses to purchase a membership package at a reduced rate as follows: Corporate Membership - \$1,000.00 (\$700.00 to Harrison Park; \$200.00 to Tennis Center; \$100.00 Pool), and Corporate Family Membership - \$500.00 (\$300.00 to Harrison Park; \$100.00 to Tennis Center; \$100.00 Pool). Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Iverson, O'Kane, Pickering, Troglia, Strebing, Puhr  
Nays: None  
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#9-E) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance authorizing Vacation of East-West Alleyway near 918 N. Walnut Street for Troy and Linda Shults. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Pickering. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Pickering, Troglia, Iverson, Puhr  
Nays: Aldermen Strebing, O'Kane  
Motion carried 4 to 2 with 1 vacancy.

#9-F) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance authorizing Vacation of Street/Alleyway for REG Danville, LLC. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Troglia. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:  
Ayes: Aldermen Troglia, Strebing, Iverson, O'Kane, Pickering, Puhr  
Nays: None  
Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 vacancy.

#### #9-G) Items of Information

##### #9-G-1) Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Update

Director Carpenter stated the DATS Committee is concerned that Danville does not have two voting members right now and he does not feel comfortable sitting on the board right now and neither does Eric Childers as neither do not have the knowledge that all of that consists of at this time. The ad is out for the Planner and hopefully it will be filled before the end of the month and that individual will be on that board and in the interim we should be able to get one of the building inspectors on the board as a voting member until we get an Engineer back.

### #9-G-2) H&L Landfill Update

Director Carpenter reported there is no updates regarding the closure at this time, but we are doing some work there with the drainage in the area as it is beginning to fail. Engineer Sherif Abdou is designing the work and there will be a resolution for the repair work coming forward to the Council.

### #9-G-3) Project Updates

- Director Carpenter reported the sealcoat preparation is continuing. There will be a different type of aggregate used similar to a crushed slag from granite that will not dissipate or be crushed by the weight of traffic and there will not be dust flying in the neighborhoods.
- Staff continues to televise the Holiday Hills neighborhood area sewers due to tree roots growing in a lot of lines so we are getting those cut.
- The storm clean-up is continuing with ten loads picked up today with the grapple truck.

#10 CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

### #11 ITEMS OF INFORMATION

#### #11-A) Discussion of Residency Requirements

Mayor Williams stated the consensus from the Public Services Committee was for all employees including directors live within a five mile radius from the city limits. He referred to the map included in the packet which showed five mile, ten mile, Vermilion County, and 30 mile radius as options. Mayor Williams would like to bring a recommendation to the City Council soon. Chairman Puhr suggested enforcement of payment of the City portion of property taxes if employees lived outside of the City as is written in the Public Works Laborers contract. Alderman Pickering would like to see a 10 mile radius so the City might see more job applicants. Mayor Williams reminded the Committee each union contract has to be negotiated so the item being discussed currently would apply to non-union personnel. Director Carpenter stated the Public Works Laborers 703 contract states the employees must live inside the City limits within 90 days of their probationary period. The payment of the City portion of property taxes applied to individuals who were not abiding by the rules in the contract *[Residency Alternative Program]*. Mayor Williams stated he is concerned the farther away employees live, the less likely the employee will do their business in Danville. Mayor Williams also asked if the employees who live outside of the City should pay the Public Safety Pension fee and after discussion it was determined to charge a flat fee and will be a payroll salary deduction. The consensus from the Committee was to move forward with a five mile radius with the option of amending it to ten at the next City Council meeting.

### #12 COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

- Alderman Pickering voiced concern with Sprague Lawn Care and stated she is disappointed with the mowing this year. Director Carpenter stated he and Tracy have been in contact with them and they were just trying to cut everything once and it was too wet and high and some of the lots have had to be mowed more than once each time. Tracy has another 86 lots added to the list which have not been budgeted so after discussions, the City is going to try and use auxiliaries to try to keep the price more in line with where it should be. There are only three lots removed from the list. There are a lot of people interested in buying lots and he recommends the City come up with a plan soon to put city owned lots in tax paying hands so they can take care of these lots. Alderman Strebing understood the Land Bank was taking care of the lots. Mayor Williams stated the Land Bank attempts to market and sell the lots and if there is a sale, the Land Bank receives 60% and the City receives 40%. Director Carpenter stated the Land Bank only would like certain lots to market. Vice Chairman Strebing suggested language regarding city owned property be placed on the garbage billing and Director Carpenter stated the Council would need to decide how much to charge for each property, but suggested to bill by square footage similar to the alley vacations. Alderman Pickering relinquished time to Tracy Craft. Tracy stated the size of the lot can range anywhere from \$40.00 to \$90.00 for taxes. He also stated there are not going to be any homes built on the lots for Habitat for Humanity, so the City is going to have to continue maintenance of those lots when originally they were only going to be maintained for three years,

which added another 14 lots to the City list. Mayor Williams stated the City will start with the list of interested buyers and bring it to the Council for consideration and agreement, then enter into a contract with those people to get it off of the City books.

- Alderman O’Kane asked for an updated demolition list.

#13 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by acclamation after a motion by Vice Chairman Strebing and a second by Alderman Pickering.



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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

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