

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020

#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 Robert Williams. Alderman Aaron Troglia was absent. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance included Mayor Rickey Williams, Jr., Alderman Brenda Brown, City Clerk Lisa Monson, City Comptroller Ashlyn Massey, Construction & Maintenance Manager Dave Ruwe, Corporation Counsel Charles Mockbee IV, Grants & Planning Manager Logan Cronk, Public Transportation Operations Supervisor Robert McNeil, Public Works Director Carl Carpenter, City Engineer Sam Cole, 2 audience members, and 2 news media.

#2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Puhr presented Minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2020. Vice Chairman Strebing moved for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Iverson. 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 Alderman O'Kane. On the voice vote, all ayes, no nays; the motion so ordered.

#4 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

#4-A) PUBLIC HEARING for Petition to Vacate an East-West Alleyway near 216 S. Gilbert St. and Public Square for Petitioner K2 Enterprises LLC. Chairman Puhr opened the public hearing at 6:01p.m. and asked for audience comments in support of or in opposition of the Petition. There being no comments or questions, either for or against the Petition, Chairman Puhr closed the hearing at 6:01 p.m.

#4 OTHER AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Elizabeth Carruth of Danville voiced concern of blight in her neighborhood, especially brush and junk at a house near the corner of Griggs Street and Jewell Street. She has also posted the problem on the "Report It" app.

#5 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Puhr stated it was nice to see everyone again.

#6 PAYROLL

Chairman Puhr presented the Payroll for July 10, 2020 of \$83,621.37. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Alderman Iverson. There being no questions, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#7 VOUCHERS PAYABLE

Chairman Puhr presented the Schedule of Vouchers Payable for July 14, 2020, of \$505,684.79. Alderman Pickering moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Strebing. There being no questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#8 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – Lisa Beith, Director

#8-A) Items of Information

#8-A-1) In the absence of Director Beith, Mr. McNeil presented the Monthly Recap for June 2020, which included Ridership Reports, Monthly Revenue Record, and Ridership History. The June fixed route ridership totaled 30,816. The May total ADA ridership was 501 rides, with the June ridership report to be given next month. The total revenue for the month of June was \$1,854.00.

#8-B) Other Items of Information

- Service hours expanded to regular schedule on June 1, 2020.
- DMT is still not collecting fares as of July 1, 2020. Alderman Williams asked how long DMT can go without charging fares and Supervisor McNeil responded he is not sure, but is hoping to start back to charging fares within the next few weeks. Mayor Williams stated DMT will be receiving reimbursement for the lost fares.
- Transfer center open and service resumed as of July 1, 2020 on the 10 Danville-Champaign route as COVID numbers have continued to decrease.

#9 PUBLIC WORKS – Carl Carpenter, Director

#9-A) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution approving Professional Services Agreement with RJN Group, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring and Sanitary Sewer System Evaluations for the amount of \$104,744.00, to be paid from the Storm and Sanitary Sewer Fund-Professional Services budget. The City has negotiated a scope of services and fee for professional services with RJN Group, Inc. to complete flow monitoring, perform certain system inspections and evaluations in the problem areas, and provide recommendations for next steps to resolve the issues. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman O’Kane. Engineer Cole stated there are a few areas the City has experienced sanitary sewer overflows with one of them being the Koehn Creek interceptor trunk sewer upstream of the siphon that was installed a few years back. There is also a recurring surcharging that happens in the basin north of English Street on Jackson Street. There are plans to do some ongoing flow monitoring, smoke testing, and televising of the sewers specifically for the purpose of determining a cause for the problems and programming the improvements. There being no further discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-B) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution rejecting Bid #655, 2020 Pavement Striping due to bids received exceed the allotted funds for the proposed work. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Iverson. Engineer Cole stated the bid came in substantially higher than what we had allocated for this year so we are going back to the drawing board to see how we can accomplish this. Engineer Cole stated that essentially the pricing came back at about 3 times what we had estimated the cost to put down the striping costs about the same amount as putting down pavement over the same surface area so at those numbers we can’t afford to stripe that much. We are going to regroup and find a more cost effective way to proceed and we would certainly rather see the money go into pavement rather than stripes if the stripes are going to cost that much. Alderman Pickering asked if the striping used to be done in-house and Engineer Cole replied “yes” and staff is discussing if this is something that we can and should do. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-C) Chairman Puhr presented a resolution awarding the Contract for Bid #656, 2020 Sealcoat to Daniel L. Ribbe Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$396,243.04, to be paid from Fund 103 (Motor Fuel Tax) budget line item 103-103-00-600GM (General Maintenance). Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Director Carpenter stated staff has been doing asphalt preparation work on a lot of the streets and embossing the edges of the roads so the seal coat will hold up a lot better. Alderman Strebing voiced concern of the condition of Avenue C on the north side and stated a lot of the road is gone. He asked if Avenue C could be added to the list of roads for this project. Engineer Cole explained the strategy we are taking right now is a lot of the sealcoat preparation this year has focused on roads that are not the worst roads and the reason for that is we are trying to save those roads from becoming the worst roads and we have prioritized those roads for the time being. Engineer Cole stated a lot of seal coat preparation is on roads to save them. He does not know the rating of Avenue C, but if it is less than a 4 out of 10 we have not added it to the sealcoat list because it warrants significantly more work that would tie up our maintenance guys for a very long time and we wouldn't cover a lot of ground. Our goal is to go back to those and evaluate each one individually to say what is the best path forward on this road. He will follow up with Alderman Strebing on the logic of Avenue C. We are trying to make sure we do the most good and have the dollar stretch as much as we can so we can afford to reconstruct the ones that are actually bad rather than limp them along in a mediocre fashion for a long time. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-D) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance vacating an E-W Alleyway near 216 S. Gilbert Street and Portion of Public Square for Petitioner K2 Enterprises, LLC. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Vice Chairman questioned what the Petitioner plans to do with the property and Engineer Cole responded K2 Enterprises also owns the Quick Lube and Quick Wash on N. Vermilion so their vision is to do the same thing near 216 S. Gilbert Street. Engineer Cole stated we are coordinating with the utility companies and there may be easements retained in portions of this. There is a Leaf a Legacy tree in memory of Bill Cooper at the corner of the public square and if that tree is in conflict, they have committed to relocating the tree to that location or at a location nearby. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

Chairman Puhr presented Items E and F for a single vote. There being no objections, Alderman Williams moved to dispense with the readings and asked for approval, seconded by Vice Chairman Strebing. Those items being:

#9-E) an ordinance approving the Acceptance of Right-of-Way and Easements for the Gilbert Street & Madison Street Intersection Improvements. The City of Danville passed Ordinance #9233 vacating streets and alleys filed by Carle Foundation Hospital as Petitioner, and as part of the streets and alleys to be vacated, is required to design and construct improvements for a signalized intersection at Gilbert and Madison Street and compensating all impacted land owners for all right of way acquisitions, easements, and damages; and #9-F) an ordinance accepting Real Property, 513 W. Madison Street. Thomas L. Woods Sr., as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Anna P. Woods, desires to transfer the real property located at 513 W. Madison Street, Danville, Illinois to the City. To address Alderman O'Kane's question if there was a structure on Madison Street, Director Carpenter stated there is a burnt structure, but the only thing that needs demolished is the garage. Alderman Pickering asked for an explanation of costs between Carle and the City. Engineer Cole explained Carle is paying for all of it and there will be a closing where Carle brings money that is issued to the owners. The City has agreed in partnership with Carle to pay for the appraisals of the sites which they have

agreed to reimburse the City, due to facilitating the process. Mayor Williams stated the purpose is to straighten out the jog as much as possible to make it as safe as possible going back east and west across Madison and north and south on Gilbert where the future stoplight movement. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-G) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance amending Chapter 77, Schedule XV(A) Intersections at which “Stop” or “Yield” Signs affect Control and Direction of Control and amended as follows:

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Intersection Control</u>	<u>Controlled Street</u>
Country Club Dr. & Denvale Dr. (south)	STOP	Country Club Dr.
Country Club Dr. & Denvale Dr. (north)	STOP	Denvale Dr.
Madison & Porter	STOP <del>YIELD</del>	Madison
Madison & Alexander	STOP <del>YIELD</del>	Madison
Madison & Beard	STOP <del>YIELD</del>	Beard
Madison & Harvey	STOP <del>YIELD</del>	Harvey

Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Alderman Iverson stated he received an opposition letter to the Country Club Drive and Denvale Dr. stop sign and asked if the stop sign is being placed there for the future project across the bridge. Director Carpenter responded “no” and stated the intersection is very odd to be signed with a yield sign. Engineer Cole stated Public Works employee Robb Dietzen reviewed the ordinance and noted there are two intersections of Country Club Drive and Denvale Drive with one of them being closest to Denmark Road so for clarity that is the reason for the proposed ordinance stating “south”. Also, the northern intersection where these two intersect, there is no stop sign in any direction so the recommendation to place a stop sign on Denvale Drive as Country Club Drive is the through road. Engineer Cole stated the stop signs at Denvale Drive and Country Club Drive were at the recommendation from Chief Yates. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-H) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance approving the Purchase of Real Property for the Williams Street Re-Alignment Project, the proposed improvements will require the acquisition of land and demolition of structures at 513 Harmon Street. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman O’Kane. Engineer Cole stated the property is an old barbershop, north and south of an empty lot, which is owned by the tax trustee. The property will have to be demolished once acquired. There being no further questions or discussion, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#9-I) Chairman Puhr presented an ordinance approving Real Estate option Agreement for the Sale of Certain Real Property, the City and First Farmers Bank and Trust desire to enter into an agreement with the option to buy the property of 821 N. Vermilion Street for one-dollar (\$1.00). The City desires to utilize Brownfields grant funding to conduct ESA Phase I & II testing before purchasing the property and the City plans to enroll the site into an ESA Site Cleanup grant. Vice Chairman Strebing moved to dispense with the reading and asked for approval as presented, seconded by Alderman Pickering. Manager Cronk stated a demolition permit came

across the office and a consultant informed staff the site to the south of First Farmers Bank was an old dry cleaners, which has received Phase I and Phase II testing and it is a contaminated site. Staff is assuming the First Farmers Bank site is contaminated as well. The plan is for the City to get the option for the agreement and fund the Phase I and Phase II testing for the Brownfield's funds, which will be a stepping stone to an EPA site clean-up grant. The property could then be revitalized for future development. After all questions were addressed, the roll call vote being:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Alderman Troglia

Motion carried 6 to 0 with 1 absent.

#### #9-J) Items of Information

#9-J-1) Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) Update – no report

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

Director Carpenter reported there is nothing new to report.

#9-J-3) Project Updates

- Director Carpenter announced the original supplied solid waste toter containers have expired their warranty. Any container with a serial number beginning with "07" is no longer warrantied. These broken or worn containers will no longer be replaced free of charge.
- Director Carpenter reported the Ellsworth Park concession restroom will be demolished beginning tomorrow. Staff plans to begin demolishing the house next week located at the southeast corner of Jackson and Voorhees which will be a part of the intersection improvement.
- Director Carpenter reported manhole installation work will begin tomorrow east of the Jackson and Winter intersection. A portion of the sidewalk will be rebuilt in the same area as well.

#10 CLOSED SESSION was not needed.

#### #11 ITEMS OF INFORMATION

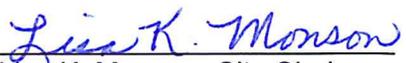
Mayor Williams voiced appreciation for all of the good work done on the downtown sidewalk replacement project. He stated the President of the Illiana Genealogical & Historical Society voiced appreciation to him, Director Carpenter, and the Public Works Committee for the sidewalk work recently completed in front of their building as it has improved accessibility tremendously.

#### #12 COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Alderman Iverson stated he and Mayor Williams attended a meeting today where Aqua Illinois was celebrating its completion of the Lake Vermilion dam project, which was a \$20 million dollar renovation project to replace gates to the dam. The previous gates were 95 years old. He was impressed how well the work was completed and service was never interrupted. He also stated Aqua voiced appreciation to the City for getting the project going. Mayor Williams stated Jamison Steel and other local vendors fabricated some of the special made parts for the project.

#### #13 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. by acclamation after a motion by Alderman Pickering and a second by Alderman Iverson.

  
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Lisa K. Monson, City Clerk

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