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The Second Regular September meeting of the Danville City Council was held on September 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: James B. Buckner, L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Vice Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Mayor John B. Gilstrap, Fred O. Shanks, III, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle. (7) Dr. Gary P. Miller and Sherman M. Saunders were absent. (2) *Council Member Miller entered the meeting at 7:20 p.m.*

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken F. Larking, Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Mayor Gilstrap presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by L. G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr.; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Gilstrap read a Certificate of Recognition recognizing M&M Furniture's seventy-one years of service in Danville and presented it to Mildred and Thomas Farthing.

Mayor Gilstrap read a Proclamation "Proclaiming October 1, 2017 as Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk Day" and presented it to Leslie Barksdale, Marie-Louise Crane and Lin Benefield, Danville Area CROP Walk Team Members, who invited Council to attend the CROP walk.

Mayor Gilstrap read a Proclamation "Constitution Week" and presented it to Anne Geyer, Regent, Dorothea Henry Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Gilstrap recognized citizens Michelle Adkins, 205 Dudley Street and Deborah Harr, who noted their concern about cars speeding down their road; one child was hit today. Ms. Adkins asked Council to this street looked at, as there are no speed limit signs or Children at Play signs.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, have previously been discussed by City Council and/or introduced for First Reading. There will be no separate discussion on these items and they will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by a Council Member or a citizen, the item(s) will be removed from the consent process and considered separately.

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing for Consent Agenda items. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 12, 2017. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was Closed.

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MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Campbell, Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on August 3, 2017 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

AMENDING THE FY2018 BAO FOR STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE GRANT FUNDS

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner, and **second** by Council Member Campbell, an Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2017-09.01, Presented by its First Reading on September 5, 2017, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for State Department of Aviation Maintenance Grant Funds Related to the Maintenance of Certain Airport Properties in the Amount of \$100,000 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$127,832 for a Total Appropriation of \$227,832 and Appropriating the same, was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-0-2
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones,
Shanks, Vogler and Whittle (7)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Miller, Saunders (2)

AMENDING THE FY2018 BAO FOR TITLE III-B GRANT FUNDS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Campbell, an Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2017-09.02, Presented by its First Reading on September 5, 2017, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance by Increasing Certain Revenues to Provide for Title III-B Grant Funds and Local Share for Senior Citizen Programs and Appropriating the same, was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 7-0-2
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones,
Shanks, Vogler and Whittle (7)
NAY: None (0)
ABSENT: Miller, Saunders (2)

NEW BUSINESS

CANCELING THE OCTOBER 3, 2017 MEETING AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 5, 2017

Mayor Gilstrap stated Council received an email from the City Manager indicating that everything will be over by noon Tuesday; Council Members could possibly make it back on Tuesday if they desired or they can have a Motion to move the Council Meeting to Thursday.

Council Member Campbell **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09.06

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CANCELING THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017 AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Whittle.

Mr. Vogler noted in years past, VML used to go to Wednesday, that is why the Council Meeting was moved each year. However, VML has shortened the calendar and for the majority of Council, the conference ends Monday night with several minor meetings Tuesday morning. Mr. Vogler noted he would be voting no for the Resolution. Mayor Gilstrap stated if Council members are involved in VML committees, those meet immediately following the conclusion of the conference; he is on one of the committees.

The **Motion** was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-1-2
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones,
Shanks, and Whittle (6)
NAY: Vogler (1)
ABSENT: Miller, Saunders (2)

AMENDING THE FY2018 BAO – VIRGINIA DMV SAFETY SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT – ALCOHOL GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Jones and **second** by Council Member Whittle, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09.04

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES HIGHWAY SAFETY SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT – ALCOHOL GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,437 AND APPROPRIATING SAME

was presented by its **First Reading**, to lie over for **Final Adoption** as required by **City Charter**.

AMENDING FY2018 BAO – VIRGINIA DMV HIGHWAY SELECTIVE OFFICE ENFORCEMENT – SPEED GRANT PROGRAM

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Jones and **second** by Council Member Buckner, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09.05

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT – SPEED GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,939 AND APPROPRIATING SAME

was presented by its **First Reading**, to lie over for **Final Adoption** as required by **City Charter**.

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AMENDING THE FY2018 BAO – ANTICIPATING REVENUES FROM THE VIRGINIA DMV OCCUPANT PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Jones and **second** by Council Member Shanks, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09.06

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT – OCCUPANT PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,760 AND APPROPRIATING SAME.

was presented by its **First Reading**, to lie over for **Final Adoption** as required by **City Charter**.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Ken Larking noted the City's Economic Development team received an award recently from FDI Magazine, which is a subsidiary of Financial Times. The City of Danville was awarded a Top Ten Micro-Cities award for best economic potential. Mr. Larking noted it is good to get Danville on the map, winning an award, for all the effort the City has put forward with economic development and the great things going on in the City.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield encouraged everyone to get their own Constitution and read it.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gilstrap congratulated all those who were recognized tonight, thanked the citizens for bringing to Council the situation on Dudley Street and would like to thank Averett University for their program yesterday. Council Members took a pledge to re-affirm their citizenship and appreciation of being an American. Mayor Gilstrap noted he and Vice Mayor Jones had an opportunity to speak to the first graders at Gibson Elementary School, the students were very well behaved, respectful and had some difficult questions for him and the Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Jones noted the question they received at Gibson was, what does it take to be a good citizen and stated all the children were awesome. Vice Mayor Jones thanked the citizens for what they are doing for the children on Dudley Street and for appearing before Council tonight, and reminded citizens they can reach out to the City Manager or a Council Member at any time, they will be happy to assist them. Vice Mayor Jones stated to Council Member Saunders, they continue to pray for him.

Council Member Miller noted as he came in just now, he saw about six young teenagers riding bike share bikes. Dr. Miller gave a shout out to Morgan Kerns and Justin Price at Parks & Rec who have become certified working in community and athletic programs. The Averett program where citizens re-pledged their citizenship was awe-inspiring. Dr. Miller apologized for being late noting he was on the joint board of the hospital and he went to take a tour of the Martinsville ER. One of the biggest complaints with Danville is their ER; the Martinsville ER was just renovated two years and he wanted to see what that facility looked like.

Council Member Shanks noted along with the City Attorney, he brought his pocket Constitution and has often spoke about how the founding fathers had such foresight. Mr. Shanks noted

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his copy he received from the Dorothea Henry Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution who were represented here tonight. They have been an active group for quite some time and thanked them for their service.

Council Member Vogler recited the Preamble to the Constitution and noted this is Constitution Week; some Council Members had the opportunity to be at Averett to be part of their ceremony honoring not only the Constitution but America itself. Mr. Vogler stated this Friday in Charlottesville will be the Tom Tom Founder Forum and he was invited to be part of the *New Virginia City* panel. Mr. Vogler noted he would like Council to look into the sign ordinances the City has in place and at other localities to see if Danville's is too strict. Mr. Vogler sent his thoughts and prayers to the family of Tahir Mehmud the owner of the convenience store on Riverside who was gunned down in his store.

Council Member Whittle noted his prayers to the citizens of Florida and Texas that were hit by hurricanes and to Council Member Saunders for him to get back to Council quickly. The Danville Concert Association has an event on Saturday the 23rd at the Frith Fine Arts Center at Averett University.

Council Member Buckner reminded citizens to support the Main Line Trolley project which started up a few months ago; the City has seen a lot of success with that. Mr. Buckner noted to Council Member Saunders, Council is praying for him and hopes to see him back soon, he is missed very much. Mr. Buckner reminded citizens the Food Truck Rodeo will be in Danville November 4th; the first one was huge success and this one has been extended the entire length of Bridge Street almost down to the parking garage. Mr. Buckner asked everyone to keep the citizens of Puerto Rico in their prayers as the hurricane is headed their way.

Council Member Campbell asked everyone to continue to keep Council Member Saunders in their prayers. Mr. Campbell noted he was glad to see the citizens come to Council with their concerns about the children playing on Dudley Street; Council is concerned and hopes the City can do something about it. The Danville Pittsylvania County Fair is going on, and asked citizens to pray for the victims in Florida and Texas.

Mayor Gilstrap noted Averett also had the unveiling of a historical marker yesterday and congratulated them. Mayor Gilstrap stated to Mr. Saunders, we are praying for you, rest, get healthy, we miss you and want you back soon.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK