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The Regular September meeting of the Danville City Council was held on September 4, 2018, 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., Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., Adam J. Tomer and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

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

Mayor Jones presided. Mayor Jones noted Council Members were saddened to learn of the passing of *Danville Register & Bee* reporter Denise Thibodeau and asked Council Member Campbell, in his Invocation, to pray for her family and friends and keep her in their thoughts and prayers

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 Jones read a Proclamation entitled National Suicide Prevention Month, designating September 2018 Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Danville. Mayor Jones asked citizens to take a moment of silence, and presented the Proclamation to Lorrie Eanes-Brooks, Secretary for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Virginia Chapter.

Mayor Jones read a Proclamation designating September 8-16, 2018 as National Drive Electric Week in the City of Danville and presented the Proclamation to Director of Utilities, Jason Grey. Mr. Grey noted Saturday at the Community Market there will be an event from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., inviting people with electric cars in the City to bring them down to let others learn about them. Mr. Grey thanked the City's partners, Danville Toyota, Robert Woodall Nissan and Steve Padgett Honda. Sam Keeter from Danville Toyota noted they love being part of the community and helping out, and see a tremendous benefit in electric vehicles. Mr. Forte from Robert Woodall Nissan, noted working together with other dealerships for a cause is bigger than business in this particular case.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Dan Hayes from Averett University, who stated September 28-30th is Averett's Homecoming and invited citizens to attend Homecoming Events.

Mayor Jones recognized Cecil Bridgeforth, 709 Edmonds Street, who noted he was very disturbed with what he read and what he experiences when he substitutes in the school system, including lowered test scores and reading levels. Mr. Bridgeforth noted too much money was being put into the system and the City was not getting any returns; what was Council doing to make sure it gets a better return on their investment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Shanks requested Item B be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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Council Member Campbell **moved** for adoption of Consent Agenda Items A and C.

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 9, 2018. Draft Copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

Budget Amendment - Consideration of Amending the FY 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant in the Amount of \$4,500

An Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-08.07, presented by its First Reading on August 21, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Virginia Commission for the Arts Grant in the Amount of \$4,500, and to Provide for the Local Share in the Amount of \$5,000 for a total grant of \$9,500.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Buckner and carried by the following Vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

Budget Amendment - Consideration of Amending the FY 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Grant from the Virginia Housing Development Authority

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Tomer and **second** by Council Member Saunders, an Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-08.11, presented by its First Reading on August 21, 2018, amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Virginia Housing Development Authority in the Amount of \$125,000 and Local Share in the Amount of \$75,000 and Appropriating the Same, was presented for Final Adoption.

Council Member Shanks noted he has some serious reservations with regard to this item and asked if the City is in receivership, are they the owner of the property and Mr. Reynolds noted they were not. Mr. Shanks asked was there a reason the City could tear the property down and Mr. Reynolds noted under the Property Maintenance Code they could; Mr. Shanks asked how much staff thinks that would cost and Mr. Reynolds noted between \$165,000 to \$185,000. Mr. Shanks noted the City has already appropriated \$75,000 for this building in the CIP in blight eradication, and questioned was the City trying to spend \$125,000 of other people's money to stabilize the building or to repair it and Mr. Reynolds stated to stabilize it, to resolve the property maintenance code violations relative to the exterior. Mr. Shanks noted there have been some numbers for rehab discussed at the last meeting, does the City know how much it would cost, and Mr. Reynolds explained staff had an estimate at a discussion several work sessions ago, from a local developer, at about \$2.2M. Mr. Shanks noted the second part of the Ordinance involves the DNDC accepting the preferred loan, and Mr. Reynolds explained Preservation Virginia's board has voted to agree to purchase the property; at that closing, they will transfer the property to the DNDC and they will finance the purchase. Mr. Reynolds stated the DNDC will then be responsible for obtaining a developer/partner to finish the repairs on the property. Mr. Shanks stated he would like to see a full plan of action in place as far as what kind of credits are available, what kind of money is going to be required, and how much interest there is, as well as the actual cost to stabilize the building. Mr. Shanks noted he didn't feel comfortable putting the City taxpayers on the hook for this property that the City does not own, that could be demolished for about \$200,000.

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Council Member Tomer noted the City is on the hook for \$75,000, that is the extent of what the City would pay; at that point, it is no longer in the City's possession. The City stabilizes it, partly with other people's money, it goes to Preservation Virginia and then to the development corporation. Or the City doesn't do anything, it tries to go after the owner, the City has held them accountable and they are not paying the fines and penalties. It is an eyesore and decreasing property values, the City could pay about \$200,000 to tear it down and then it is just a vacant lot. Mr. Tomer noted he is going to vote in favor of it. Council Member Buckner noted his agreement with Mr. Tomer, investing \$75,000 versus \$200,000 plus for demolition, it makes fiscal sense.

Vice Mayor Vogler noted his agreement with Mr. Tomer and Mr. Buckner; the City is talking about accepting a grant for \$125,000 and allocating \$75,000 to stabilize this building where a developer could come in and make something great happen with it. If the City doesn't do that, it pays \$160,000 to \$200,000 to demolish the property and have an empty lot sitting there; he supports this project. Council Member Saunders noted he believed the staff has done a good job, and the citizens living in the OWE have expressed interest and support for this project. The City is looking at a grant from the State, with a cost to the City of \$75,000. The City has built a reputation of looking at old properties, renovating them and making them useful again; it is a win/win for the developers and the City. Council Member Miller noted his concern was a 2016 article in the paper that said this building was irremediable, a staff member didn't see anyway it could be brought up to par. Dr. Miller noted he was not confident this project was going anywhere and the City will end up having to buy it out.

After further discussion, the Motion was **carried** with the following vote:

VOTE: 6-3
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Saunders,
Tomer and Vogler (6)
NAY: Miller, Shanks, and Whittle (3)

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET AMENDMENT - CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FY 2019 BAO FOR VDOT HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,830

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Vogler and **second** by Council Member Buckner, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.01

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR SAFETY PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE CITY AND TO BE FINANCED ANTICIPATING REVENUES FROM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,830

was presented by its **First Reading**, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

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BUDGET AMENDMENT - CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FY 2019 BAO FOR VDOT STATE OF GOOD REPAIR/PRIMARY EXTENSION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$999,000

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Shanks and **second** by Council Member Campbell, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.02

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR ROADWAY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE CITY AND TO BE FINANCED ANTICIPATING REVENUES FROM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT) STATE OF GOOD REPAIR / PRIMARY EXTENSION FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$999,000

was presented by its **First Reading**, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FY 2019 BAO FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Whittle, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.03

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING CERTAIN REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR TITLE III-B GRANT FUNDS AND LOCAL SHARE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS AND APPROPRIATING SAME

was presented by its **First Reading**, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

BUDGET AMENDMENT - CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FY 2019 BAO BY TRANSFERRING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE FROM THE WASTEWATER FUND FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Vogler and **second** by Council Member Tomer, an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.04

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY TRANSFERRING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE OF THE WASTEWATER FUND FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

was presented by its **First Reading**, as required by City Charter, to lie over before final adoption.

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PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 523 LYNN STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 523 Lynn Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 21, 2018 and August 28, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.05

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RESIDENTIAL USES IN A STRUCTURE WITH NON-RESIDENTIAL USE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, A WAIVER TO THE DENSITY, AND FLOOR AREA RATIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3:L, SECTION C, ITEM'S 9, 12, AND 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 523 LYNN STREET, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 2713, BLOCK 004, PARCEL 0000014, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Campbell and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Shanks (1)

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, Fred O. Shanks, III, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Residential Uses n a Structure with non-Residential Use at 523 Lynn Street listed on the agenda as New Business Item (E). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code §2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 4th day of September 2018.

s/Fred O. Shanks, III

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT AT 525 LYNN STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 525 Lynn Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 21, 2018 and August 28, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Vogler **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.06

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GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR RESIDENTIAL USES IN A STRUCTURE WITH NON-RESIDENTIAL USE ON THE FIRST FLOOR, A WAIVER TO THE DENSITY, AND FLOOR AREA RATIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3:L, SECTION C, ITEM'S 9, 12, AND 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 525 LYNN STREET, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 2713, BLOCK 004, PARCEL 0000013, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Buckner and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Shanks (1)

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, Fred O. Shanks, III, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit for Residential Uses in a Structure with non-Residential Use at 525 Lynn Street listed on the agenda as New Business Item (F). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code §2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 4th day of September 2018.

s/Fred O. Shanks, III

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A BED AND BREAKFAST AT 418 PLUM STREET

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 418 Plum Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 21, 2018 and August 28, 2018. Mayor Jones recognized R.J. Lackey, Esq., 341 Main Street appearing on behalf of Spotlight Expansion LLC, the owner of the subject property. Mr. Lackey explained this matter is an attempt to make an Airbnb on Plum Street; Mr. Davis is the owner of Spotlight. Mr. Lackey distributed pictures of the house prior to renovation and after renovation, and noted this project brings increased tax revenues to the City, is good for the community and asked Council to support this.

Council Member Buckner questioned if this was an unnecessary step to continue to be an Airbnb and Mr. Lackey noted the City Code does not have any type of Airbnb provision; this is actually coming under the bed and breakfast with the owner living next door. Mr. Buckner questioned if every Airbnb henceforth has to have a bed and breakfast zoning or approval and Director of Community Development Ken Gillie stated they were supposed to. The ones the City has been made aware of, staff has notified them and that is why Mr. Davis has come before the City to do this. Others that the City has notified have discontinued operation; they have one that has applied for a permit and will be coming to Council in the future.

Council Member Shanks noted he read that the Commissioners of Revenue across the State had some issues trying to work these out and Mr. Gillie noted that was correct. Mr. Gillie stated their concerns are the same, licensing and how to maintain a license, controlling who

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operates them, the hotel tax, and the amount of tax that is collected. Mr. Shanks noted, do Airbnbs self report and Mr. Gillie noted how they report is one of the things the Commissioners were going to discuss. Staff is concerned with what impact it will have on the neighborhood with people coming in and out, unfamiliar with the area. Also, the impacts on utilities, and safety and escape; hotels have sprinkler systems and things to protect the occupants, these houses don't. Mr. Shanks asked in a bed and breakfast, does the owner live in the house and Mr. Gillie explained they are supposed to be either living there or have a caretaker who resides on the property. In this case, Mr. Davis lives next door to the property and does float between the two.

Council Member Tomer noted he believed Council should move forward with this, but does think staff should continue to explore the options on how the City could make the process easier to do Airbnbs, at the same time protecting the hotels in Danville to ensure there is not an unfair advantage where people are using Airbnbs and not paying lodging taxes. Vice Mayor Vogler noted this is an issue he has been looking at for a while. Airbnb will become more common here in Danville, the City needs to make sure they are up with the current regulations, and noted he supports this project.

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.07

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A BED AND BREAKFAST IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3:E, SECTION C, ITEM 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, AT 418 PLUM STREET, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 2710, BLOCK 006, PARCEL 000005 OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, ZONING DISTRICT MAP

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Whittle and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING CHAPTER 41, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE, ARTICLE #3.M, SECTION C TO ALLOW FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Amending the Zoning Code for Urban Agriculture. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 21, 2018 and August 28, 2018. Director of Community Development Ken Gillie noted he wanted to apologize to Council Member Shanks; last year the City changed this rule to allow this in the neighborhood commercial district. It was asked that staff should allow it in the HR-C district and Mr. Gillie had noted at that time, he didn't know of any properties that it would work on; it will work on this property and they are here tonight to make this correction. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Vogler **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.08

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AMENDING CHAPTER 41 ENTITLED "ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED, MORE SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 3.M:, ENTITLED "HR-C HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL", SECTION C., ENTITLED "USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT" BY ADDING ITEM #28 TO ALLOW FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Tomer and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE AT 760 MEMORIAL DRIVE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 760 Memorial Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 21, 2018 and August 28, 2018. No one desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Campbell **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09.09

GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3:M, SECTION C., ITEM 28, AS AMENDED, AT 760 MEMORIAL DRIVE OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1711, BLOCK 006, PARCEL 0000002, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Miller and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,
Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

APPROVING CANCELING THE OCTOBER 2, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09.01

CANCELING THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Shanks and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Jones, Miller, Saunders,

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Shanks, Tomer, Vogler and Whittle (9)
NAY: None

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Jones noted the City Clerk was not at tonight's meeting, their thoughts and prayers are with her and her family; the City Attorney did a great job filling in.

Dr. Miller welcomed the Tunstall students, stated GW football is on a roll and encouraged citizens to go out and support them. The City is starting two new solar farms, trying to cut citizen's power bills. Dr. Miller noted Denise Thibodeau was a gracious and kind lady; she was tough and fought lung cancer, and she will be missed. Saturday is the heart walk at Averett and invited Council Members to participate.

Council Member Saunders noted special thoughts and prayers for Denise Thibodeau's family. Denise reported the news, she was very fair in all of her work, and she will be missed. Mr. Saunders thanked her family for sharing Denise with them and will keep her and her family in their prayers. Last Friday at Berry Hill, the City and County had people in from Richmond, and is proud to say that Berry Hill Mega Park was certified as the largest and only mega park in the State of Virginia. Mr. Saunders stated the precision machining program has gotten a lot of attention and encouraged young people to get involved in this program.

Council Member Shanks noted he was pleased to hear of the meeting at Berry Hill, for this community to have the largest Tier Four development is great. Mr. Shanks noted he and Mr. Saunders are the only members on RIFA that were around when it first started with the mega park. They have seen it from the purchase of the property to the attempt to get financing when the market fell apart, and to see it where it is now after years and years of meetings, it is a tremendous asset in Virginia. His compliments to all those involved and to the support staff that puts the meetings together. Mr. Shanks noted, rest in peace, to Denise Thibodeau, she did a wonderful job and was always fair in her reporting; he has been on the good side and the bad side, but she was always fair. She worked hard, and was loved by many.

Council Member Tomer asked the City Manager and Deputy City Manager if they could get him data on the City's Pay for Performance Plan; he is interested in knowing, by department, how many of the percentages of each of the tiers. He would like to know if the Pay for Performance is working and the City is using it accurately to reflect high performers and others. Mr. Tomer gave his regards to Denise Thibodeau and her family; he met her when she first moved here from Tennessee and her first assignment was to cover he and Danny Marshall's House of Delegates race. She was always fair, accurate and she could be trusted; she will be missed.

Vice Mayor Vogler noted Denise Thibodeau was not only a great reporter but a good friend. Several years ago when he moved back to Danville, one of his ideas was the energy reduction with streetlights. Denise encouraged him to come to Council and speak to them about it. She loved Danville, pointing out the good things that happened here. Mr. Vogler noted he will miss his conversations with her, the region will miss the writings of a good reporter and he will miss a friend. Mr. Vogler asked citizens to keep Denise's family in their thoughts and prayers. Vice

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Mayor Vogler noted the other person he wanted to speak about tonight, he didn't know personally, but had met him on a few occasions, was John McCain. There has been an outpouring of respect for a true American hero; he inspired him, as well as others to serve a cause greater than themselves.

Council Member Whittle noted when he was running for Council, Denise Thibodeau sat down with him and did two interviews, his first and his last. She was kind and became a friend; his best to her family.

Council Member Buckner noted Denise was a great lady; she joined his family to watch the fireworks on the Fourth of July two years ago. Her car had broken down and she was walking home and passed where they were watching. She sat there and talked with his family, she was a very sweet lady and will be missed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK