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The Second Regular November meeting of the Danville City Council was held on November 20, 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: 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 (8). James B. Buckner was absent (1).

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.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11.06**

APPOINTING AMANDA ALLEN AS INTERIM CITY CLERK FOR THE NOVEMBER 20, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### **MINUTES**

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Saunders and **second** by Council Member Whittle, Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 16, 2018 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR ACCESS ACROSS PARCEL #60207**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Deed of Easement. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on November 13, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11.07**

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY AN EASEMENT ACROSS SPECIFIC CITY PROPERTY TO ALLOW ACCESS TO AN ADJACENT LANDLOCKED PARCEL

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

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

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11.08**

APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO MAINTAIN THE USE OF A PASSENGER BOARDING AREA FOR THE DANVILLE TRANSIT SYSTEM.

The Motion was **seconded** by Vice Mayor Vogler and carried by the following vote:

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Vogler and **second** by Council Member Miller, an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11.01**

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND APPROPRIATING SAME FOR ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE - \$120,000 FROM THE DANVILLE REGIONAL FOUNDATION**

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Miller and **second** by Council Member Saunders, an Ordinance entitled:

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11.02**

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUES FROM THE DANVILLE REGIONAL FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 FOR THE CITY'S BUSINESS ATTRACTION STRATEGY AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$612,080 FOR TWO VIRGINIA TOBACCO COMMISSION GRANTS**

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Campbell and **second** by Vice Mayor Vogler, an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11.03**

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$612,080 TO PROVIDE FOR ONE HALF OF THE REQUIRED LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR TWO VIRGINIA TOBACCO REGION REVITALIZATION COMMISSION GRANTS #3301 AND #2264 FOR THE SOUTHERN VIRGINIA MEGASITE AT BERRY HILL AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, or City Clerk. City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted that the first meeting of January will be on Thursday, January 3, 2019. City Code mandates that when January 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Tuesday, that the meeting automatically moves to the Thursday.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Member Saunders noted a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Council Member Shanks wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, especially city employees. Mr. Shanks encouraged citizens in the region to support Small Business Saturday, support local businesses on Black Friday and the following weeks to Christmas.

Council Member Tomer wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy time with family, friends and loved ones.

Vice Mayor Vogler thanked Danville Toyota for once again lending one of their trucks to Danville City Council to ride in, for the Veterans' Day Parade; they are always helpful getting Council a vehicle to ride in. Council had a great time, it was a wonderful parade. As Council gets into the budget season in the next couple of months, he would like Council to give consideration to improvements to the entry corridors into the City, particularly the West

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Main/Business 29 area. Mr. Vogler wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, it is a wonderful time in the City with a lot to be thankful for.

Council Member Whittle questioned the City Manager, to follow up on the family that had problems, that came to the last Council meeting. Mr. Larking noted he had several contacts with that family, first to find out what the issue was and then updating them on what the City planned to do. In that particular case, what they called a reservoir is actually a stormwater retention pond on Nor-Dan; the volume of water was so large that it overwhelmed it and created erosion. The property they are talking about is a private property issue, the City does not have an easement in their backyard. Mr. Larking stated he told the family the City will keep the retention pond as clean as possible, so the drains are open and can flow like they should. That would be good for most storms, but with a storm like Michael that was so large and overwhelmed that retention pond, it may still create issues. Mr. Larking noted he gave them some thoughts and advice on what the City engineers said they should be doing and suggested they contact some experts on their own. Mr. Whittle noted the Veterans' Parade was great, thanked all the Veterans and wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving.

Council Member Campbell wished everyone a happy, safe Thanksgiving, and to enjoy their families.

Council Member Miller noted they attended the Schoolfield accreditation ceremony; there was a lot of excitement with the students, teachers and principals. They worked very, very hard to obtain their accreditation. Danville now has four schools accredited: Park Avenue, Schoolfield, Forest Hills and Galileo, and he looks forward to the day when all the schools are accredited. Dr. Miller encouraged citizens to look out for their neighbors, Danville has had a tough year with storms and hurricanes, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Jones noted Delegate Danny Marshall was in Chambers, welcomed him and thanked him for his work. Mayor Jones noted he was thankful for all the Council Members, for their support for him and the entire City, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC  
CITY CLERK