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The Inaugural Meeting of the Danville City Council was held on January 3, 2023 at 12:00 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., Bryant Hood, Alonzo L. Jones, Barry P. Mayo, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken Larking, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr., Public Information Officer Arnold Hendrix, and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

City Clerk Susan DeMasi called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Public Information Officer Arnold Hendrix who gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PRESENTATION OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES

Ms. DeMasi noted the Certificates of Election had been placed at the seats of the recently re-elected Council Members.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Ms. DeMasi administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Buckner, Mr. Hood, Mr. Jones and Dr. Miller.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

The next order of business was the election of Mayor for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024. Ms. DeMasi turned the floor over to City Attorney Clarke Whitfield to conduct the elections. Mr. Whitfield congratulated the four re-elected Council Members, and opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Whittle nominated Alonzo L. Jones for Mayor.

There were no further nominations for Mayor and the nominations were closed.

Council Members voting for Mr. Jones were: Mr. Buckner, Rev. Campbell, Mr. Hood, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mayo, Dr. Miller, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Vogler and Mr. Whittle.

Alonzo L. Jones was elected to serve as Mayor for a two year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mr. Whitfield opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

Council Member Campbell nominated Dr. Gary P. Miller for Vice Mayor; Council Member Saunders noted he wanted to support the nomination of Dr. Miller, stating it was his honor to do that. Dr. Miller was a man they respect, a resident of the City for thirty-three years, and highly skilled in his practice as a physician. One who continues to show his love for the City, representing and taking care of the City's business, having served on numerous boards and

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commissions, and one who Mr. Saunders has had the honor of serving with for fourteen years. He was prepared and informed about any assignment he was given to represent the City, and will continue to serve the City well.

There were no further nominations for Vice Mayor and the nominations were closed.

Council Members voting for Mr. Jones were: Mr. Buckner, Rev. Campbell, Mr. Hood, Mr. Jones, Mr. Mayo, Dr. Miller, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Vogler and Mr. Whittle.

Dr. Gary P. Miller was elected to serve as Vice Mayor for a two year term commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

DRAWING FOR COUNCIL SEATING

The last item of business conducted by Ms. DeMasi and Mr. Whitfield was the drawing for Council Seating. Following the drawing, there was a brief recess while the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of Council assumed their respective seats.

Mayor Jones thanked everyone who attended today and thanked Council Members for trusting in him to be the Mayor. This Council has worked diligently on several priorities in the City and they were going to work tirelessly on education; education was turning around. One of their focuses was going to be on employee salaries; once tonight's regular Council meeting started, citizens will be able to hear firsthand from the City Manager. Mayor Jones noted he wanted to thank the employees that have already called him regarding the pay increases they have received; Council takes seriously and conservatively all their employees. They have a great City, there were some challenges, they have a great City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Attorney, Clerk and all other employees. This was going to be one of the most exciting years the City has seen, and they have proven as a body they work together. Mayor Jones thanked the Council Members.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Buckner congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor; it was a testament to the good work the Mayor was doing; they appreciated it on Council, the City and the residents appreciated it.

Council Member Campbell congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor being re-elected into their positions; the unification of Council was great. Danville was a great City and certain things that have happened, Council was not going to put up with. They have to be cautious about the quality of life they have in Danville as they prosper and move forward, there were great opportunities.

Council Member Hood congratulated the Vice Mayor and Mayor Jones; Mr. Hood noted he was excited and thankful, this year was going to be a great year for the City of Danville. He was excited to see people come together; Danville works as a family and he was looking forward to working this year to make it better.

Council Member Mayo noted his congratulations to the Mayor and Vice Mayor being re-elected; Mayor Jones was doing wonderful things to lead the City, and Council thanked him for the work he was doing. Mr. Mayo noted he looked forward to 2023 being a great year, and was excited about Danville was moving towards.

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Vice Mayor Miller congratulated Mayor Jones on his re-election, and noted he agreed it was going to be a banner year for Danville; there were some big things coming this year. They will get over their hurdles on education and make things happen. Danville has a lot to be proud of, it was becoming a destination on the weekends; everyone can be proud of what has been accomplished, and the best was yet to come.

Council Member Saunders congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor being re-elected. Danville was a caring city and he was honored to serve with eight wonderful people and staff, in trying to serve the citizens and the other people who come through the City every day. The City had excellent employees and he was proud of all of them. This Council works together for the good of the City, they make the tough decisions, and they were growing. Mr. Saunders thanked the citizens for allowing him to be there and thanked Council for allowing him to serve with them as they try to make Danville what they know will be the best City.

Council Member Vogler congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor on being re-elected and all his colleagues who were re-elected. He has truly enjoyed working with each of them, has learned something from each of them when they were together, and he looks forward to the opportunity to serve with each of them. Mr. Vogler noted his agreement, this year was going to be a great year for the City; they have had several great years and they continue to build on that. As they continue to have this success, they always keep in mind what was at the heart of what makes Danville great, and that was their people. That includes the great City employees, and they want to continue to work to support them and knows they will.

Council Member Whittle congratulated the Mayor, it has been a good run and this was the year, today was their day, congratulated the Vice Mayor on being re-elected, and congratulated the other re-elected Council Members.

Mayor Jones recognized Mildred Richardson, Ms. Thomas from GLH Johnson, and Ms. Cookie, and registrar Peggy Petty.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK