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The Regular October meeting of the Danville City Council was held on October 1, 2019, 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, Fred O. Shanks, III, Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (7). Sherman M. Saunders and Adam J. Tomer were absent (2).

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 Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Vice Mayor J. Lee Vogler, Jr., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Chief David Eagle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Certificate of Recognition to Chief David Eagle, Danville Fire Department.

Chief Eagle thanked Council for the Recognition noting it was the members of the Fire Department that made it one of the best in the Country. Chief Eagle stated he was honored to have served the citizens of Danville, and thanked the Council and citizens. Council Members thanked Chief Eagle for his years of service and all he has done for the City, he will be missed, and congratulated him on his new position. City Manager Ken Larking introduced the Interim Fire Chief Mike Jefferson.

Proclamation: "A Day of Action Against Hunger and Poverty", Sunday October 6, 2019.

Presented to: Sherri Tuck and members of the Danville CROP Hunger Walk Planning Team.

Ms. Tuck noted they have been walking for twelve years and have made some progress, but they are still walking and will walk until hunger is eradicated, and no child knows what it was like to go to bed hungry. Ms. Tuck encouraged citizens to join them on Sunday, October 6th at 2:30 p.m. in Ballou Park.

Proclamation: "Disability Rights and Resource Center Awareness Day", October 10, 2019.

Presented to: Stowe Belongia and Carol Toomey

Ms. Toomey thanked Council for the Proclamation. Ms. Toomey noted Mr. Belongia has an office in Danville, where they focus on peer counseling, independent living skills, advocacy, information and referral, and transition services.

Proclamation: October - Bullying Prevention Month in the City of Danville.

Presented to: Tunstall High School Government Class

The Class President of Tunstall High School noted students are collaborating with some of the other clubs in the school on bullying prevention to make sure there was awareness of this at the schools. Students thanked Mayor Jones for the Proclamation.

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Mayor Jones recognized Valerie Warner from the US Department of Commerce, United States Census Bureau who discussed the purpose and importance of the upcoming census in 2020. Council Members thanked Ms. Warner for appearing before Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Dan Hayes from Averett University who invited citizens to Averett's Homecoming on October 18th – 20th.

Mayor Jones recognized Steven Gould who noted the Danville Bar Association was hosting a forum on Wednesday, October 9th, at the River District Events Center, where members of the community can hear from the three candidates for Circuit Court Clerk.

Mayor Jones recognized Jasmine Lipscomb, a student at Averett, who talked about events happening in the City and the importance of the census.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Budget Items on the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 24, 2019. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

Council Member Whittle **moved** for adoption of the following Consent Agenda Items:

Approval of Minutes from Regular Council Meeting held on September 3, 2019. Draft copies of the Minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Revenue Sharing Program Funds from VDOT in the Amount of \$1,216,500

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-09.10, Presented by its First Reading on September 17, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Projects to be Undertaken Within the City of Danville and to be Financed Anticipating Revenue Sharing Program Funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$1,216,500.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for VDOT State of Good Repair / Primary Extension Funds in the Amount of \$963,000

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-09.11, Presented by its First Reading on September 17, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Roadway Maintenance Projects to be Undertaken Within the City and to be Financed Anticipating Revenues from the Virginia Department of Transportation State of Good Repair / Primary Extension Funds in the Amount of \$963,000.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for VDOT Additional Transportation Alternative Program Funds in the Amount of \$95,396.00

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-09.12, Presented by its First Reading on September 17, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for

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Additional Transportation Alternative Program Funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation for Trade Street Trail Project UPC 107726 in the Amount of \$95,396.00.

Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for VDOT Smart Scale Program Funds in the Amount of \$500,588.00

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2019-09.13, Presented by its First Reading on September 17, 2019, Amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for a Project to be Undertaken Within the City of Danville on Arnett Boulevard and to be Financed Anticipating Smart Scale Program Funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation in the Amount of \$500,588.00.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

Vice Mayor Vogler **moved** for adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 2019-10.01 – Reappointing Larry Toomer to the Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Resolution No. 2019-10.02 – Reappointing R.J. Lackey to the River District Design Commission.

Resolution No. 2019-10.03 – Appointing Daurie Bussell to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 2019-10.04 – Appointing Kimberly Walker to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF REZONING FROM PS-C, PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL, TO HR-C, HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL, A PORTION OF 3311 RIVERSIDE DRIVE

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Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rezoning a Portion of 3311 Riverside Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 17, 2019 and September 24, 2019.

Mayor Jones recognized Mark Johnson from LE&D Professionals representing the Daniel Group, who explained this item was a consolidation to get both properties like-zoned. No one further desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10.01

REZONING FROM PS-C, PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL TO HR-C, HIGHWAY RETAIL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, A (1.179 AC) PORTION OF 3311 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS GRID 1713, BLOCK 004, PARCEL 000002 OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP.

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

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

RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF DELINQUENT AND IMPROPERLY ASSESSED TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-10.05

ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF AND APPROVING THE REPORTS, DATED AUGUST 28, 2019, OF DELINQUENT AND IMPROPERLY ASSESSED TAXES AS OF JUNE 30, 2019, SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

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

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT – CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE AVIATION FUNDING FOR SECURITY LOCK REPLACEMENT AT THE DANVILLE AIRPORT

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-10.02

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE AVIATION FUNDING FOR SECURITY LOCK REPLACEMENT AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,202 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,609 TO BE PROVIDED FROM SUPPORT OF GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Ken Larking noted Marc Aron has received another award for River City TV, a W3 Silver Award from the Academy of Interactive Visual Arts in the category of Social Video Events and Live Streaming.

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

ROLL CALL

Council Member Shanks noted John Crane of the *Register & Bee* wrote a good article about Economic Development in the City; he appreciated his research, and the great job he did.

Vice Mayor Vogler invited citizens to the GWHS Football game this Friday night when they play EC Glass. Vice Mayor Vogler noted he has discussed Council looking at ways to help local small businesses, and stated he believed it was time to discuss the minimum parking requirements the City puts on businesses and developments in the City.

Council Member Whittle questioned the procurement process in the City, and noted it had been brought to his attention, an incident about bicycles for the police department. They got twenty bicycles that went out on procurement, Lynchburg got it and they are supplying Danville's police bicycles. Mr. Whitfield noted he was not familiar with the situation and would have to check into that. Mayor Jones noted he had forwarded information to the City Manager and Deputy City Manager, and they are looking into that. Mr. Whittle noted the school system has brought the state in and asked if the Superintendent could bring Council up to speed on that.

Council Member Buckner thanked all the Tunstall students here tonight, congratulated Chief Eagle on his retirement and wished him the best on his future endeavors.

Council Member Miller thanked the fire department for all they do, and encouraged citizens to attend the GW football game Friday. Dr. Miller noted the VML conference was this weekend; Council members attend because they pick up ideas from other localities, what was working for them and the City shares what works for Danville.

Mayor Jones noted the accreditation scores came out in the paper yesterday. The City has an education compact with the schools and was already doing a lot of things to work with the school system. The superintendent was also seeking help from the state; more information was forthcoming. He has already asked the City Manager to have the Education Compact

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Committee along with the Superintendent, come and give a full report to Council on how things are going. The City has to work together to turn this around.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

s/ Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/ Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK