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The Regular September meeting of the Danville City Council was held on September 6, 2022, 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., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Barry Mayo, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9). *Mr. Whittle entered the meeting at 7:08 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 Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr., gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation: National Suicide Prevention Week
Presented to: Lori Eanes

Ms. Eanes accepted the Proclamation and stated that the 9-8-8 number was advocated, not just as a number, but an entire system of care. This was put in place to keep people out of the emergency room and in a crisis center. It was a wrap around approach to find out what people need and how to help them. Ms. Eanes thanked Council for all that they do.

Recognition: Ms. Virginia Volunteer
Presented to: Katie Clatterbuck, Miss Virginia Volunteer

Ms. Clatterbuck was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for her volunteer work in the Danville Community, and thanked Council for the recognition. She discussed her experiences working in Danville and the region, and commended the City on the spirit of community that it encompasses. She stated that she would not only be representing the state of Virginia on the stage, but she would also be representing the amazing City of Danville as well.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Sean Barker (they/their/them) of 312 Marshall Terrace who spoke to Council regarding the pro-vax narrative. Mr. Barker also noted he will be filing two transphobia complaints, one against Mayor Jones and one against City Manager Ken Larking, with Amanda Paez.

Mr. Jones recognized Tommy Bennett, President of the Danville branch of the NAACP, who spoke to Council regarding the water situation at Woodside Village. He thanked the Mayor, City Manager, and Deputy City Manager for quickly restoring water to those 160 units. Mr. Bennett discussed the conditions of the residents at Woodside Village.

Mayor Jones recognized Ralph and Delores Rhyne of God's Final Call and Warning who spoke to Council regarding the purpose and mission of their nonprofit. Mr. Rhyne passed out information to City Council, explaining they are aiming to lessen and eliminate childhood hunger.

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Mayor Jones recognized Thomas Mitchell of 101 Hemlock Drive who spoke to Council regarding a Dominion Power service plan (not affiliated with the City of Danville) that seems to be fraudulent and was being mailed to residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 2, 2022. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

Consideration of Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the City of Danville, Virginia.

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2022-08.02, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the City of Danville, Virginia, in the Maximum Aggregate Principal Amount of \$16,000.000 to Finance the Acquisition, Construction and Equipping of Various Capital Projects.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF BONDS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08.02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH PROCEEDS OF BONDS

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

Council Member Whittle questioned the \$16M issuance of bonds, \$6M of it was what the City was allowed to do without having to go to a referendum and City Manager Ken Larking noted that was correct. Council Member Whittle stated the \$10M was going to the Utilities Department, and they were authorized for \$25M on top of that, that was a total of \$35M in bonds, and questioned if someone could check on the Charter for this, and can the mention of the \$25M be removed. Director of Finance Michael Adkins explained that the debt capacity for Utilities each year was \$10M. In order to accomplish the CIP that was in this year's budget, the City will be using what was left from last year's allocation of the \$10M, plus this year's. Tonight's vote was a reimbursement resolution which gives the City the ability to reimburse itself with bond proceeds if

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bonds were issued for this year's capital expenditures. Later in October Council will be presented with a resolution to actually issue bonds. The Charter explains what the limits were, and refers to how much can be spent without a referendum. This vote was for reimbursement only.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield explained that in order to remove that wording from the charter a bill would have to be passed by the Virginia Legislature and signed by the Governor.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A VIRGINIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS GRANT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09.01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 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 APPROPRIATION OF \$9,500.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR TITLE III-B GRANT FUNDS FOR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09.02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING CERTAIN REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR TITLE III-B GRANT FUNDS AND LOCAL SHARE FOR SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION MAINTENANCE GRANT FUNDS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09.03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 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 \$40,000 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION GRANT TO PROMOTE AVIATION AWARENESS

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09.04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 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 \$40,000 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE AVIATION FUNDING TO REHABILITATE THE SOUTH RAMP AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09.05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE AVIATION FUNDING TO REHABILITATE THE SOUTH RAMP AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,830,412 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,767 TO BE PROVIDED BY A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT OF SPECIAL GRANTS FUND 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, City Attorney or City Clerk.

Council Member Mayo stated it was good to see each and every person who came out this evening to share their thoughts, and noted his congratulations to Miss Virginia Volunteer and to the students. Community Health Awareness Day will be at the Camp Grove Community Center this week, and encouraged citizens to come out and be a part of what was happening. Serve 365 was volunteer service that was back in action in the community. Mr. Mayo stated a job resource fair will be held November 1 and more information will be coming soon.

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Vice Mayor Miller stated that his patients who were lost due to COVID did not have the vaccine. What was heard here tonight were not facts. He commented on Rory Younger passing away and that his thoughts were with his family.

Council Member Saunders thanked the Tunstall High School students for being at the meeting and asked them if they attend other local government meetings as well. A student from Tunstall stated that they also attend the Pittsylvania County Supervisors meeting, the Pittsylvania County School Board meetings, History commission, and a few other commission meetings. Mr. Saunders once again thanked them for coming to the meetings and hoped to see them again one day in this setting or in Congress.

Council Member Vogler stated, *God Bless the City of Danville and all of our citizens.*

Council Member Buckner stated the 2022 Blue Ridge Rock Festival was here and wanted to be the first to welcome them to the City of Danville. It was being held at VIR with over 180 bands, and 40,000 people will be here this weekend for the festival. Mr. Buckner noted 58E area this weekend may have possible traffic delays. Mr. Buckner congratulated Corrie Bobe who was announced on the Virginia 500 Power List by the Virginia Business magazine, and encouraged citizens to participate in the Out of the Darkness walk for suicide prevention.

Council Member Campbell stated that it takes a village to turn some things around and he believes they can do this when it comes to education. He thanked the superintendent and the school board for all that they do.

Mayor Jones recognized the Tunstall students and thanked them for coming to Council, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Rhyne for what they were doing, and thanked everyone in chambers and at home for all that they do.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK