The Inaugural Meeting of the Danville City Council was held on July 2, 2018 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, Alonzo L. Jones, Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks III, Adam J. Tomer, J. Lee Vogler and Madison J.R. Whittle (8). L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., was absent (1).

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

City Clerk Susan DeMasi called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Assistant City Attorney C. Ryan Dodson who gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

**PRESENTATION OF ELECTION CERTIFICATES**

Secretary of the Electoral Board, Sylvesta L. Jennings, presented Certificates of Election to Council Members James. B. Buckner, Alonzo L. Jones, Gary P. Miller, and Adam J. Tomer, certifying their election on May 1, 2018 for four-year terms commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2022.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Ms. DeMasi administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Buckner, Mr. Jones, Dr. Miller, and Mr. Tomer. (Clerk's Note: A copy of the oaths are attached to and made a part of these minutes).

**ELECTION OF MAYOR**

The next order of business was the election of Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020. Ms. DeMasi turned the floor over to City Attorney Clarke Whitfield to conduct the elections. Mr. Whitfield congratulated the three re-elected and the newly elected Council Members, and opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Buckner nominated Alonzo L. Jones for Mayor. Council Member Buckner noted Council Member Jones has made a measurable impact in Danville and surrounding communities for over 23 years. Mr. Jones is a past school board member for Danville Public Schools, appointed by Council in June 2004 and elected in 2006. In addition to his work with young people, Mr. Jones was committed to serving all citizens of Danville. He made the commitment to successfully run for three terms on City Council and worked cohesively with a Council that was dedicated to moving the city forward. While on Council, Mr. Jones has been a champion behind the first Youth Council coming to fruition, serves on numerous boards, and does an outstanding job representing the City as Vice Mayor. Mr. Buckner asked Council to join him in voting for Councilman Alonzo Jones for Mayor, and thanked them for their consideration.

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

Council Members voting for Mr. Jones were: Mr. Buckner, Mr. Jones, Dr. Miller, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shanks, Mr. Tomer, Mr. Vogler and Mr. Whittle.

Alonzo L. Jones was elected to serve as Mayor for a two year term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020.

## ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR

Mr. Whitfield opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020.

Council Member Tomer stated he nominated J. Lee Vogler for Vice Mayor noting he has known Mr. Vogler for ten years, he is committed to this community, and cares for this community. When he thinks of the Vice Mayor and Mayor's position for the City, Danville needs the ultimate cheerleaders, they need people that are optimistic about the future of Danville, but are also realistic and know that Danville has challenges. Lee is pragmatic, he looks for solutions to problems; he doesn't try to create them, he tries to fix them. He wants to see this City succeed, he wants the community to succeed. He is a young father like himself, he has two small children, he cares about the future of Danville. He wants the City to be a place that his kids can grow up and succeed. Mr. Tomer noted it is with great pride and pleasure that he nominates Lee Vogler for Vice Mayor.

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

Council Members voting for Mr. Vogler were: Mr. Buckner, Mr. Jones, Dr. Miller, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Shanks, Mr. Tomer, Mr. Vogler and Mr. Whittle.

J. Lee Vogler was elected as Vice Mayor for a two-year term commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2020.

## 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.

## ROLL CALL

Council Member Buckner thanked everyone for being here today, thanked his wife and son for being here and the all the support they give him; and thanked everyone that voted to re-elect him for four more years. Mr. Buckner promised to all he can to build and grow Danville.

Dr. Miller thanked everyone that voted for him in the last election and for those that showed up today. Dr. Miller noted he encouraged people to attend Council meetings and bring their problems and concerns to Council.

Mr. Saunders congratulated Mayor Jones and Vice Mayor Vogler, he knows they will do well. Special thanks to all the Council members for their support of these two gentlemen and to the City also. Mr. Saunders noted he looked forward to doing all he can to assist them and to assist the City in continuing to be the best it can be.

Council Member Shanks thanked everyone who came today, watched and participated in the ceremony and appreciated the interest they expressed to City Council. As a member of Council he will continue to work with other members to make the City the best it can be. They will meet the challenges they will face, and they face many right now, but they have made progress and will continue to make that progress as the years go by. Mr. Shanks thanked the citizens for their support.

Council Member Tomer congratulated Mayor Jones and Vice Mayor Vogler and stated he is happy to be back with this Council, the City staff, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. Mr. Tomer thanked his family for being here and being so supportive of him when he decided to run for Council again, he would not be there without them. Mr. Tomer encouraged the citizens of Danville to be active, to continue the progress this Council has made; there is still a lot of work to do. He is excited to get down to work to make this City a better place for future generations and for the people that are there now. Mr. Tomer thanked everyone that came out to vote this past election to give him an opportunity to work for them.

Vice Mayor Vogler congratulated his fellow Council Members who were reelected and welcomed Council Member Tomer. Mr. Vogler thanked everyone who came out today, his family, his son and daughter and wife; he could not do any of this without her. Mr. Vogler stated he was extremely grateful and honored to have the support of his Council Members to serve as the new Vice Mayor; it is a responsibility that he does not take lightly or for granted. He looks forward to working with each of them over the next two years. Council are representatives of the people and he has no doubt they will be the people's City Council, and pledges to spend every minute over the next two years doing his best to be the people's Vice Mayor.

Council Member Whittle noted to those that were re-elected and Mr. Tomer, welcome and Mayor and Vice Mayor congratulations and thanks to everybody for attending.

Mayor Jones thanked everyone, and noted he was sitting thinking about his mother and sometimes he wishes she was there to see this. Mayor Jones introduced his family, and stated he introduced them for a reason, they love this City, his entire family is in this City and have given back to the City. This City Council, City staff, and the City Manager have done a superb job and this City is headed in the right direction. Mayor Jones stated this City Council put together three strategic plans: to reduce violent crime, education and to grow Danville. If asked what he would add to it, it would be partnerships; the City needs partnerships. This Council wants citizens to partner with them to achieve those three goals. Mayor Jones thanked everyone, thanked Mayor Gilstrap for his leadership, the citizens of Danville, and thanked Council Members for trusting in him for this position.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK