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The Second Regular June meeting of the Danville City Council was held on June 19, 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: James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Mayor John B. Gilstrap, Vice Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Dr. Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks, III, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

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

Mayor Gilstrap presided.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Gilstrap read a Proclamation entitled Big Brothers Big Sisters and presented it to Pat Daniels. Ms. Daniels introduced Megan Carter, Enrollment Specialist and her assistant Shirley, who is a match specialist. Ms. Daniel noted their purpose is to enhance the lives of the children for better, forever. Ms. Daniel invited any citizens who were interested in being a mentor to contact them. Council Members thanked Ms. Daniel for her work.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Gilstrap recognized Van Whitlow, 145 Holbrook, who noted his concerns with the new striping on Holbrook and Main Street, and taking out the right turn lane.

Mayor Gilstrap recognized Phil Baughman, 1012 Main Street, who noted his concerns and disappointment with the way the City handled the paving of the 1000 block of Main Street.

Mayor Gilstrap recognized Council Member Elect Adam Tomer who wished Mayor Gilstrap well, noting he had the privilege of serving two years with him and wished him the best in his retirement. Mr. Tomer stated he looks forward to joining Council and working with them. Mr. Tomer thanked Mayor Gilstrap for all he has done for the City.

Mayor Gilstrap recognized Bruce Hedrick, 25 Old Halifax Road who runs Southside Central. Mr. Hedrick stated he is requesting more openness and transparency when it comes to voting, especially on the budget. Two weeks ago, Council had the meals tax increase which received two no votes with no debate during the open session when it was time to go on the record. Tonight Council will be voting on the budget and asked those who vote no to express on the record why they vote no, what they do not like with it and if it is to cut spending to say what kind of spending cuts they would have proposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing for the Budget Items under the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 12, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on May 15, 2018. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the FY 2018 BAO for a Grant for a Domestic Violence Victim Program Grant in the Amount of \$44,635

An Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-06.03 presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Commonwealth for a Domestic Violence Victim Program Grant in the Amount of \$44,635 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the FY2018 BAO for Victim Witness Program Funds in the Amount of \$173,611

An Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-06.02, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Commonwealth for a Victim Witness Program in the Amount of \$173,611 and Appropriating Same.

Budget Amendment - Amending the FY2018 BAO, as Fiscal Agent, for Funds from the Danville Regional Foundation for an Eagle Scout Project at Dan Daniel Park

An Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-06.01, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Include a Grant from the Danville Regional Foundation in the Amount of \$24,000 as the Fiscal Agent for an Eagle Scout Project to Install Steps Between the Upper and Lower Soccer Fields at Dan Daniel Memorial Park.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the FY2018 BAO for Economic Development Incentives in the Amount of \$1,695,979

An Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-06.04, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for two Virginia Economic Development Partnership Commonwealth Opportunity Fund Grants in the Amount of \$125,000 and \$200,000 Respectively and a Grant from the Tobacco Region Revitalization Opportunity Fund in the Amount of \$1,370,979 for a total of \$1,695,979 as an Economic Development Incentive for Taxable Capital Investment and Job Creation in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

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APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR FY 2019 FOR DANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Miller, a Resolution entitled Resolution No. 2018-06.04, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Approving the Budget of the School Board of the City of Danville, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 was adopted by the following vote:

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

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

I, Alonzo L. Jones, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding the approval of the budget for FY2019 for Danville Public Schools, listed on the agenda as Old Business Item (A). Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code §2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on this agenda item.

Witness my signature this 19th day of June, 2018.

s/Alonzo L. Jones

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE AND THE CSP, AND THE BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FY2019

Approving the Budgets of the Various Funds of the City of Danville for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019.

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Campbell, a Resolution entitled Resolution No. 2018-06.05, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Approving the Budgets of the Various Funds of the City of Danville, Virginia for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019, was adopted by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Miller,
Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: Shanks (1)

Approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Capital and Special Projects Plan for the City of Danville, Virginia

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Campbell and **second** by Vice Mayor Jones, a Resolution entitled Resolution No. 2018-06.06, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, Approving the Fiscal Year 2019 Capital and Special Projects Plan for the City of Danville, Virginia, was adopted by the following vote:

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

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Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Buckner and **second** by Council Member Campbell, an Ordinance entitled Ordinance No. 2018-06.10, presented by its First Reading on June 5, 2018, the Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019 was presented for **Final Adoption**.

Council Member Shanks noted he would not be supporting the budget this year. Finalizing the budget every year is difficult and no Council member thinks the budget is a perfect budget. At Council's last meeting, Council passed the meal's tax increase; it passed 7-2 with Council Member Whittle and himself opposed. Last year Council passed an increase in Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes, which he also opposed. This will be the fourth year in a row that the City has gone to Unreserved Fund Balance to transfer money to balance the General Fund Budget for the upcoming year. Even though Council accomplished many needed and worthy line items in the budget, this budget failed to address the source that will affect the next and subsequent budgets. Mr. Shanks noted the City is spending considerably more than the tax base is providing. The General Fund budget cuts Council ended up putting in this budget were only \$611,000; only one half a percent of the General Fund which included many things the Council has no control over. Once again, by passing this budget, Council is kicking the can down the road instead of taking the last twelve months to address the issue.

Council Member Vogler noted he appreciated Council Member Shanks comments and the efforts he and all members of Council made working on this budget. Mr. Vogler noted this budget spends less money than the year prior which is the first time that has happened in over a decade. All members of Council, when they started the budget process, said they wanted to increase the retirement benefits for Public Safety employees; that cost extra money and was put into the budget. In order to fund that, Council sought to cut spending in other areas and they did that. To fill the \$600,000 gap, that was a half a percent meals tax increase. Mr. Vogler agreed the City should cut spending and was in favor of it whenever it made sense to do so. Council has been working on this for months and he hasn't heard Council Members say what they want to cut. Mr. Vogler noted he gets tired of hearing Council needs to cut spending, and then no specific answers are given.

Mr. Shanks stated he was as much in support or more so of the benefit increases to public safety. There was no doubt that it was a good item to be added to the budget. Council asked staff to come back with ideas, they were ideas that people could live with and personally thought a good first step was the Tier 1 cuts. He would support closing one fire station and merging, which would reduce firefighters and the required number of fire vehicles that are put in the annual budget for replacement; the City has a study that shows it would not negatively impact service. There are other things that Council needs to start thinking about such as the Westover Library. Council didn't do anything to address the spending problem; the City doesn't take in enough tax revenues and the hope is that eventually the tax revenues would increase as property values increase. Council can't keep taxing the citizens.

Council Member Miller noted all nine Council members favored the benefits for fire and police, cutting their length of service, so they can retire earlier and increase their benefits. All nine members favored support of the Schools and raising money for teacher's salaries so the City can retain good teachers. The meals tax in Lynchburg is 6.5, the meals tax in Martinsville is 6.5; there was no opposition at the Public Hearing and there is no evidence that raising the meals tax by one half a penny is going to cut down people eating out in the City. To leave \$600,000 plus on the table, Dr. Miller noted he thought was irresponsible.

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Council Member Saunders called for the Question and the **Motion** was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 8-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Miller,
Saunders, Vogler and Whittle (8)
NAY: Shanks (1)

APPOINTMENTS

Vice Mayor Jones **moved** for adoption of the following Appointment Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2018-06.07- Appointing Jessie L. Barksdale to the Airport Commission.

Resolution No. 2018-06.08 - Appointing William Allgood to the Airport Commission.

Resolution No. 2018-06.09 - Reappointing Christopher Wiles to the Dan River Alcohol Safety Action Program.

Resolution No. 2018-06.10 - Reappointing Tammy Warren to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.

Resolution No. 2018-06.11 - Reappointing Demetrius Crews to the Danville Community Policy and Management Team.

Resolution No. 2018-06.12 - Reappointing R.J. Lackey to the Danville Development Council.

Resolution No. 2018-06.13 - Reappointing Shelby Irving to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.14 - Reappointing Gwendolyn Edwards to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.15 – Appointing Tia Yancey to the Danville Pittsylvania Community Services Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.16 – Reappointing William Donohue to the Danville Utility Commission.

Resolution No. 2018-06.17 - Appointing Bert Eades to the Danville Utility Commission.

Resolution No. 2018-06.18 - Reappointing Charles Majors to the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.19 - Reappointing Brandi Williamson to the Social Services Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.20 - Appointing Qonell Totten to the Social Services Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.21 - Appointing Rannie Smith to the Social Services Advisory Board.

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Resolution No. 2018-06.22 - Reappointing John Moody to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.23 - Reappointing Wade Key to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.24 - Reappointing Ken Gillie to the Technical Advisory/Rural Transportation Board.

Resolution No. 2018-06.25 – Appointing Christopher Franks to the Technical Advisory/Rural Transportation Board.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN ON CRAGHEAD STREET FOR LANDSCAPING PURPOSES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06.26

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR LANDSCAPING ON CRAGHEAD STREET

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO VACATE 0.01 ACRE OF RIGHT OF WAY ON BRIDGE STREET

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a request to vacate .01 acre of right of way on Bridge Street. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 11, 2018 and June 18, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06.11

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VACATING APPROXIMATELY 0.01 ACRE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON BRIDGE STREET

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Vogler.

Council Member Shanks noted this is an opportunity to return the international flags that once flew over Bridge Street. Mr. Shanks stated those flags were international flags for the countries that Dimon did business in, they have a proud tobacco history and those flags were a very proud part of that history. Council Member Saunders stated he believed there were about ten international companies in the City of Danville and hopes that number continues to grow. Council Member Buckner noted he has had several phone calls during the past week about this matter; some didn't understand why the City would give this to the IDA, but thinks this should help everyone understand exactly why. Mayor Gilstrap stated it is important that the City was as transparent as possible; it was returning the property so they may fly the international flags. Council Member Miller noted it was a great thing to honor these countries that invested in the City; unfortunately there was the vote a couple of years ago that took that right away.

The Motion was **carried** by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – VACATING APPROXIMATELY 0.13 ACRES OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ALONG GLEN OAK DRIVE

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a request to vacate .13 acres of right of way along Glen Oak Drive. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 11, 2018 and June 18, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06.12

VACATING APPROXIMATELY 0.13 ACRE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON GLEN OAK DRIVE

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

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

REPEALING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 39 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE

Vice Mayor Jones **moved** for adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06.13

REPEALING AND REORDAINING ARTICLE III ENTITLED AMBULANCES, OF CHAPTER 39, ENTITLED VEHICLES FOR HIRE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA 1986 AS AMENDED

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A FULL SERVICE AMBULANCE OPERATOR'S PERMIT TO LIFECARE

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a request for approval of a full service ambulance operator's permit. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 5, 2018 and June 12, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

GRANTING A FULL-SERVICE AMBULANCE OPERATOR'S PERMIT TO LIFECARE MEDICAL TRANSPORTS, INC.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Shanks.

Council Member Miller offered a **Substitute Motion**:

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06.14

EXTENDING A TEMPORARY AMBULANCE OPERATOR'S PERMIT TO LIFECARE MEDICAL TRANSPORTS, INC. FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIXTY DAYS

Dr. Miller noted there are some issues with LifeCare and he spoke with Robbie Woodall today. Last week, a lady had a stroke in his office, that person needed to get to the emergency room in minutes; it took forty-seven minutes to get an ambulance to his office. They called and tried to get someone else to come. Part of the problem is that they still use Verizon for phones, they don't have two-way radios. Dr. Miller noted he thought it would be premature to offer them a full service contract at this point.

The Motion was **seconded** by Council Member Shanks.

Vice Mayor Jones noted he chaired the Ambulance Committee and asked Chief Eagle to come forward. Chief Eagle noted he thought this was an isolated event, and the issue has been corrected; it was a communication issue between people calling and the people on the phone, not an issue with the dispatch center. In response to Mayor Gilstrap, Chief Eagle noted LifeCare has been operating under a temporary permit since May 13th. Vice Mayor if there were any concerns at anytime, they would assemble the Ambulance Committee to let them address those concerns. Robbie Woodall who was also on the Ambulance Committee

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is looking into the matter and Vice Mayor Jones noted he is confident that Mr. Woodall will get to the bottom of this. The Ambulance Committee strongly supports their request and if they postpone this, he is afraid the City will not have an ambulance service in Danville.

Council Member Shanks noted the amended motion, depending on what the City Attorney says, can be thirty day or sixty days. It would give the Ambulance Committee an opportunity to meet and also avoid signing the permanent contract until they met on this particular subject. Dr. Miller questioned what had been corrected and Althea Kidd, Captain of LifeCare Medical Transport and supervisor for Station Nine noted her phone, Chief Wesley's phone and Lieutenant See's phone now receive the text messages for the 911 calls. Every 911 call goes straight to their cell phones and also to the dispatch cell phone in Fredericksburg; Ms. Kidd noted there should be no more miscommunication. That incident happened because the crew that went to the 911 call to Dr. Miller's office, were already on a call. When dispatch called, they gave a time of six minutes, unfortunately it took longer on their call and to get to Dr. Miller's office; it was the only truck available at the time. They have corrected that and they are working together as a team to make it better. Mr. Whitfield noted, in response to Dr. Miller's question, Section 39-107G does state that the City cannot issue the permit for more than sixty days unless Council wishes to extend it. Council does have the power to extend the temporary permit under that code section. After further discussion, Mayor Gilstrap noted the Motion is to extend the temporary permit an additional sixty days.

The **Substitute Motion** was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-3
AYE: Buckner, Gilstrap, Miller,
Shanks, Vogler and Whittle (6)
NAY: Campbell, Jones, Saunders (3)

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATING ASHLAWN VIEW, LLC., AS EXEMPT FROM LOCAL REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a request for designation of Tax Exempt Status. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on June 9, 2018. Jim Bebeau, Executive Director of Danville Pittsylvania Community Services noted he was there to answer any questions. No one desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06.15

TO DESIGNATE ASHLAWN VIEW, LLC., AS BEING EXEMPT FROM LOCAL REAL PROPERTY TAXATION

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

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

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APPROVAL OF A MORAL OBLIGATION WITH VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CAPITAL

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-06.27

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MORAL OBLIGATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AND VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CAPITAL.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy City Manager Earl Reynolds thanked Mayor Gilstrap for his service, noted he thoroughly enjoyed working with him and wished him, his wife and family the very best. City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted Council's next meeting will be the Organizational Meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018 at noon in Chambers. The next Regular Business Meeting will be Thursday, July 5, 2018. Mr. Whitfield congratulated Mayor Gilstrap, wished him well on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his service.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jones read a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor John B. Gilstrap for his years of service and presented it to Mayor Gilstrap along with a commemorative plaque. Mayor Gilstrap thanked Council for the recognition.

Council Member Miller congratulated Mayor Gilstrap and thanked Council for their work on the budget. Dr. Miller noted this evening was the opening night of the Danville Braves, they have been in Danville for twenty five years; it is great to have them here. Music on Main was last week and there is another concert next week. The Bike Share program had over 5,000 riders last year and is doing great this year.

Council Member Saunders thanked Mayor Gilstrap for his leadership and service to the City, the region, the state and beyond. He has served the City well as Mayor, and with thirty-four years as a City employee. Mr. Saunders noted they also honor his wife Janice, she continues to be a pillar in the community.

Council Member Shanks encouraged everyone to visit the community market on Saturday. Mr. Shanks noted the preliminary paint markings along West Main Street from the old Catholic Church up to the cannon, on the curve, if the lines are painted the way they are proposed right now, they are not going to work, it is going to put bike lanes right through the parking spaces. Mr. Shanks noted it has been a pleasure and honor to serve with the Mayor, and hopes his retirement is as fulfilling as his life now.

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Council Member Vogler noted there was spirited discussion tonight, and that is good; most of the time they are in the work session and sometimes it is good to have them in the open session. Mr. Vogler noted his appreciation of the Council Members and the time each one puts into making the City a better place. The Children's Festival was this past Saturday with a huge crowd; it was a wonderful time and noted his thanks to Parks & Recreation and all the volunteers involved. Mr. Vogler thanked Mayor Gilstrap for all he has done on Council and helping the City become a better place.

Council Member Whittle stated he played Optimist League Football at Ballou Park, remembers Mayor Gilstrap was the referee and helped him and his team. Mr. Whittle thanked Mayor Gilstrap for his service; it has been an honor serving with him on Council.

Council Member Buckner encouraged citizens to check on one another during the hot days and check their neighbors. Mr. Buckner noted there is beach music this Saturday at the Carrington Pavilion all day from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Buckner thanked Mayor Gilstrap for all he has done for the City, including Festival in the Park and Harvest Jubilee; there have been a lot of great things in the City under his leadership.

Council Member Campbell noted he hopes Mayor Gilstrap enjoys his retirement and he has always enjoyed working with him. Mayor Gilstrap has always has been fair, has shown his love for people and he appreciates the service he had done for the City.

Mayor Gilstrap thanked Council for the Recognition. To City Administration, City Clerk and the eight council members, it has been an absolute pleasure working with them. They have had their differences, they have remained friends and he appreciates each one of them. He appreciates their position even if it is different than his and appreciates their sharing their differences. By sharing their differences is how they grow Danville, reach the best conclusion and resolve the problems. Citizens of Danville, he truly loves this City and it has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as long as he has. He has met a lot of good people, appreciates every relationship he has had with the citizens and has really enjoyed working with them and for them. Mayor Gilstrap thanked Council Member Elect Tomer for his comments, knows he will be an excellent council member and do a great job. May God Bless this City and God Bless this Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK