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The Second Regular February meeting of the Danville City Council was held on February 20, 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, J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle (7). Sherman M. Saunders and Fred O. Shanks, III 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 Gilstrap presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Mayor John B. Gilstrap; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, have previously been discussed by City Council and/or introduced for First Reading. There will be no separate discussion on these items and they will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by a Council Member or a citizen, the item(s) will be removed from the consent process and considered separately.

Mayor Gilstrap opened the floor for a Public Hearing for the Budget Amendment Items under the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Minutes

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting and Regular Work Session held on January 16, 2018, as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the FY2018 BAO for a Grant from the Danville Regional Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 for a "See the Possible" Grant

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2018-02.02, Presented by its First Reading on February 6, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Include a Grant from the Danville Regional Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 to Cover the Travel Expenses for 12 City Staff and City Council Members to visit two Riverfront Parks to "See the Possible."

Budget Amendment – Consideration of Amending the FY2018 BAO to Provide for the Proceeds of General Obligation Bonds

An Ordinance entitled, Ordinance No. 2018-02.03, Presented by its First Reading on February 6, 2018, Amending the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for the

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Proceeds from the Sale of General Obligation Bonds of Fiscal Year 2018 and Appropriating Same.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

CITY CODE - REVISING DANVILLE CITY CODE SECTION 38-80 CONCERNING CONNECTION FEES FOR GAS LINE SERVICE

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02.04

AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 38 SECTION 80 ENTITLED "INSTALLATION OF SERVICE LINE FROM MAIN TO BUILDING OR METER LOCATION" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED.

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

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

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROJECTS LIST

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02.02

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR MAINTAINING DANVILLE'S STATUS AS A REDEVELOPMENT AREA UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM.

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

Council Member Whittle questioned the City spending another \$3.5M on the White Mill Redevelopment; Assistant Director of Economic Development, Corrie Bobe explained the item on the list, the White Mill Redevelopment Project, is to extend electric transmission lines to the site. AEP used to serve the site when Dan River operated the facility, and it has been turned over to Danville Utilities. Regardless of who the next owner is to develop the property,

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Danville Utilities will have to invest in infrastructure to the site. City Manager Ken Larking noted the purpose of having this item listed on the CEDS list is so the City can apply for grants to help offset the cost of providing power to that facility. Ms. Bobe explained this is a wish list of items and projects over the course of many years that in order for the City to access grant funding to offset some of the costs, have to be listed. Mayor Gilstrap confirmed with the City Attorney that Council is approving the list, not appropriating any monies or approving an appropriation; any spending would have to come back to Council. Mr. Whitfield noted that was correct, this is a wish list to get the City on the list for grants to help pay for these items. Ms. Bobe explained the City would still have to apply to the EDA for grant funding, there is no guarantee that they would be approved, but the City would not be considered unless the project is on this list. The City updates this list every year and it is included in a document that is supplied to the EDA through the City's Planning District.

Mr. Whittle questioned constructing a new parking facility to accommodate the parking demand in the River District at \$9.9M, will the EDA work with the City on the other \$9.9M. Ms. Bobe noted this is a proposed project where the City would like to find grant funding if they were to move forward with the parking structure on Main Street, to help offset the City's cost for this structure.

After further discussion, the **Motion** was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-1-2
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Miller,
and Vogler (6)
NAY: Whittle (1)
ABSENT: Saunders, Shanks (2)

**BUDGET AMENDMENT - AMENDING THE FY2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR INSURANCE PROCEEDS FOR THE TALBOTT DAM REPAIRS**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02.05

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE CITY'S HYDROELECTRIC GENERATOR AT TALBOTT DAM BY APPROPRIATION OF RELATED INSURANCE PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$635,968.60.

was presented by its **First Reading**, as required by **City Charter**, to lie over for **Final Adoption**.

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Ken Larking noted he sent an email to Council Members with the Budget Calendar, there is a typo, it mentioned June 6th, it should be June 5th. Tomorrow there is a joint City Council/School Board meeting at the downtown Fire Station on Lynn Street. On March 21st, staff is proposing to have a joint School Board/City Council meeting to discuss the budget. Tomorrow night will be the presentation from the National Resource Network who has been working on the City's multi-year financial forecasting plan.

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Mayor Gilstrap noted it gave him great pleasure to welcome back Deputy City Manager Earl Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds noted he appreciated all the thoughts, prayers, well wishes, texts, emails and telephone calls while he was on medical leave, and was delighted to be back. City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted it was great to see the Deputy City Manager back.

ROLL CALL

Council Members welcomed Deputy City Manager Earl Reynolds back.

Vice Mayor Jones noted the GWHS basketball team lost tonight, but to Coach Parker and the GWHS Eagles, Council is very proud of them.

Council Member Miller noted there were pictures in the Register & Bee of children playing basketball. Council made a point of trying to get the goals and nets back up; when the children are playing basketball they are not getting into trouble. Dr. Miller discussed the advantages of Historic Tax Credits in City revitalization and noted Reverend Barber passed away at ninety years old.

Council Member Vogler reminded citizens the Utility Commission meets February 26th, Monday; 5:30 p.m. is the time for public comments. Mr. Vogler noted GWHS Basketball had a great season and congratulated Coach Parker and the team.

Council Member Whittle noted his thoughts go out to the people in Florida and asked the City Manager to make sure the City has all their operations in place, to stay ahead of an event like that.

Council Member Buckner congratulated the GWHS Eagles on their season and noted to the family of Brother Bob, he will be missed.

Council Member Campbell noted his congratulations to the GWHS Eagles and their coach on their season, and welcomed Tunstall High School students to the meeting.

Mayor Gilstrap noted his condolences to the friends and family of Brother Bob, he will be missed. His thoughts and prayers go out to the victims in Florida, they have difficult days ahead and still need everyone's prayers. Mayor Gilstrap noted he has announced he is not running for re-election and will miss all the debates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK