

January 16, 2018

The Second Regular January meeting of the Danville City Council was held on January 16, 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., 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 (8). Mayor John B. Gilstrap was absent (1). *Mr. Whittle entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.*

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

Vice Mayor Jones presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Council Member J. Lee Vogler, Jr.; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

Vice Mayor Jones recognized Curtis Frith with Frith Consulting, an insurance company with an office at 153 Deer Run Road in Danville. Mr. Frith noted there is a need for insurance agents in this area, and he is going to invest in ten people, pay for their expenses, prepare them to take the State exam, get their license and put them in a contract with their insurance company. Mr. David Wilson, one of Mr. Frith's agents, noted he has been working with them for over a year, it has been a fulfilling job and hopes there are people in the area interested in joining them. Vice Mayor Jones thanked Mr. Frith.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Campbell and **second** by Council Member Buckner, Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on December 19, 2017 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Buckner **moved** for adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2018-01.08 - Reappointing Emmett Young as a Member of the Fair Housing Board.

Resolution No. 2018-01.09 - Appointing Tommy Bennett as a Member of the Fair Housing Board.

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS

APPROVING THE CITY OF DANVILLE'S REVISED FINANCIAL POLICIES

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01.10

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCIAL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF DANVILLE

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

Mr. Shanks thanked Michael Adkins and the City Manager, as he felt strongly this needed to be revised. The old policy stated that additional contributions to the General Fund could be made based on gross receipts of the Utilities; the new policy considers the value of the assets, and ensures that the City is properly reinvesting in the Utilities.

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

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

NAMING THE DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, "THE RUBY B. ARCHIE PUBLIC LIBRARY."

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01.11

NAMING THE DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, "THE RUBY B. ARCHIE PUBLIC LIBRARY."

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

Mr. Vogler noted he served on the Memorial Commission with Council Member Campbell and the support from the public for this has been tremendous. Mrs. Archie was a tremendous person, leader and educator. This will be the first municipal building in the City to be named after a woman, and Mr. Vogler noted it was a wonderful moment in the City's history. It serves as an inspiration to anyone who wants to make a difference in their community. Dr. Miller stated Mrs. Archie was a wonderful woman and educator, and he is proud to support this. The City has a good design, the AKA is leading the fundraising and donations can be made at BB&T on Collins Street to the Ruby Archie Library Fund.

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

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

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APPROVING THE STYLE AND DESIGN OF THE SIGN TO BE PLACED ON THE DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HONORING MRS. RUBY B. ARCHIE. (OPTION B)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01.12

APPROVING THE STYLE AND DESIGN OF THE SIGN TO BE PLACED ON THE DANVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HONORING MRS. RUBY B. ARCHIE (Option B).

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Ken Larking noted there is the potential for snow, asked people to keep safe and asked citizens to watch out for the public works vehicles. There were no communications from the City Attorney or City Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Vogler noted a ranking came out yesterday online naming Danville the 3rd ranked small City to live in in America. There are a lot of positive things happening in Danville, and there are challenges, but there are citizens with renewed engagement and stepping up to get involved. Mr. Vogler noted the City had a great Council and thanked Vice Mayor Jones for filling in this evening for Mayor Gilstrap.

Council Member Buckner wished everyone a happy snow day tomorrow; Danville is number three in small cities in the Country to live in and thinks Danville will be number one soon. Danville has a lot of challenges, but will get there, and agrees Danville has a great Council.

Vice Mayor Jones noted yesterday the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity acknowledged the City's former Mayors, Charles Harris and Ruby Archie. The Honorable Sherman Lea, Sr., was the speaker and saved Sherman Saunders for last. A couple months ago, Sherman was out sick and it was great yesterday seeing him walk up there and accept an award from the community, appreciating all the work he has done. Vice Mayor Jones thanked all the Council Members for their prayers for Mayor John Gilstrap and the birth his grandson.

Council Member Miller noted the breakfast yesterday was a great event, Sherman Lea was the keynote speaker from Roanoke and Sherman Saunders was honored. Dr. Miller noted several years ago Danville was 97th on the list of top 100 cities, but is doing much better. On February 3rd is the annual storytelling festival at the Museum and next Sunday at five o'clock will be the Peace March at the MLK Bridge. Dr. Miller noted several Council Members went to Rocky Mount the other day with the Sports Tourism Committee to see what that City is doing; they are very successful with Sports Tourism.

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Vice Mayor Jones thanked everyone who joined Council this evening and asked everyone to be safe tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK