

September 16, 2025

The Second September meeting of the Danville City Council was held on September 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: Vice Mayor James B. Buckner, Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Barry Mayo, Dr. Gary P. Miller, and Sherman M. Saunders (6). L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., J. Lee Vogler, Jr., and Madison J.R. Whittle were absent. (3).

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 Sherman M. Saunders gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Proclamation: Day Against Hunger and Poverty

Presented to: Sherri Tuck – Danville Area CROP Hunger Walk

Ms. Tuck thanked each member of the Danville City Council for their continued support on behalf of the Danville Area Crop Hunger Walk planning committee; this was their 18th year walking. This year they were walking in support of the 295M people facing acute hunger daily and the 176 households that God's Storehouse serves each day. Ms. Tuck invited everyone to join them on Sunday, October 5, at Ballou Park to help end hunger. Donations to God's Storehouse can be made at the facility or in the after-hours storage bins. Danville Area CROP Walk and God's Storehouse both have websites where individuals can donate. God's Storehouse needed donations of canned vegetables, canned fruits, peanut butter, and cereal.

Presentation: IALR/DPS Summer Internship Program

Presented by: Kiana Dillard, Institute for Advanced Learning and Research

Ms. Dillard gave a brief presentation to Council about the summer internship program that was a collaboration between the Institute and Danville Public Schools, and thanked Council for their continued support of the program. This year there were 48 students aged 14 to 18 who participated in the program. These students went through training and career readiness before going into their internship programs. Several of the interns were so successful that they were hired as part-time workers. One individual who interned with the Danville Sheriff's office spoke about her experience, how the program helped her. Council thanked Ms. Dillard for her work with the program and the bright futures that it was creating for the youth.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding budget items on the Consent Agenda. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 9, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

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Consideration of Approval of Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on August 19, 2025.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for an Airport Maintenance Grant.

Ordinance No. 2025-09.04, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 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 \$100,000 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$42,000 for a Total Appropriation of \$142,000 and Appropriating the Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for an Aviation Promotion Grant.

Ordinance No. 2025-09.05, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a State Department of Aviation Grant for the Purpose of Providing Funding to Promote Aviation Awareness at the Danville Regional Airport in the Amount of \$5,000 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$5,000 to be Provided by the General Fund Support of Grants for a Total Appropriation of \$10,000 and Appropriating Same.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Older Americans Act Grant.

Ordinance No. 2025-09.06, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 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.

Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance for Federal and State Grants to Fund Aviation Training Facility Project

Ordinance No. 2025-09.07, an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for Additional Federal and State Funding to Construct an Aviation Training Facility Building and Hangar at the Danville Regional Airport in the Amount of \$7,390,859 and for the Local Share in the Amount of \$213,020 for a Total Appropriation of \$7,603,879 and Appropriating the Same.

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

VOTE: 5-0-3-1  
AYE: Buckner, Hood, Mayo, Miller, and Saunders (5)  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Campbell, Vogler, and Whittle (3)  
ABSTAIN: Jones (1)

*I, Alonzo L. Jones, do hereby state that I have a conflict of interest regarding Consent Agenda Items B, C, D and E. Therefore, pursuant to the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia Code §2.2-3112, I must abstain from voting on these agenda items.*

*Witness my signature this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.*

*s/ Alonzo L. Jones*

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## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Consideration of Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of Appointment Resolutions entitled:

**Resolution No. 2025-09.10** - A Resolution Appointing L.G. "Larry" Campbell, Jr., to the Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

**Resolution No. 2025-09.11** - A Resolution Appointing James B. Buckner as an Alternate Member of the Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority.

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

VOTE: 6-0-3  
AYE: Buckner, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, (6)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Campbell, Vogler, and Whittle (3)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of General Fund Financials as of August 31, 2025**

Michael Adkins, City of Danville Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief overview of the General Fund financials as of August 31, 2025, a little over 16% of the year complete. Total revenues reached \$18.1M for the first two months, which was very comparable to last year. Property tax bills will go out in seven weeks. Delinquent real estate tax has done well bringing in \$400,000, or 35% of budget. A public auction was scheduled for abandoned properties on December 11 at noon. Local taxes were performing well; meals tax showed an increase of \$46,000 over last year at this time. Lodging taxes were strong at \$111,000 over last year at this time, at 20% of budget. Sales tax was a little sluggish, about 1% behind budget at \$2.3M; they need about \$140,000 more to be at budget and this can easily be made up during the holiday season. Business licenses were typically collected in March, but they do have some collected during the year, with 7% of budget collected. Casino related taxes were currently \$1.2M ahead of budget. Interest and investment income was \$750,000, which was about \$30,000 less due to a drop in interest rates; they have budgeted for that. State and federal collections were going as planned so there are no concerns there. On the Expenditure side, departmental spending came in at about 15%. They have transferred all funds in July and August budgeted for capital projects, so that does skew the financial results since all that revenue has been transferred out. The revenue to support those expenditures will be brought in throughout the year. To recap Fiscal Year 2025, the City has about a \$3M increase to the Unassigned Fund Balance for the General Fund, that increases from \$51M to \$54M; the required amount was \$46M, giving the City an \$8M buffer. The auditors will be joining the City Monday to do their onsite review, and Mr. Adkins noted he will give Council an update when that was available.

### **CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER TRANSMISSION LLC**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Agreements with AMP Transmission. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on September 9, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.12**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL-OWNED TRANSMISSION ASSETS TO AMP TRANSMISSION, LLC, A SUBSIDIARY OF AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. (AMP).

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

VOTE: 6-0-3  
AYE: Buckner, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, (6)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Campbell, Vogler, and Whittle (3)

**CONSIDERATION OF THE SALE OF 1.75 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON LIVESTOCK ROAD IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY**

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** to **POSTPONE** a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.13**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA DECLARING CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 1.75 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #2420-74-8048 FOR A PRICE OF \$5,000.00 AND ALL CLOSING COSTS.

The **Motion** to **POSTPONE** was seconded by Council Member Mayo and carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 6-0-3  
AYE: Buckner, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, (6)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Campbell, Vogler, and Whittle (3)

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE THE WARD 7 POLLING PLACE.**

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Saunders and **second** by Vice Mayor Buckner, a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.14**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE RELOCATION OF THE POLLING LOCATION FOR THE WARD SEVEN (7) VOTING PRECINCT FROM THE SALVATION ARMY BUILDING TO THE ADULT EDUCATION CENTER ON THE CAMPUS OF WOODROW WILSON.

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

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**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE FOR THE RELOCATION OF A POLLING LOCATION**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.08**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-17 ENTITLED "WARD NO. 7" OF CHAPTER 12, ENTITLED "ELECTIONS", OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED TO RELOCATE THE POLLING LOCATION FOR WARD NUMBER 7.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 12 OF THE DANVILLE CITY CODE**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.09**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REORDAINING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 12, ENTITLED "ELECTIONS", OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.10**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES – JAIL BASED SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126,000 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 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR A VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP GRANT**

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.11**

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE BY INCREASING REVENUE FROM VIRGINIA OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY – COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,809.16 WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$ 29,813.64 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$298,622.80 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 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR STATE AVIATION CAPITAL FUNDING**

Upon **Motion** by Council Member Saunders and **second** by Vice Mayor Buckner, an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-09.12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO COMPLETE VARIOUS PROJECTS AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900,443 AND FOR THE LOCAL SHARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,050 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,000,493 AND APPROPRIATING THE SAME.

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CANCELING THE OCTOBER 7, 2025 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Vice Mayor Buckner **moved** for adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09.15**

A RESOLUTION CANCELING THE REGULAR MEETING OF DANVILLE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025, AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025.

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

VOTE: 6-0-3  
AYE: Buckner, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,  
Saunders, (6)  
NAY: None (0)  
ABSENT: Campbell, Vogler, and Whittle (3)

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS**

David Weslowski addressed Council concerning the number of puppies that have been euthanized at the DAHS. He spoke about alternatives to euthanasia including adoption.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communication from the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, City Attorney, or City Clerk.

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Council Member Hood commented on the event at Loyal Baptist Church regarding Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, to Truth and Outreach Ministries for their event this past Saturday, and noted Trinity Baptist Church will have a fish fry and car wash this Saturday at 11:00 am to help the Men's Ministry. Mr. Hood asked citizens to please continue to show compassion for the unhoused community.

Council Member Mayo noted the Citizens Resource and Job Fair was coming up on November 13, 2025 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Community Market with many employers looking to hire, and many resources were being provided. Mr. Mayo encouraged citizens to get their resumes ready.

Council Member Miller recognized the Tunstall students, commented on Riverside Hardware for their ribbon cutting and shared memories from when he first arrived in Danville and went there, they provided outstanding service. The Three Sisters Marathon was great event that attracted a lot of attention and visitors to Danville, and Dr. Miller asked everyone to keep praying for Council Member Vogler.

Council Member Saunders recognized Peggy Petty and gave a special thanks to Sgt. Ferguson for Bikes on Main last weekend; it was a wonderful event. Mr. Saunders recognized Ty'Quan Graves for his accomplishments and for setting a great example for the youth. To all the staff, public safety, and personnel, thank you for all they do and for all their families do to support you. Mr. Saunders asked the City Manager to give a quick update on the accident that occurred on 86 going towards North Carolina, and Mr. Larking stated that late this morning a tractor trailer overturned on the expressway carrying cows. Some of the cows got loose and some passed away; they were still looking for several of them. The truck was being moved, and lanes were being cleaned up.

Vice Mayor Buckner commented on a meeting regarding new zoning and signs for January 1 put on by Renee Burton, Lisa Jones, and Stephanie Jackson; they did an great job putting the presentation together. Hats off to the Danville Police Department for the Bikes on Main event, it was an amazing time and commented on the football game at G.W. and the outstanding performance Cam Stevens put on.

Mayor Jones commented on the G.W. football game, and asked Philip Hall to stand and recognized him for all they do to support Marc Adelman, and recognized Peggy Petty for all that she does. Mayor Jones thanked the students from Tunstall for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC  
CITY CLERK