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The Regular December meeting of the Danville City Council was held on December 2, 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, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Bryant Hood, Barry Mayo, Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, J. Lee Vogler, Jr. and Madison J.R. Whittle (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken 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 J. Lee Vogler, Jr., gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Presentation: Danville Baseball Club
Presented by: Konor Lathrop, General Manager

Mr. Lathrop the new General Manager of the Danville Baseball Club stated the Danville Baseball Club services the Danville Otterbots and the Danville Dairy Daddies. Their goal was to provide affordable, family-friendly entertainment to the community of Danville.

City Manager Ken Larking introduced Assistant City Manager Briana Evans. Ms. Evans noted it was a pleasure to be here and joining this community. She was eager to get work on setting a foundation to ensure that everyone was able to meet their basic needs, enjoy stable housing and that everyone was able to save for their own and their families' future.

Mayor Jones read a Certificate of Recognition and presented it to Council Member Madison Whittle for his service on City Council and to the Community.

Council Member Campbell addressed the Council to let them and citizens know of his diagnosis of cancer. Rev Campbell stated he was not looking for sympathy but has decided to become an advocate for others.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Buckner and **second** by Council Member Whittle, Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on November 6, 2025, were approved as presented. Draft copies of the minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Resolution 2025-12.01 – Reappointing J. Lee Vogler, Jr., as a Voting Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority replacing Gary P. Miller.

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

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

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

Resolution 2025-12.02 – Reappointing Gary P. Miller as an Alternate Member of the Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority replacing Alonzo L. Jones.

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

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

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

Resolution 2025-12.03 – Reappointing J. Lee Vogler, Jr., as a Voting Member of the Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority replacing L.G. Campbell Jr.

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

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

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

Resolution 2025-12.04 – Reappointing L G. Campbell, Jr., as an Alternate Member of the Staunton River Regional Industrial Facility Authority replacing James B. Buckner.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY AT 1011 SOUTH BOSTON ROAD

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 1011 South Boston Road. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on November 18, 2025, and November 25, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12.01

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00453 FILED BY BRADFORD JONES TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF AN INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION FACILITY AT PARCEL ID #74309 (1011 SOUTH BOSTON ROAD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.M SECTION C ITEM 4

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A DAYCARE AT 101 FRANKLIN TURNPIKE, SUITE D

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit at 101 Franklin Turnpike, Suite D. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on November 18, 2025, and November 25, 2025. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12.02

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION PZ25- 00496 FILED BY MIKAYLA RAGSDALE TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER AT PARCEL ID #57324 (101 FRANKLIN TURNPIKE, SUITE D) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3.M SECTION C ITEM 6.

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

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

ZONING CODE AMENDMENT

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Zoning Code Amendment. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on November 18, 2025, and November 25, 2025.

Mayor Jones recognized Division Director of Planning Renee Burton, who shared a Power Point presentation with Council, giving an overview of the process and changes in the proposed new Zoning code.

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Mayor Jones recognized Amy Searce, a resident of Fox Hollow who stated her opposition to changes in the Zoning Code, asked Council to table the vote, and send it back to the Planning Commission to reestablish the Suburban Residential Zone as it was in the current Zoning Code.

Mayor Jones recognized Shakeva Frazier of Third Chance Housing, who thanked Ms. Burton and her staff, who met with her and discussed transitional housing which was not zoned for previously.

No one further desired to be heard, and the Public Hearing was closed.

Consideration of Repealing and Reordaining in its Entirety Chapter 41, Entitled “Zoning Ordinance”, of the Code of the City of Danville, Virginia

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12.03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REORDAINING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 41, ENTITLED “ZONING ORDINANCE”, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, 1986, AS AMENDED.

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

VOTE: 8-0-1
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,
Saunders, and Vogler (8)
NAY: Whittle (1)

Consideration of Repealing and Readopting and Reordaining the Official Zoning Map of the City of Danville, Virginia

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12.04

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND READOPTING AND REORDAINING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY – PARCEL #59862 ON GRAND AVENUE

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding the Sale of City Owned Property. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on November 25, 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. 2025-12.05

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 REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DANVILLE IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #59862 ON GRAND AVENUE FOR A SALES PRICE OF \$2,700.00.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING AN ELECTRIC EASEMENT AT 366 PINEY FOREST ROAD

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.06

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF A CITY-HELD BLANKET EASEMENT ACROSS CITY PARCEL #50415 (366 PINEY FOREST ROAD) TO AUTHORIZE A MINOR ENCROACHMENT INTO THE EASEMENT AREA.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF CRAGHEAD STREET ALLEY QUITCLAIMS

Consideration of Authorizing the Abandonment of any Residual Rights Held by the City of Danville Over an Alley Fronting on Newton Street

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF ANY RESIDUAL RIGHTS HELD BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE OVER AN ALLEY FRONTING ON NEWTON STREET.

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

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Buckner, Campbell, Hood, Jones, Mayo, Miller,
Saunders, Vogler, and Whittle (9)

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NAY: None (0)

Consideration of Authorizing the Abandonment of Any Residual Rights Held by the City of Danville Over an Alley Fronting on Craghead Street

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF ANY RESIDUAL RIGHTS HELD BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE OVER AN ALLEY FRONTING ON CRAGHEAD STREET.

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

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

CONSIDERATION OF A FLOYD STREET ALLEY QUITCLAIM

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12.09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ABANDONMENT OF ANY RESIDUAL RIGHTS HELD BY THE CITY OF DANVILLE OVER TWO (2) ALLEYS ADJACENT TO 18 FLOYD STREET.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Zolanda Woods who noted she was an interdisciplinary advocate, who was a homeowner in Danville, living here for two years and it has been terrible. She has visited all the housing advocacy places but they were not following up with her and blocking her from getting help. Mayor Jones directed her to contact the City Manager's office.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications from the Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Managers, City Attorney or City Clerk. City Manager Ken Larking noted the Rotary Club Christmas Parade, themed "Twinkling Lights and Sparkling Waters" was at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, and reminded Council Members to meet at 129 Broad Street between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Council Member Miller noted the GW Eagles' season came to an end Friday, but they had an outstanding season. Dr. Miller reminded citizens that Saturday, the Dog-Eared Page bookstore

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downtown will have a ribbon cutting for the new management and Sunday at 5:00 p.m. was the Christmas parade; the Edmunds brothers will be the grand marshals.

Council Member Saunders congratulated the new Assistant City Manager and looked forward to working with her. A special thanks to the Mayor and Council Members for their expressions of love and support on the passing of his sister-in-law. To Ms. Burton and her staff, thank you for all that they do.

Council Member Vogler thanked Council Member Whittle for all the years he has been on Council; they will miss him on Council and wish him the best of luck. Mr. Vogler noted this Friday was the tree lighting at Main Street Plaza and the parade was on Sunday.

Vice Mayor Buckner noted he had the honor of attending the swearing in ceremony for the City's new Commissioner of Revenue, Jack Thompson; he was only the fifth Commissioner of Revenue the City has ever had. Mr. Buckner thanked the Mayor and Mr. Hood for joining him the day before at the Elysian Massage Spa ribbon cutting; it was a wonderful place that focuses on relaxation. Congratulations to the GW Eagles on a phenomenal season; the team worked hard and did a fantastic job.

Council Member Hood thanked Delegate-elect Whittle for his time on City Council, he appreciated working with him, and thanked Rev Campbell for his integrity. Mr. Hood recognized the new Assistant City Manager and her statement on stable employment and housing for all citizens meant a lot.

Council Member Mayo noted it was good to see the citizens attending the meeting tonight, welcomed Mr. Lathrop to Danville and recognized the two new Assistant City Managers. Mr. Mayo noted they were praying for Rev Campbell and would miss Mr. Whittle.

Mayor Jones noted they heard from people moving to Danville from around the country and stated to them "welcome home." On Friday there will be a ribbon cutting at the John H. Langston school, thanked Rev Campbell for his speech and encouraged men to get their yearly checkups.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 P.M.

APPROVED:

s/Alonzo L. Jones
MAYOR

ATTEST:

s/Susan M. DeMasi, CMC
CITY CLERK