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The Second August meeting of the Danville City Council was held on August 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building, 427 Patton Street, Danville, Virginia. The following Council Members were present: Vice Mayor James B. Buckner, L.G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., Bryant Hood, Mayor Alonzo L. Jones, Daniel W. Marshall, Barry P. Mayo, Gary P. Miller, Sherman M. Saunders, and J. Lee Vogler, Jr. (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Ken Larking, Deputy City Manager Earl B. Reynolds, Jr., Assistant City Manager/CFO Michael Adkins, Assistant City Manager Briana Evans, 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.

Mayor Jones asked City Manager Ken Larking to give an update. Mr. Larking stated, *I wanted to let the public know that the city will soon be issuing a request for proposal seeking input from qualified firms with expertise in the full range of companion animal services, including animal control, public health related responsibilities, shelter operations and animal welfare programs. The goal is to evaluate best practices and to identify opportunities to strengthen the services we provide to our community. This effort will be conducted in close collaboration with the Danville Area Humane Society as well as other stakeholders and community partners. We value the important role these organizations play and look forward to working together to ensure Danville continues to provide effective, responsible and compassionate animal services for both residents and animals.*

Mayor Jones noted they looked forward to working together with their partners; they were better together.

MEETING MINUTES

Upon **Motion** by Vice Mayor Buckner and **second** by Council Member Mayo, Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 21, 2026 were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed to Council Members prior to the Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GENERAL FUND FINANCIALS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

Assistant City Manager/Chief Financial Officer Michael Adkins noted Council will find in their packets the preliminary, unaudited results for Fiscal Year 2026; staff has made all the adjustments and estimates they know to make at this point. Things were still fluid, but he did not think there would be anything materially different from what he was reporting tonight.

Beginning with total revenues, they slightly exceeded budgeted expectations at 101% of budget; the budget was \$192M, the extra 1% represents about \$2M, and the City received \$194M total. That overage of 1% stems from a few major areas; they had a significant increase in their delinquent tax collections this year, both real estate and personal property. Combined, that collection was about \$575,000 over what was anticipated for FY 26. Current year collections were just above budget at 101% as well. Interest and Investment Earnings did well; they had

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anticipated an interest rate decrease when the budget was put together, but as the year unfolded, those interest rates held steady and the City was able to get approximately 3% on most of their investment earnings throughout the year. That resulted in an extra \$1M in those earnings. The casino gaming taxes outperformed budgeted expectations in FY 26; the \$41.7M budget ended up being about \$1.2M over what was anticipated. As per the policy that was established by City Council, that overage will float to the Capital Expenditure Reserve for this year, and the years to come. There were some items that did fall short or didn't meet the targeted budget and most of those were in the local tax section. Meals tax was almost at target at 99%, about \$80,000 short of target; this was on a \$13.9M budget, but the City still did have growth in that area. Meals tax did increase about \$600,000 over last year and just didn't quite meet budgeted expectations. The same was true for lodging taxes; the City received about 98% of budget, \$60,000 short; the budget was \$3.7M, but the City still had growth there, about \$27,000 over last year. Sales tax was a little slow this past year, they only received 93% of budget, a shortfall of about \$930,000. The budget was \$14M and to note, the current year's budget for FY 27 was scaled back to \$13M; that will be reported on as the year progresses. Business licenses also fell a little short, they received about 95% of budget, about a \$400,000 shortfall. State and Federal fundings and other cost recoveries were either on target or just above budget, ranging anywhere from 99% to 101% of budget. In total, revenues still outperformed budgeted expectations.

On the Expenditure side, if encumbrances were included, which were goods and services that the City has had on order on June 30, but had not paid for yet, the City spent or encumbered 98.5% of budget. That left 1.5% of budget unspent, or about \$2.9M. Most of that underspending was a result of vacancy savings, positions that were not filled or partially filled throughout the year, and the benefits related to those positions. The City does budget for vacancy savings each year, this just outperformed expectations. The remaining \$900,000 of underspending was a combination of many categories throughout all the departments in the General Fund representing cost containment efforts in each. The end result for FY 26, as of now, the City will be adding about \$2.5M to its unassigned fund balance; that will raise it from \$54M to \$56.5M. Some of this could drop off if they receive any FY 26 invoices from this point on, but they should be insignificant. There were some adjustments needed, there was a cap on how much interest the City can earn on their unspent bond proceeds. He does not have those figures yet, they come from an outside agency; that was also an adjustment that could cause them to go down a bit. For FY 27, the minimum fund balance needed for the current year budget was about \$47.5M, so the city has about an \$8.5M cushion over the minimum required. The auditors will be here next month through the end of November to review the financial statements for FY 26.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF A BORROWING

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08.05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS OF A BORROWING.

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

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

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NAY: None (0)

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PINEY FOREST ROAD PROJECT
UPC 123202**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08.06

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, EXPRESSING CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE PINEY FOREST ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATE OF GOOD REPAIR
PROJECT UPC 128926**

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08.07

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, SUPPORTING THE WEST MAIN STREET STATE OF GOOD REPAIR RESURFACING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING RENTAL FEES FOR AIRPORT
FACILITIES**

Mayor Jones opened the floor for a Public Hearing regarding Rental Fees for Airport Facilities. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Danville Register & Bee* on August 11, 2026, and August 15, 2026. No one present desired to be heard and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08.04

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE, VIRGINIA AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING MONTHLY RENTAL FEES FOR A NEW HANGAR LOCATED AT THE DANVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 17, 2026.

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM VISITORS

Mayor Jones recognized Patsy Hazelwood, who spoke to Council about a stray mother cat that was trapped by city animal control.

Mayor Jones recognized Katherine Wall who thanked the City for starting to repave North Main Street and asked if the City could put out more bids for contractors, spoke on a program for insulating attics, her idea on helping the homeless shelter and asked if there would be open transportation for voting day.

Mayor Jones recognized Jessica Florez, speaking on behalf of Best Friends Animal Society, who stated they were encouraged that the City was issuing a request for proposal about animal policies.

COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant City Manager Adkins noted today, the Procurement Division had another workshop for small businesses and SWaM businesses. They are going into the community, meeting at a host business to conduct the sessions. This was the second of five sessions, with other sessions planned for September, October and November.

Assistant City Manager Evans noted Visit Soti brings tourism to the community and engages residents and visitors, on what Danville has to offer. The blocks on Council's desks showcase the activities going on in the City.

City Attorney Clarke Whitfield noted the GW Football game that was scheduled for Friday night at 7:00 p.m. has been moved to 6:00 p.m. Thursday night because of the impending rain, at Gretna.

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

Council Member Miller noted he attended a meeting with Council Member Saunders for Faces of Our Children, a sickle cell organization, where he was asked to speak. Dr. Miller discussed symptoms and treatment, which depend on public support, and encouraged people to donate and support the organization.

Council Member Vogler noted the first GW home game was Friday, August 28th against Reidsville. Mr. Vogler asked the City Manager to repeat his announcement regarding the request for proposals for companion animal services, and stated he attended an event at DCC with faculty, staff and alumni; they also had a celebration of former athletes at DCC; it was a fantastic event.

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Vice Mayor Buckner noted this past Saturday with Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hood and Dr. Miller, he attended the First Responders Appreciation Day honoring emergency services around the City and County; it was a wonderful event.

Council Member Campbell questioned Mr. Larking if the Riverfront Park area had a curfew and Mr. Larking stated they have hours of operation; there was a curfew in the City.

Council Member Hood noted Hoops Don't Shoot's 10th Anniversary will be held at Cherrystone Association, 5551 Tom Fork Road on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hood recognized the First Responders Appreciation Day, he had the honor of giving the Invocation for the event, and noted his prayers were with the Thacker family on the passing of Monroe Thacker, and the Caviness family with the passing of Stanley Caviness.

Council Member Marshall noted with the start of the school year, asked citizens to pray for the blessing of all the students, teachers and staff for a safe school year.

Mayor Jones noted the DCC convocation was amazing, along with visiting the new event center at DCC. Mayor Jones wished Mr. Saunders a Happy Birthday this Saturday.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK