

The second regular March Meeting of City Council was held on March 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Municipal Building. The following Council Members were present: L. G. "Larry" Campbell Jr., John B. Gilstrap, Alonzo L. Jones, Vice Mayor T. David Luther, Gary P. Miller, Albert K. "Buddy" Rawley Jr., Mayor Sherman M. Saunders, Fred O. Shanks III, and Adam J. Tomer (9).

Staff Members present were: City Manager Joseph C. King, Deputy City Manager David A. Parrish, City Attorney W. Clarke Whitfield Jr. and City Clerk Susan M. DeMasi.

Other Staff Members present were: Finance Director Barbara Dameron, Budget Director Cynthia Thomasson, Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director William Sgrina, Community Development Director Earl Reynolds, Economic Development Director Jeremy Stratton and Kent Shelton, City Engineer/Assistant Director of Public Works.

Mayor Saunders presided.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sherman Saunders offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Saunders recognized Amanda Paez, City of Danville Management Analyst and Assistant City Manager David Parrish. Ms. Paez explained the Imagine Danville Arts & Essay Contest for Danville students and indicated that some of the art entries will be displayed in the City's Park and Recreation facilities. Ms. Paez also discussed essays submitted by the students and their wishes for Danville. Ms. Paez asked Mayor Saunders to recognize the honorees. Mayor Saunders recognized the following students:

Honorable Mentions:

Juan Christian Gonzales, Park Avenue – Kindergarten – K-2 Art;
Emanie Moore, Park Avenue -1st Grade – K-2 Art;
Daniel Hicks, Park Avenue – 1st Grade- K-2 Art;
Jessica Lynn Swain, Westover Christian Academy – 2nd Grade - K-2 Essay;
Dymonique Williams, Park Avenue – 3rd Grade – 3-5 Essay;
Miriam Moreno, Park Avenue – 5th Grade – 3-5 Essay;
Nathan Fussell, Park Avenue – 5th Grade – 3-5 Essay
Allisha Beck, EA Gibson – 6th Grade – 6-8 Essay.

Winners:

Aaron Haley, Westover Christian Academy – 2nd Grade – K-2 Essay;
Jorge Ramirez Leal, Park Avenue Elementary – 1st Grade – K-2 Art;
Makayla Crumpton, Park Avenue – 5th Grade – 3-5 Essay;
Megan Pollok, Forest Hills Elementary – 3rd Grade – 3-5 Art;
Ashley Stewart, EA Gibson – 7th Grade – 6-8 Art.

Mayor Saunders also asked the parents, grandparents and family members of the awardees stand to be recognized. The honorees then had their pictures taken with Mayor Saunders and council members.

Mayor Saunders read a Proclamation entitled "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" and then introduced Ms. Darlene Dodd, Volunteer for the MS Society and presented her with the Proclamation. Ms. Dodd explained that MS can affect people in different ways and explained that awareness of MS and donations to the National MS Society would help with the cure. Ms. Dodd thanked Council and gladly accepted the Proclamation.

Mayor Saunders recognized Eric Deaton, Chief Executive Officer, Danville Regional Medical Center. Mr. Deaton advised the Council on updates at DRMC and introduced Ms. Kelly Fitzgerald as the new Director of Marketing at DRMC. Mr. Deaton advised Council that DRMC was awarded a Certificate of Need to add another CT camera to the Hospital, which will be part of an ED renovation. He also discussed changes to the Women and Children's area and will be having an open house soon. DRMC is also breaking ground on a Brosville clinic on March 25, 2011 at 1:30 p.m., and invited the Mayor and Council Members to the groundbreaking. Mr. Deaton noted that March 30th is "Doctor's Day" and asked that the Mayor and Council Members consider having a Proclamation for the physicians on that day.

Dr. Miller and Mr. Rawley thanked Mr. Deaton for coming to speak with Council and providing updates.

COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

Mayor Saunders recognized Mr. Jeffrey Coleman, 226 N. Davis Drive. Mr. Coleman introduced his neighbors Marvin Moore, and Ronald and Richard Williams. Mr. Coleman thanked Mr. Kent Shelton who had met with the residents of their neighborhood. Mr. Coleman read a document, signed by 36 members of the neighborhood. The document expressed the interest of the neighborhood residents having curbing installed in the Terry Avenue, North Davis Drive and Davis Drive areas. Mr. Coleman provided a copy of the document to the Clerk.

MINUTES

Upon Motion by Vice Mayor Luther and second by Council Member Miller, Minutes of the March 1, 2011 Regular Council Meeting were approved as presented. Draft copies had been distributed prior to the Meeting.

BUDGET AMENDMENT – FY 2011 – DANVILLE REGIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT

Council Member Rawley moved adoption of an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-03.06

An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Appropriation Ordinance to Provide for a Grant from the Danville Regional Foundation for the River District Plan in the Amount of \$75,000 and Local Share in the Amount of \$25,000 for a Total Appropriation in the Amount of \$100,000 and Appropriating the Same.

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

VOTE: 9-0
 AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller,
 Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)
 NAY: None (0)

CONSIDERATION – PURCHASE PROPERTY AT 662 MONUMENT STREET.

Vice Mayor Luther **moved** adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-03.02

A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Danville To Purchase Property At 662 Monument Street.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Shanks:

Mr. Jones indicated that he had received several calls from residents of Lee Street, Franklin Street, Cabell Street, and Calhoun Street asking what the City was doing about blight. Also calls from residents of Calhoun Street and Temple Avenue stating that landlords are not taking care of their homes and why did the City not focus on those homes. City Manager Joseph King stated that the City will be introducing a major initiative in the 2012 budget to address blight in the community. Mr. Shanks noted the City staff had done a great job regarding this property.

The Resolution was carried by the following vote:

VOTE: 9-0
AYE: Campbell, Gilstrap, Jones, Luther, Miller,
Rawley, Saunders, Shanks and Tomer (9)
NAY: None (0)

COMMUNICATIONS

City Attorney, Clarke Whitfield, reminded Council that the April 19, 2011 meeting will be off-site and will be held at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School.

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

ROLL CALL

Council Member Campbell thanked the young people for their essays and drawings about Danville and asked that we remember the victims of the Japan earthquake and tsunami. Council Member Campbell also reminded citizens that the Rugby tournament will be this weekend.

Council Member Jones thanked the students for coming to Council, as well as their teachers and Assistant Superintendent Andy Tyrell.

Vice Mayor Luther commented on the essays submitted by the students and what they want for their City.

Council Member Miller asked that our thoughts and prayers be with the people of Japan as well as the rescue workers there putting their lives on the line.

Mr. Rawley thanked Mr. King, Mr. Whitfield and Ms. DeMasi for supporting the SHS third grade class City Council trip.

Mayor Saunders thanked our young leaders for their imagination, their ideas and submissions.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK