

## January 19, 2026

The regular session of the Danville City Council was called to order on Monday, January 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Danville City Hall by Mayor Jerry Strause. Council present were Cecilia Schnathorst, Taylor Eisenmann, and Dustin Furnald. Absent was Joe Huff and Ben Heckenberg. City employees present were Maintenance worker/Fire Chief Bryon Heater and City Clerk Caitlin Erickson. Also present was Deputy Eric Blodgett.

Schnathorst motioned and Eisenmann seconded to accept the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

There were no comments received during open forum.

Furnald motioned and Eisenmann seconded to approve the Sheriff's Report for December 2025. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval was made of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Billing. One invoice was presented for French-Reneker and Associates Inc. in the amount of \$13,161.00. Eisenmann motioned; Schnathorst seconded to approve the invoice. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion and action were held on City Hall's Sharp printer. The 5-year lease is ending on the printer, and an updated version of the printer was presented. Currently the city pays a monthly fee of \$223.95. The new printer will add cyber security and will be a monthly fee of \$209.60. Furnald motioned; Eisenmann seconded to approve signing another 5-year lease on a new printer. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion and action were held on the verbal fire chief report. Heater gave a brief update on the new rescue apparatus. The fire department had won the bid on a 2015 Chevrolet LS and will now need to get the vehicle from its current station, in Vermont, to Danville. It was previously discussed that the vehicle would be shipped, but after some research it was more cost effective to send 2 people to pick it up. The 2 people will fly out Wednesday and will be driving back in the vehicle by Friday. Eisenmann motioned; Schnathorst seconded to approve the fire chief report. All ayes, motion carried.

Heater presented the public works report. Furnald motioned Eisenmann seconded to approve the report. All ayes, motion carried.

- WWTP update. Wet well has been delivered. Pipe crew is still working in the area. They expect to have pipe dug across the creek by next week and ready for switchover when wet well and pumps are operational (March).
- Metering- Still no major update on this. SEIRPC and IEDA are working through a BABA waiver with the US DoE for the metering updates on the GRID grant. Meters have been ordered and delivered to MTS, just awaiting the waiver for shipping to us. 12/5/25 DoE correspondence noted that Danville was in the final stage of waiver status, but could take 35-70 days to complete, similar email on 1/15.
- RFP for Professional Services (GRID grant engineering) proposals were received by 3 firms on time and 1 late. Committee evaluated all scoring and cost 1/14 at 5pm. Scoring, recommendation and resolution are available during meeting.
- Streets were treated 1/15 for overnight snow. Light accumulation was expected.
- Quotes are being put together for electrical boring from the old WWTP to the New plant site. Those quotes should be available 2/2 meeting.

- Scope of work and quote documents were prepared for replacement of Community Building siding.
- Christmas lights were taken down and stored for next year.
- Comp Plan Steering committee will be meeting to discuss final findings. Ag land owner letter was sent by SEIRPC to all owners within 1 air mile that highlighted the plan, and hopes. SEIRPC set a public meeting with all owners on 1/28/26 at City Hall.
- Steering Committee is being put together for the ISU community grid resilience project. This looks to start up again in February

Council reviewed the Danville Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services. This document was sent out to notify Electric Engineers that the City is looking for qualified engineering companies to submit bids to complete work for the Danville GRID Resilience Project, for which the City of Danville has secured Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) GRID Resiliency funding.

Discussion and action were held on Resolution 2026-05 Engineering Scope. This Resolution allows the City to approve requests for qualifications for engineering services for the grid resilience project. Furnald motioned; Eisenmann seconded to adopt Resolution 2026-05. Roll Call Vote: Eisenmann- aye; Schnathorst- aye; Furnald- aye; Huff- absent; Heckenberg- absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Council reviewed an engineering tabulation, documentation, and committee recommendations for the bids that were submitted for the GRID Resilience Project.

Discussion and action were held on Resolution 2026-06 Engineering Firm Selection. This Resolution hereby designates P & E Engineering Company as the Electric Engineer for the GRID Project, funded in whole or in part by the GRID grant. Huff motioned; Eisenmann seconded to approve Resolution 2026-06. Roll Call Vote: Eisenmann- aye; Schnathorst- aye; Furnald- aye; Huff- absent; Heckenberg- absent. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion and action were held on the Scope of Work and Contractor Requests for the removal and replacement of exterior siding on the Community Building located at 104 West Shepherd Street. Eisenmann motioned; Furnald seconded to pursue the Scope of Work and request for a contractor. All ayes, motion carried.

Erickson noted that the Council minutes of January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 had two mistakes that need updated. The first update is to change the City’s Newspaper from The Des Moines County News to the Burlington Beacon, who bought the DMC News. The other update was to change the appointment of Mayor Strause as the City’s representative to the DMC Solid Waste Commission for 2025, to the representative for 2026. Eisenmann motioned, Schnathorst seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented in addition to the two updates (council minutes of January 5, 2026; and payment of the bills.) All ayes, motion carried.

RPGI	39,900.19	electric for month of Dec.
Treas.- State of Iowa	2,491.37	state sales tax for Nov.
Payroll	2,240.39	PTO Payout
Payroll	8,754.87	12/24/25-01/06/26
City/County Health Care	5,789.40	monthly emp. insurance
Access Systems (copier)	228.95	copier maintenance
Alliant Energy	535.24	gas/electric from Dec. to Jan.
Baylor Chiropractic	343.00	utility deposit refund
Cray Law	1,870.00	legal fees

Danville Telecom	477.99	monthly phone service
DMC Auditor	6,276.34	monthly law enforcement payment
Farm King Supply	163.95	snow supplies, clothing allowance
Fire Service Training Bureau	125.00	training
Gibbar Electric	520.00	decorations, street lights, burnt wire
Heiman	3,207.40	fire gear- coat/pant x2
IAMU	479.00	quarterly safety training
Industrial Electric Motors	284.00	Bristle Brush Attachment
Linde	74.56	Misc.
Menards	510.79	cleaning supplies & misc.
Oliver Heating & Air	395.90	heat control board replacement
O'Reilly	126.30	1 ton starter
PestPros Pest Control	150.00	monthly maintenance
Wex Bank	494.13	fuel for Dec.
Wilson Paper Co.	76.80	copy paper
Wilson Trucking	110.00	1" Clean Stone
SEIRPC	7,087.50	Grid Project

Total amount of bills listed \$82,713.07 to be paid from the following accounts: General \$15,711.23; RUT \$2,287.65; Water \$4,302.93; Sewer \$3,027.70; Electric \$51,124.79; Sanitation \$126.37; Employee Insurance \$5,789.40; Utility Deposit \$343.00.

Discussion and action were held on a request from Paige Oliver to operate a small in-home salon at her residence located within the city limits. Furnald motioned; Eisenmann seconded to approve the request. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on a complaint received by Barb Fedler regarding a dog with a tan collar, that has been repeatedly spotted unleashed in multiple resident's yards on North Main Street. After discussion, Council stated that the residents who see the dog unleashed need to call the Sheriff's department, who are responsible for Danville's animal control.

Discussion was held on a request from the Danville Post Prom Committee for donations for the event. Unfortunately, the City is no longer allowed to donate to the organization.

Discussion was held on a letter received by the City of Middletown regarding the Fire and EMS Services contract. The contract is up for renewal and the City of Middletown is requesting representatives from the City Council, Danville Township, and Pleasant Grove Township Trustees to attend their meeting on February 9, 2026. They have questions on why the service fee has increased and would like to discuss options regarding the contract. Council authorized the City Clerk to contact Middletown; to inform them they will have representatives present and will have more information to give them after the next regular Council Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Discussion and action were held on a nuisance letter sent to the property owner and residents at 105 North Elm Street. The letter was sent on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and gave the residents until January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to tend to the property in violation of the Danville Municipal code Section 8.08. Council noted that the property is still in violation and motioned to escalate the issue further by contacting the City Attorney to start the procedure to abate the nuisance, as allowed by the city code. Furnald motioned; Eisenmann seconded to start the procedure to abate the nuisance. All ayes, motion carried.

Furnald motioned; Eisenmann seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.. The next council meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2026, 5:30 p.m., Danville City Hall.

Total wages for 2025 were as follows: Frain Wagner \$48,719.57; Bryan Kleinkopf \$56,588.72; Jerry Strause \$4,200.00; Dustin Furnald \$1,200.00; Susan Rogers \$61,911.51; Caitlin Erickson \$54,429.59; Joseph Huff \$1,200.00; Cecilia Schnathorst \$1,200.00; Benjamin Heckenberg \$1,200.00; Taylor Eisenmann \$1,200.00; Bryon Heater \$77,221.77 for a total of \$309,070.80.

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Jerry Strause, Mayor

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Caitlin Erickson, City Clerk

*Note: A summary of the above minutes were submitted for publication on January 26, 2026. Those minutes will now become part of the city minute book.*