

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the March 23, 2020 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 23th day of March in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Aaron Atkins gave the invocation and Mayor Alongi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the following individuals attending via WebEx teleconferencing meeting the threshold for a quorum: Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Bob Karnes, and Michael Ward. Commissioner Charles Genesio joined the meeting via telephone at 6:05p.m. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Ruth Hale.

Guests:

Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the March 9th meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Treasurer's Report:

Mayor Alongi presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 2019. The Treasurer's Report will be published in the local newspaper. The Mayor reported the following:

- Revenues had year ending earnings of \$8,919,420
- Total Compensation for 2019 was \$2,654,557
- Expenditures for the year totaled \$5,777,771
- Total increase in cash for the year \$151,125.

The Council approved the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Approval of Bills to be Paid:

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Proclamations:
None

Appointments:
None

Consent Agenda:
None

Public Agenda:
None

Ordinances:

A. 2020-O02-04: An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Real Estate at 226 South Hickory Street to Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC) (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. 2020-O03-01: An Ordinance Ratifying Consulting Agreement with Andrew Croessman at a rate of forty dollars per hour (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

12. Resolutions:

A. 2020-R03-01: A Resolution Condemning 324 South Walnut Street (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. 2020-R03-02: A Resolution Condemning 507 West Main Street (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Ward
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. 2020-R03-03: A Resolution Accepting Proposals from: Illini Asphalt to Provide Bit Materials and Aggregate Spread; Beelman Logistics, LLC to Provide Surface Materials; and Barr Trucking to Provide Emulsified Patch Mix, Bit Aggregate Mix, and Surface Material (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Other Business:

None

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Genesio asked for prayer for those affected by the recent disasters, and for the first responders, health professionals, those sick, and those economically affected. He referenced Philippians 4:6.

Commissioner Ward echoed the previous sentiments and thanked local first responders and those around the world. He encouraged everyone to prayer for those affected and for healing.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick agreed with the previous reflections and then encouraged everyone to still support our local small businesses. She thanked all those still working hard through this time. She mentioned that the City Clerk's office would remain staffed for daily operation during regular business hours, but the lobby is closed for window payments. Citizens are encouraged to use the drop box, telephone and credit card payment system. She mentioned that she and Ruth hale were working to abide by the Governor's executive order to take care of staff. She also requested that the other commissioners limit their department non-critical purchase at this time. She then asked City Attorney Atkins what the City could do procedurally to continue to pay bills if the Council could not meet.

Aaron responded with information from the Illinois Municipal League March 1st newsletter that spelled out statutory authority under a declaration of emergency. It was determined that if the City needed to proceed with approving such an order, an emergency meeting could be held with 24-hour notice or the greatest amount practicable. The Mayor asked Commissioner Genesio if the City should declare emergency before the county does. Commissioner Genesio said no. Commissioner Kirkpatrick stated that we should be prepared and have a plan. Mayor Alongi then proposed that as long as no council member is infected, the City won't enact a special order. The Commissioners all agreed.

Commissioner Karnes said the three previous Commissioners spoke exactly what he wanted to say. He also referenced that our Father is there for us in time of need. And as forever coach, he encouraged everyone to stay positive, we will get through this.

Mayor Alongi asked the community to agree together and pray for those affected. He asked for support of our local businesses, as many are hurting because of the situation. He praised Commissioner Ward's

departments, Doug Clark, and Commissioner Genesio for stepping up to the plate and taking the Governor's directives to the citizens of Du Quoin. These directives were hard news to deliver but they have been excellent in responding to their charge.

Public Comment:

Mayor Alongi announced that the City Hall phone line (618)542-3841 was open for public comment at 6:26p.m. for a period of three minutes. No calls were received, and public comment was closed at 6:29p.m.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Hale

Ruth Hale, City Clerk