

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the June 10, 2019 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 10th day of June in the year 2019, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the following individuals present: Commissioners Charles Genesisio and Michael Ward. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and Deputy City Clerk Shannon Jones.

Guests:

Country Financial Agent Steve Marek presented a \$1,500 donation to the City's Fire and Police Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the regular Council session minutes of the May 28th meeting. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Gene Krone from the Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to appoint Lisa Gross to fill Gene Krone's remaining term on the Park Board due to expire July, 2021. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Scott Latta from the Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to appoint Crystal Harsy to fill Scott Latta's remaining term on the Park Board due to expire July, 2021. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to appoint Jeff Myers and Lyle Vanzandt to the Zoning Commission for a three-year term effective July, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to appoint Jeannine Baxter, Jami Lemmons, and Jeanie Burke to the Park Board for a three-year term effective July, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to appoint Leanna Leek, Betty Eastman, and Larry Underwood to the Library Board for a three-year term effective July, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to appoint Leanna Leek and Judy Smid to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term effective July, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Du Quoin Weekly Reporter Pete Spitler introduced a program called “Mow to Own”. The concept is that property owners adjacent to abandoned properties could maintain those properties and in turn take ownership of them. Mayor Alongi asked Pete Spitler, Aaron Atkins, Jeff Ashauer, Doug Toney, and Max Burke to serve on an exploratory committee to research it and report back to the Council.

Ordinances:

A. 2019-O06-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with Delta Dental to Provide Employee Dental Insurance. Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance would change the City’s dental insurance carrier from Guardian to Delta Dental resulting in annual savings of roughly \$16,000 with no reduction in benefit levels. The change would be effective July 1, 2019. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2019-O06-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2019-O06-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with Unum to Provide Employee Life Insurance. Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance would change the City’s life insurance carrier from Cigna to Unum resulting in annual savings of roughly \$2,000 with no reduction in benefit levels. The change would be effective July 1, 2019. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-O06-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2019-O06-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter into a Contract with Dorgan, Butcher & Phelps LLC to Provide Public Policy Consulting. The annual cost for City representation at the State level is \$36,000. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-O06-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

None.

Other Business:

Mayor Alongi said that when the City acquired land for the Industrial Park from Lamar Alvis years ago, the City was supposed to erect a sign indicating that it was the "Alvis Industrial Park". He said that the City never fulfilled its obligation and asked Jeff Ashauer to include a sign appropriation in the next TIF budget to right the wrong.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council thanked Steve Marek for the generous donation.

Mayor Alongi said that the City Pool is now open and that there were no major problems. He also promoted the upcoming Street Machine Nationals, Farm to Table, and Back to School events.

Public Comment:

City EMA Director Doug Clark said that he provided flooded communities with the EMA's command post, generators, and bottled water.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:42 p.m., motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk