

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the October 14, 2019 Meeting**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 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 Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio, Michael Ward, and Robert Karnes. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Approval of Bills:**

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Appointments:**

The Council approved the promotion of Firefighters Willard Riggio and Jordan Crain to the rank of Fire Captain.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

The Council approved the promotion of Reserve Firefighter Jarrod McClanahan to the rank of Reserve Fire Lieutenant.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

City Attorney Aaron Atkins administered the oath of office to Fire Captains Willard Riggio and Jordan Crain, and Reserve Fire Lieutenant Jarrod McClanahan.

The Council approved the promotion of Patrol Officers Scott Beasley and Chris Robinson to the rank of Police Sergeant.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

City Attorney Aaron Atkins administered the oath of office to Police Sergeants Scott Beasley and Chris Robinson.

**Public Agenda:**

Labor Attorney Rhett Barke introduced the concept of a first responder lateral transfer ordinance to the City Council. He said that a lateral transfer ordinance would allow the City to bypass the Fire and Police Merit Board and hire older, seasoned first responders. He said that Carbondale, Carterville, and Marion have lateral transfer ordinances. Mr. Barke cautioned the Council on allowing out of state transfers, comparing qualifications, and vacation accruals. He suggested that the Public Safety Commissioner, Fire and Police Chiefs, and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) should have a stake in the lateral transfer ordinance and shape it to the needs of their departments.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2019-O09-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter into an Agreement with Skuta Construction. This Agreement provides for re-lining sewer manholes and replacing sewer pressure relief valves at a cost of \$39,940. This project is funded by a \$60,000 State Legislative grant from Representative Terri Bryant. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Genesis                      **Second:** Commissioner Ward

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. 2019-O09-04: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to Enter into a Highway Authority Agreement with Frederick's Battery Station. This Agreement is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to close out the environmental cleanup at the old Frederick's Battery Station. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Genesis

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. 2019-O09-05: An Ordinance Amending Parking Zone Schedules “D” and “E” of the City Code of the City of Du Quoin. This Ordinance creates 15 minute parking on the north side of East Main Street from the corner of North Washington Street to the first driveway of the First Christian Church. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. 2019-O10-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11-1-4, Personnel Manager, of the City Code of the City of Du Quoin. Special Projects Director Chuck Novak said that this Ordinance better distributes human resource functions between the City Council and City Clerk to be more consistent with a Commission form of municipal government. The Council approved for public display.

**Motion:** Commissioner Genesio                      **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

E. 2019-O10-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21-2-6, Liquor Licenses, of the City Code of the City of Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance provides for all types of alcohol to be sold at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The Council approved for public display.

**Motion:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick                      **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

**Ayes:** Commissioners Kirkpatrick,  
Genesio, Ward, and Karnes                      **Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Mayor Alongi

F. 2019-O10-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property. This Ordinance authorizes the sale of a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria on Illinois’ iBid auction website. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Ward

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

G. 2019-O10-04: An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Real Estate at 329 North Linden Street to Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC). City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that this Ordinance will allow DCDC to sell this Real Estate at a greater value than the City could due to municipal constraints. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Ward

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. 2019-R09-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of an Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Truck. This Truck will be used to haul EMA support trailers at a cost of \$34,188. Of that amount, \$16,500 is covered by grants with the remaining portion to be absorbed into the budget. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Genesio                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. 2019-R09-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Parade Permit to the Du Quoin Tourism Commission for the Halloween Parade. The Council gave final approval.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. 2019-R09-03: A Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of 124 North Oak Street. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Ward

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. 2019-R10-03: A Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of 326 East Cole Street. The Council gave final approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Commissioners' Comments:**

The City Council congratulated the Firefighters and Patrol Officers on their promotions.

Commissioner Genesio said that the South Madison Street water main replacement was almost finished. He also said that the City is seeking grants for capital improvements to the City's water system in the Industrial Park. Lastly, he thanked the Water Department for fixing a rash of water line breaks.

Mayor Alongi touched on Fire and Police pension fund consolidation and that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) supported it. He said the City Hall windows will be installed on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he promoted the Halloween Parade on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Joyce Poole and Russell Stanley addressed the City Council regarding a pending condemnation on their residence at 333 North Howard Street. The Council reiterated that they need to fix their plumbing and start water service to stop the condemnation from proceeding.

**Executive Session:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward

**Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All

**Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk