

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the August 24, 2015 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 24th day of August in the year 2015, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney introduced Reverend Leonard Sanders of the Christ Pentecostal Temple of Du Quoin. Reverend Sanders gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 pm with the following individuals present: Commissioners Michael Ward, Dale Spencer, Charles Genesio, and Gerald Whitley. City staff included City Attorney Aaron A. Atkins, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th day of August. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for August 24, 2015. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamation:

Mayor Alongi introduced Keaton Haege and Riley Rice, other members of the clay shooting team, their parents, and their coaches. City Attorney Aaron A. Atkins

read the Mayor's Proclamation honoring Keaton Haege and Riley Rice for their success at the Scholastic Clay Target Program Nationals, said Proclamation attached hereto and made a part, of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 24, 2015.

Appointment:

Mayor Alongi announced the appointment of Ms. Carlie Dawn Daffron to the Du Quoin Tourism Commission.

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to appoint Ms. Carlie Dawn Daffron to the Du Quoin Tourism Commission.

Ordinances:

- A. Ordinance 2015-008-01: An Ordinance Creating the Position of Temporary Consultant to the Budget and Finance Director and Mayor – final approval. It was moved by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley that Ordinance 2015-008-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.
- B. Ordinance 2015-008-02: An Ordinance Creating the City Emergency Management Agency – final approval. It was moved by Commissioner Genesio, seconded by Commissioner Whitley that Ordinance 2015-008-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.
- C. Ordinance 2015-008-03: An Ordinance Creating a Fire Zone at the Grand Theatre – final approval. It was moved by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Whitley that Ordinance 2015-008-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

- A. Resolution 2015-R08-01: A Resolution for the Du Quoin Tax Increment Financing Districts Budget for 2015-2016. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-01. Motion passed; all ayes.

Du Quoin Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer addressed the Council regarding equalized assessed value growth in TIF Districts and future projects, said TIF Budget for 2015-2016 attached hereto and made a part, of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 24, 2015.

- B. Resolution 2015-R08-02: A Resolution for the Homecoming Parade Permit. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-02. Motion passed; all ayes.

- C. Resolution 2015-R08-03: A Resolution for Approving Revolving Loan Fund Loan of \$6,800.00 to Vickie Holmes of Buttons & Bows Daycare for real estate acquisition at 115 North Division Street. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-03. Motion passed; all ayes.
- D. Resolution 2015-R08-04: A Resolution for Approving Revolving Loan Fund Loan of \$19,600.00 to Kimberly S. Schramke for real estate acquisition property at 316 East Franklin Street. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-04. Motion passed; all ayes.
- E. Resolution 2015-R08-05: A Resolution for Approving Tax Increment Financing District Reimbursement Agreement of \$6,000.00 to Kimberly S. Schramke for real estate redevelopment at 316 East Franklin Street. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-05. Motion passed; all ayes.
- F. Resolution 2015-R08-06: A Resolution for Approving entering into loan agreement with Banterra Bank and Du Quoin State Bank for loan of up to \$225,000.00 for repair of City Hall roof. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-06. Motion passed; all ayes.
- G. Resolution 2015-R08-07: A Resolution for Establishing the Du Quoin City Pool Restoration Account at the Du Quoin State Bank in Du Quoin, Illinois. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R08-07. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

- A. Council discussed amending ordinances to clarify exactly how many times, and with what frequency land designated as agricultural within the corporate limits should be mowed. Commissioner Spencer commented about how an amended ordinance would affect cutting hay. Mayor Alongi stated that the Council would think about it and no action was taken.
- B. Council discussed amending ordinances to clarify that no designation of land within the corporate limits as “agricultural” by the Perry County Assessor’s Office or the ASCS Office will impact upon the manner in which that land is managed within the corporate limits.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioners Ward, Spencer, and Genesio had no comment.

Commissioner Whitley welcome Ms. Carlie Dawn Daffron to the Du Quoin Tourism Commission.

Mayor Alongi stated that he had an upcoming meeting with State Fair Director Patrick Buchen. Furthermore, he stated that he had received numerous complaints regarding speeding and cell phone usage in school zones. He assured the public that the Police Department would be monitoring and enforcing traffic in school zones.

Public Comment:

Du Quoin resident Steve Fred addressed the Council regarding mowing of agricultural land within city limits. He was concerned that if agricultural land was cut more than twice a year that it would kill the hay.

Du Quoin Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer welcomed the opening of Dairy Queen. Moreover, he thanked the owners of Dairy Queen for their commitment to Du Quoin.

Du Quoin resident Donna Clover that resides at 821 North Pope Street accused Health Officer Ron Darnell of trespassing on her property to obtain pictures of property violations. Commissioner Spencer consulted with City Attorney Aaron A. Atkins and concluded that Ron Darnell was within the law to take pictures. Mayor Alongi stated that the City did not have issues with Donna Clover, therefore, Donna Clover should not have issues with the City.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:16 pm, motion by Commissioner Whitley, seconded by Commissioner Spencer; all ayes.