

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the October 12, 2015 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 12th day of October in the year 2015, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney introduced Reverend Mark Buetow of Bethel Lutheran Church of Du Quoin. Reverend Buetow 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 Genesisio, and Gerald Whitley. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th day of September. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for October 12, 2015. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamation:

Mayor Alongi welcomed members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) organization. City Attorney Aaron A. Atkins read the Mayor's Proclamation in honor of the 125th Anniversary Founding of DAR, said Proclamation attached hereto and made a part, of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2015.

Ordinances:

None.

Resolutions:

A. Resolution 2015-R10-01: A Resolution Agreeing to Accept Dedication of the Roads in Hidden Lakes. Mayor Alongi stated that the City's Street Department used surplus millings to improve roads in Hidden Lakes. Moreover, he said that as a

condition of accepting the roads of Hidden Lakes, they must be oiled and chipped at least twice. The City will accept dedication of the roads in Hidden Lakes within 365 days. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R10-01. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Resolution 2015-R10-02: A Resolution Awarding Parade Permit for Veterans Day Parade. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-R09-03. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Mayor Alongi read a prepared statement regarding releasing a monthly payment to Du Quoin School District 300 in the amount of \$42,411.09, said statement attached hereto and made a part, of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2015. After reading his statement, Commissioner Spencer was concerned about releasing the monthly payment prior to the City and District 300 reaching an intergovernmental agreement. Mayor Alongi assured Commissioner Spencer that there were other options available to the City.

B. City Clerk Andrew Croessman provided an overview of the City's revenues and expenditures. In brief, the City's year-to-date revenues are \$7.11 million, whereas, the City's year-to-date expenditures are \$7.12 million. Clerk Croessman was somewhat optimistic that the City would meet budgeted revenues of \$8.42 million. However, he was concerned that expenditures would exceed what was budgeted. Furthermore, he noted that the City is owed roughly \$90,000.00 from the State for Du Quoin Boot Camp water service, Motor Fuel tax, and Video Gaming income.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Ward and Genesio had no comment.

Commissioner Spencer stated that the City Hall roof project was close to halfway completed.

Commissioner Whitley cheered on the Chicago Cubs in the playoffs.

Mayor Alongi thanked those who helped with the Fall Festival. He also thanked the Water Department for repairing water lines near the High School, and on the west side of town. He estimated that the City spent \$5,000.00 in water repairs.

Public Comment:

Du Quoin resident Elvera Kimbro stated that she had water pooling in her alleyway and yard on 213 South Peach Street. The Council assured her that the Water Department would be there tomorrow to fix it.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:29 pm, motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk