

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the October 26, 2015 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 26th day of October in the year 2015, 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 pm with the following individuals present: Commissioners Michael Ward, Dale Spencer, Charles Genesio, and Gerald Whitley. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th day of October. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the bill list for October 26, 2015. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2015-O10-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Water Contract with Dowell. Mayor Alongi said that he and City Clerk Andrew Croessman met with the Mayor of Dowell, Dennis Stewart, to renegotiate a water contract. Dowell accepted a water rate increase of 5%, 2%, 2%, and 2% for the first, second, third, and fourth years of the contract, respectively. One condition of the contract is that Dowell cannot charge water rates less than Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that Dowell is a valued customer and provides a nice revenue stream for Du Quoin. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to put Ordinance 2015-O10-01 on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2015-O10-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 7-1-7 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that this ordinance requires a more thorough application process for new businesses. City Attorney Atkins said that this ordinance amends the existing ordinance in two significant ways. First, it requires that each

business application must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the business opening. Second, it requires that the City approve the business and the Fire Department inspect structures at the proposed business location. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to put Ordinance 2015-O10-02 on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2015-O10-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Real Estate. City Attorney Atkins said that this ordinance orders the City to sell real estate at 537 South Jefferson Street by sealed bid for \$2,777.68. He expected that closing of said real estate would be after November 1, 2015. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-O10-03. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

None.

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 Genesisio 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