

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the December 30 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 30th day of December 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.

Remote Participation:

Without objection from the Council, Commissioner Spencer participated via telephone due to illness.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 pm with the following individuals present: Commissioners Michael Ward, 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 14th day of December. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for December 30, 2015. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2015-O12-01: An Ordinance Clarifying the Residency Requirements for Employees. City Attorney Atkins said that this ordinance restores language lost in the City's Code that employees must live within District 300. Mayor Alongi added that this ordinance covers the situation that if an employee that currently lives outside District 300 and wants to move, they must move within District 300 or get a waiver from the Council. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2015-O12-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2015-O12-04: An Ordinance Enacting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. City Clerk Croessman said that the Budget has been adjusted to incorporate 2015-R12-01: A

Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways. He said that this change will increase General Fund Street Department revenue by \$25,900 through eligible reimbursements, and increases the Motor Fuel Tax Fund expense by \$122,050. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2015-O12-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2015-O12-05: An Ordinance Authorizing the Construction of a Ramp on the East Sidewalk of South Division Street to serve the New Business at 101 E. Main Street. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2015-O12-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2015-O12-06: An Ordinance Establishing Schedule of Raises for Police Sergeants and Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Department Captains. Mayor Alongi said that ranking Fire and Police employees are roughly \$1.80 per hour behind the curve of neighboring cities. This ordinance will shore up that gap. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to put 2015-O12-06 on public display.

E. 2015-O12-07: Prevailing Wage Ordinance. City Clerk Croessman said that the State requires every public body to investigate and ascertain the prevailing rate of wages, and post them every year. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to put 2015-O12-07 on public display.

Resolutions:

A. 2015-R12-01: A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2015-R12-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2015-R12-02: A Resolution Re-appointing Auxiliary and Part Time Police and Volunteer Firemen and Waiving Residency Requirement. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2015-R12-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes with the exception of Commissioner Spencer who abstained.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Spencer, Genesio, and Whitley had no comment.

Commissioner Ward wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Alongi thanked Sally Cook for her service as a librarian and wished her the best in retirement. Lastly, he wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Public Comment:

A. Mr. Loren Craig of Pitchford Professional Services addressed the Council regarding allowing realtor "pointer" signs on City boulevards. He said that the signs

are 12 inches by 18 inches and direct potential buyers to houses for sale. Commissioner Spencer questioned if this was a Council or Zoning Board issue. City Attorney Atkins said that it was a Zoning Board issue and cautioned that if they decide to allow signs on boulevards that they must allow all signs, not just realtor signs. No action was taken.

B. Mr. Leonard Rice of the Corner Pocket addressed the Council regarding a possible amendment to the Liquor Code that requires businesses to have video surveillance equipment. Mr. Rice said that he thought this change was intrusive and questioned if the video could be subpoenaed. Mayor Alongi said that there were three options. 1. Do not require businesses to have video surveillance. 2. Require businesses to have video surveillance. 3. Charge businesses without video surveillance \$1,500 per year for a liquor license and charge businesses with video surveillance \$1,000 per year for a liquor license. Commissioner Genesio said that he did not want to hurt businesses, but that liquor licenses are a privilege, not a right. Commissioner Whitley said that he did not think that video surveillance would hinder business and people do not pay any attention to them. Commissioner Ward said that video surveillance is mutually beneficial for both businesses and the Police Department. No action was taken.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:54 pm, motion by Commissioner Genesio, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk