

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the January 11 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 11th day of January in the year 2016, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Pastor Joel Vancil of the Sunfield Baptist Church 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 30th day of December. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved on the condition that City Clerk Croessman investigate a payment of \$225 to the City Lake Association, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the bill list for January 11, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2015-O12-06: An Ordinance Establishing Schedule of Raises for Police Sergeants and Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Department Captains. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2015-O12-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2015-O12-07: Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2015-O12-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O01-01: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 25-3-1 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that landowners are not cutting their grass properly. This ordinance addresses that issue by requiring landowners with property zoned as Non-Urban (NU) or Agricultural (AG) to cut their grass within one week of

July 15th and within one week of November 15th. Failure to do so would result in a fine of \$250, \$500, and \$750 for the first, second, and third offense, respectively. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to put 2016-001-01 on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R01-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds to Bore Under South Washington Street for Installation of a Sewer Tap to Serve the New Laundromat. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that the new Laundromat needs to connect to the City's water and sewer system on the other side of Washington Street. This resolution authorizes the use of TIF funds not to exceed \$6,000 to do so. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to put 2016-R01-01 on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mayor Alongi introduced discussion of a possible new liquor ordinance. He said that he wants all liquor licenses to be \$1,500 per year except video gaming parlors, which would be \$2,000 per year. If the business has a video surveillance system, the license would be reduced by \$500 per year. Mayor Alongi also suggested reclassifying the licenses as follows. (A) will change to (T) for Tavern with a max of 12. (B) will change to (P) for Package Liquor with a max of 11. (C) will change to (O) for Organizations with a max of 6. (D) will change to (F/B) for Fairgrounds Beer Only with a max of 1. (F) will change to (R) for Restaurant with a max of 7. (G) will change to (BP) for Brew Pub with a max of 3. (VGP) will be created for Video Gaming Parlor with a max of 3. (F/W) will be created for Fairgrounds Wine Only with a max of 2. Commissioner Spencer questioned the need for 3 VGPs. He suggested 2 VGPs. Commissioner Whitley agreed. Mayor Alongi suggested that hours of operation be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 a.m. After discussion, the Council tentatively agreed on hours of operation as follows. Monday through Saturday, licensees can sell from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. On Sunday, licensees can sell from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. except two Sundays during the Fair where licensees can sell from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. The consensus of the Council was to allow Mayor Alongi to begin drafting the new liquor ordinance.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Ward, Genesio, and Whitley had no comment.

Commissioner Spencer promoted the upcoming softball tournament for Special Olympics.

Mayor Alongi thanked all the volunteers that worked during the holidays. He announced that the Water Department would be working on Washington Street to repair a service line to O'Reilly's. He also urged everyone to attend the softball tournament opening ceremony. Lastly, he wanted consent of the Council to explore

new City logo options. He did not think that the current logo expressed the City's history of the coal industry and State Fairgrounds.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:45 pm, motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk