

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the February 8 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 8th day of February in the year 2016, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins introduced Reverend Lon McPherson of Liberty Church. Reverend McPherson 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 25th day of January. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for February 8, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Guests:

Park Board President Joe Stephens updated the Council on the City Pool. He said that the pool had no substantial leaks, and water was only added once. Moreover, he said that a diving board assembly needed rebuilt. In regards to the pool renovation, he said that they were researching the possibility of installing a pool liner with a life of 15 years. He thought that renovation would begin in the fall of 2016. Next, City Engineer Doug Bishop elaborated on the pool renovation. He said that he was working on a preliminary cost estimate to install the liner, and hoped that it would cost less than \$150,000. Prior to installing the liner, he thought that the City could use its own labor to build buttresses to keep problem walls from moving any further.

Ordinances:

A. 2016-O01-01: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 25-3-1 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin pertaining to mowing agricultural land within the corporate limits. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O01-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R02-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit to the Perry County Shrine. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R02-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Terry Lee Prince. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to hire Josh Cushman to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Terry Lee Prince. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Ward, Spencer, Genesio, and Whitley had no comment.

Mayor Alongi announced that Interim Finance Director Chuck Novak would be leaving for roughly six months to be Interim President at Richland College. He said that he would be granted administrative leave.

Public Comment:

Du Quoin resident Donna Franklin asked the Council for permission to display her grandson's racecar in front of the Eagles Lodge for a fundraiser on March 5 from noon to 8:00 p.m. The Council granted permission to do so.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:24 p.m., motion by Commissioner Genesio, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk