

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the February 23 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 23rd 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 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, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th day of February. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

A. Monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2016: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$420,414 and the closing balance was \$443,680. Total General Fund income was \$334,746, with expenses of \$356,656. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$229,151, and the closing balance was \$231,663. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$160,165, with expenses of \$179,156. She said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.77 million to \$1.69 million, resulting in net loss of \$72,982 for January. However, total cash year over year increased \$195,827 or 13.03%. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Annual Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015: City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that the City must prepare an annual account of moneys received and expenditures incurred within six months after the end of each fiscal year. He said that total revenue for 2015 was \$8.99 million, with total compensation and vendor expenditures equaling \$2.61 million and \$6.23 million, respectively. Total net change in balance across all funds was \$264,891. Commissioner Spencer moved,

Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the Annual Treasurer's Report for fiscal year ending December 31. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for February 23, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Guests:

Preceptor Alpha Eta President Linda Searby and Treasurer Joyce Schimpf presented a \$500 check to the Council to be used for the restoration of the City Pool. The Council thanked their organization for their generous donation.

Ordinances:

Commissioner Whitley introduced Ordinances 2016-O02-01 through 2016-O02-04 regarding water and sewer revenues. He said that the purpose of these ordinances is to mirror Rend Lake water rate increases and cover the City's costs for services provided. City Finance Consultant Chuck Novak elaborated on the specifics, which are made a part of the minutes and attached hereto.

A. 2016-O02-01: Water Rate Ordinance. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O02-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-O02-02: Water Deposit Ordinance. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O02-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O02-03: Water Reconnection Fee Ordinance. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O02-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2016-O02-04: Water Connection/Tap Charge Ordinance. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O02-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2016-O02-05: Employee Travel Policy Ordinance. Mayor Alongi said that the City did not have a robust travel policy, nor a good handle on travel expenses. The purpose of this ordinance is to add clarity to the existing travel code. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O02-05 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2016-O02-06: Zoning Ordinance. City Zoning Administrator Jeff Ashauer said that an application was submitted to rezone two parcels that belong to Rod Youngman from R-1 to R-2. He added that the Zoning Board unanimously approved this change,

and that it made sense due to it being adjacent and sandwiched between R-2 areas. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O02-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. 2016-O02-07: Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). City Fire Chief Bob Shaw addressed the Council regarding an addendum to the MABAS Master Agreement. He said that the addendum provides for other Fire Departments to charge the City if they were to respond to a disaster within the City in order to get Federal aid, whereas, the current agreement does not allow Cities to charge each other. Commissioner Spencer asked that if the City responds to a disaster for 10 hours, would the City be reimbursed? Chief Shaw said technically the City could be, but if the City did charge that other Cities would be less likely to respond in the future. Therefore, to date, no MABAS members have charged each other. Commissioner Genesio had reservations about the language, and added that this was a good opportunity for the City to research local mutual aid agreements and exhaust those avenues first. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O02-07 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R02-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit to the Du Quoin American Legion. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R02-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-R02-02: A Resolution Approving County Emergency Operations Plan. Perry County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director David Searby addressed the Council in regards to approving the County Emergency Operations Plan. He said that every two years municipalities must approve the County Plan because it serves as an intra-County mutual aid umbrella. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R02-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mayor Alongi proposed that a Mutual Aid Committee be created to explore existing mutual aid agreements, including MABAS and local agreements. He appointed the following members: Commissioner Genesio, Doug Clark, and David Searby. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that the Committee be created. Motion passed; all ayes with the exception of Commissioner Genesio who abstained.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Ward and Genesio had no comment.

Commissioner Spencer wished Mr. Novak the best at his new position at Richland Community College.

Commissioner Whitley thanked Mr. Novak and Mr. Croessman for their work on the water ordinances.

Mayor Alongi announced the downtown light schedule for 2016. He said that the lights would be blue for Police in May, red, white, and blue for Independence Day in July, pink for Breast Cancer Awareness in October, green for Veterans' Day in November, and red and green for Christmas in December. He said that tuck pointing began at City Hall. Lastly, he announced that Blanca Kuberski has started fixing her building, and was looking forward to having the barricades removed.

Public Comment:

City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer recognized the new downtown gun shop, and said that they had a tremendous opening weekend.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:06 pm, motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk