

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the March 14 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 14th day of March in the year 2016, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Gary Darnell of Spirit of Life Christian 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 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 23rd day of February. Commissioner Spencer 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 March 14, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamations:

The following proclamations were read by City Attorney Atkins, which are made a part of the minutes and attached hereto.

- A. A Proclamation in Honor of the Du Quoin Middle School Girls Basketball Team
- B. A Proclamation in Honor of the Du Quoin High School Indianettes
- C. A Proclamation in Honor of the Du Quoin Middle School Baseball Team
- D. A Proclamation in Honor of the Du Quoin Middle School Boys Basketball Team
- E. A Proclamation in Recognition of Vietnam War Veterans
- F. A Proclamation in Recognition of Girl Scout Week

Ordinances:

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

B. 2016-O02-02: Water Deposit Ordinance. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O02-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O02-03: Water Reconnection Fee Ordinance. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O02-03 be approved. 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 approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2016-O02-05: Employee Travel Policy Ordinance. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O02-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2016-O02-07: Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O02-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. 2016-O03-01: Restricted Water/Sewer Infrastructure Account. Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance establishes a Restricted Infrastructure Account for Water and Sewer Departments only. It also defines and calculates what portion of the service charge will be deposited into the account. Lastly, two requirements must be met to spend money out of this account: money can only be used to fund infrastructure development, expansion, improvement and/or repair, and all expenditures require a 4/5 vote of the full Council. Mayor Alongi said that this is the first account of its kind, and may be mimicked in the future to create a non-taxing Park District. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O03-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. 2016-O03-02: Liquor Ordinance. Mayor Alongi said that there were a couple of minor changes to the Liquor Ordinance since last discussion. First, the number of Video Gaming Parlor (VGP) licenses will increase from two to three. Secondly, liquor license applicants cannot be legally subjected to background checks through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC). It is to be determined if a similar option, Live Scan, can be used instead. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O03-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R03-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit to Du Quoin Baseball. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2016-R03-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-R03-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit to Du Quoin Lions Club. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R03-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes with the exception of Commissioner Spencer who abstained.

City Clerk Croessman introduced Resolutions 2016-R03-03 and 2016-R03-04 regarding consolidating checking accounts. He said that the City currently has two Illinois Funds accounts that the Illinois Comptroller deposits the City's sales and motor fuel taxes into. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has deemed these investment only accounts, meaning that the City can no longer write checks from these accounts. The City can only transfer money via ACH or wire to other City bank accounts to get check writing abilities. These resolutions propose closing the City's Corporate and Motor Fuel Tax accounts at Illinois Funds and merge them with existing accounts at Banterra Bank, then, direct the Illinois Comptroller to deposit taxes into these accounts at Banterra.

C. 2016-R03-03: A Resolution Authorizing Consolidation of Checking Accounts (General Corporate Account). Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2016-R03-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2016-R03-04: A Resolution Authorizing Consolidation of Checking Accounts (Motor Fuel Tax Account). Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2016-R03-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2016-R03-05: A Resolution Granting an Indefinite Leave of Absence to Finance Consultant Chuck Novak. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R03-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Motion and vote to hire part-time seasonal workers for the Street Department. Commissioner Genesisio suggested that the City hire part-time Laborer Paul Fox, and hire part-time grass cutters John DeMarie, Douglas Toney, and Braden Heape. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that the aforementioned individuals be hired. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Mayor Alongi introduced discussion about having a City car raffle to support the pool restoration. He thought that the City could profit over \$10,000. City Attorney Atkins said that the City could legally have a raffle under Home Rule powers, and thought that it would be best for the winner to pay taxes on the car, rather than the City. Mayor Alongi polled the Council about what to charge for each ticket and how many

tickets to sell. The consensus is to charge \$20 per ticket and sell 1,800, which would gross \$36,000. No action was taken.

C. Mayor Alongi introduced discussion regarding the urgent need to repair a portion of sewer line that services Marshall Browning Hospital. He said that the City has known that there was a problem with it for five to six years, but never figured out the cause. Mayor Alongi asked the Council to give him authorization to spend up to \$35,000, but he thought that bids would come in significantly less than that especially if City labor is used on portions of the project.

i. Motion and Vote to consider the repair of sewer line that services Marshall Browning Hospital as an emergency measure as provided in Chapter 1-2-43 (B) and 1-2-43 (L). Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded the motion. Motion passed; all ayes.

ii. Motion and Vote to repair sewer line that services Marshall Browning. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded the motion. Motion passed; all ayes.

iii. Motion and Vote to amend the list of bills to be paid to include the expenditures necessary for the repair of sewer line that services Marshall Browning Hospital. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded the motion. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. Opening of Sealed Bids for vacant lots on North Walnut Street and North Chestnut Street. City Attorney Atkins opened the only bids from couple Jenna Fager and Harvey Smith. They bid \$301 per lot for lots 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, for a total of \$2,408. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded to accept bids on the condition that the City ensures it has no property on lots. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioners Ward, Spencer, Genesio, and Whitley congratulated all the sports teams that were recognized.

Commissioner Spencer added that mosquito spraying would begin in May, and that the City, Jones Guns, and Modern Woodsmen are partnering to do a gun raffle. He thought that it would contribute \$5,000 towards the restoration of the pool.

Mayor Alongi said that he wanted to start a conversation on charging State Fair vendors for a business license, and taxing the carnival and entertainment. He said that events like Car Craft costs the City \$12,000 to \$15,000 in security. Commissioner Genesio added that he wants to make local businesses competitive with out of town vendors, and that we should consider charging out of town trades people for a business

license. City Attorney Atkins said that neighboring municipalities have similar ordinances and that it could be implemented here.

Public Comment:

American Legion President Chet Armstrong voiced his opposition to a provision within the Liquor Ordinance that requires businesses with liquor licenses to get video surveillance or pay \$500 more per year for a liquor license. He stated that it was an intrusion of privacy and would cost \$3,500 to have it installed.

Resident Duke Davison questioned if people would have access to their driveways while repairing the sewer line on North Washington Street. Commissioner Genesio said that it is possible that they will not have access. Mr. Davison was also upset that the City was aware of the sewer problem and did not investigate it and fix it.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:56 pm, motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk