

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the March 28 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 28th day of March 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, and Charles Genesio. 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 March. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for February 2016: City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$443,680 and the closing balance was \$382,227. Total General Fund income was \$326,690, with expenses of \$356,656. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, he said that the opening balance was \$231,663, and the closing balance was \$90,285. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$189,998, with expenses of \$360,006. He said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.69 million to \$1.55 million, resulting in net loss of \$148,728 for February. However, total cash year over year increased \$246,207 or 18.88%. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for February 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for March 28, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

City Attorney Atkins administered Oath of Office to Joshua Cushman as Police Officer. He was accompanied by Commissioner Ward and Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer.

Ordinances:

A. 2016-O03-01: Restricted Water/Sewer Infrastructure Account. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O03-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-O03-02: Liquor Ordinance. Mayor Alongi said that there were some changes to the Liquor Ordinance while it was on public display. First, it includes a new class that covers businesses who sell packaged alcohol and have video gaming terminals. They will be classified as Package/Video Gaming Parlors (P/VGP). Secondly, it amends the video surveillance requirement to only apply to new businesses, not existing ones. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O03-02 be kept on public display for two more weeks. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R03-06: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Gas Plant Road, LLC. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that Gas Plant Road, LLC is investing around \$630,000 into the Southtowne Shopping Center, which would make improvements to the façade, landscaping, and parking lot. The Redevelopment Agreement provides for Gas Plant Road, LLC to be reimbursed up to \$200,000 by the Business District. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-R03-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-R03-07: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Down Here Christian Gift Shop, LLC. Mr. Ashauer said that the owner of Down Here Christian Gift Shop, LLC is planning to make \$10,000 worth of improvements, and that the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District would reimburse up to \$2,000 over five years. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R03-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-R03-08: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and The Jimmy, Inc. Mr. Ashauer said that the Developer has spent roughly \$180,000 on the construction of the Laundromat, and is wanting \$6,000 of TIF District money to reimburse expenses for underground utilities. In exchange for the money, he is willing to give the City parking spaces. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R03-08 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2016-R03-09: A Resolution Authorizing the Use of TIF District Proceeds to Install Sidewalks on the East Side of South Washington Street. Mr. Ashauer said that

this Resolution would authorize up to \$20,000 of TIF District money to construct sidewalks from the corner of Poplar and Washington Streets to the old City Library. Construction would also include the installation of bollards in front of City Hall, and landscaping. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R03-09 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2016-R03-10: A Resolution Accepting Bids for Motor Fuel Tax Materials. Commissioner Genesio said that the City had a bid opening for road materials and there were three bidders, Illini Asphalt, Beelman Logistics, LLC, and Barr Trucking. The lowest bidders were the following: Illini Asphalt for oil at \$1.98 per gallon, Beelman Logistics, LLC for rock at \$8.54 per ton, and Barr Trucking for patch mix and aggregate mix at \$62.75 per ton and \$49.15 per ton, respectively. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-R03-10 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2016-R03-11: A Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Property at 614 N. Hickory Street. Commissioner Spencer said that this Resolution also needed to include a trailer on the property. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R03-11 be approved as amended to include the trailer. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. 2016-R03-12: A Resolution Establishing a Checking Account (Restricted Infrastructure Account). Mayor Alongi said that this Resolution compliments the Restricted Infrastructure Account Ordinance, and that the checking account will only hold funds for infrastructure development and expansions in the Water and Sewer Departments only. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-R03-12 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. 2016-R03-13: A Resolution Authorizing a Car Raffle with Proceeds to Fund the Swimming Pool. City Attorney Atkins said that the City cannot issue a raffle license to itself. Therefore, the Du Quoin Swimming Indians must have the raffle. However, the raffle proceeds can still be deposited into the City's Pool Restoration account. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-R03-13 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Motion and vote to hire Will Denton as a part-time Police Officer effective March 31, 2016. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that he be hired. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Mayor Alongi introduced discussion about entertainment tax and vendor licenses at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. Commissioner Spencer questioned the legality of vendor licenses due to the Fairgrounds being private land. City Attorney Atkins stated that the City's current Peddler Ordinance could be amended to include

vendors within the Fairgrounds. Mayor Alongi suggested that the vendor license be \$50 per year per owner, which could include multiple stands. Mr. Atkins asked if the Council wanted to subject flea market vendors to the license fee. Commissioner Genesio suggested that they be exempt, but rather charge the flea market promoter. Mayor Alongi thought that the license for the flea market should be \$250 per year. Next, Mayor Alongi said that the City currently has an entertainment tax; it has not been enforced though. His plan is to begin enforcing the entertainment tax, and setup a fund to deposit half of the tax proceeds into for the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The purpose of this fund is for infrastructure repair and promoting tourism. Lastly, Mayor Alongi said that the Council must figure out if and how much they wanted to charge the carnival for a license. No action was taken.

C. Motion and vote to release and waive claims against Mr. Richard Young. City Attorney Atkins said that the City had two claims on Mr. Young's property for a business loan made to him. Mr. Atkins said that the City and Mr. Young settled years ago, but the claims were never released. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to release and waive claims against Mr. Young. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. Discussion of Acceptance or Rejection of Bids to Paint City Hall.

i. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept a \$7,500 bid from Mr. Eric Graham to paint City Hall. Motion passed; all ayes.

ii. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to authorize the City to spend monies to paint City Hall. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Genesio said that work to replace the sewer line on North Washington Street will begin on April 4th. He said Marshall Browning Hospital has been notified and will be accessible from North Division Street.

Mayor Alongi said that there have been several complaints about solicitors, and that the City needs to better identify and patrol them. Secondly, he promoted the upcoming Southern Illinois University Football scrimmage game at the Du Quoin High School, and the City Pool restoration fundraiser at the VFW. He added that the City received an anonymous \$1,000 donation and a \$100 donation from Eta Gamma to go towards the Pool. Lastly, he said that the Council Chambers will be getting audio/video equipment installed to aid in safety training and presentations at meetings.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:22 pm, motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk