

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the May 9 Meeting

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 9th day of May 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 25th day of April. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Approval of Bills:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for May 9, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2016-O04-04: Ordinance amending Article VIII, Chapter 36, providing for imposition of Amusement Tax. Mayor Alongi said that Assistant Du Quoin State Fair Manager Tibretta Reiman's opposition to the amusement tax at the recent Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce Meeting was unprofessional. He added that the Governor's Office reached out to him to assure him that they would mend and provide a resolution to this matter. The Commissioners shared the Mayor's displeasure with Mrs. Reimann and added that it was disrespectful and the wrong way to handle the matter. With the exception of Commissioner Genesio, all agreed to leave the amusement tax on public display for two more weeks to allow the State to come up with a solution. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O04-04 be put on further public display. Motion passed; Commissioners Ward, Spencer, and Whitley, and Mayor Alongi voted aye. Commissioner Genesio voted naye.

B. 2016-O04-05: Ordinance approving Direct Energy Contract. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O04-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

City Engineer Doug Bishop addressed the Council regarding Ordinances 2016-O04-06 and 2016-O05-01. Mr. Bishop said that phase 1 of the pool restoration project will include shoring up of bowed walls in the deep end, installation of pool liner and anti-slip material around pool, painting, and resurfacing of the parking lot. The pool liner and anti-slip material around pool will cost roughly \$116,000, and the remaining items will cost roughly \$25,000. Mr. Bishop added that phase 2 of the pool restoration project would include restoring the pump house. This work is expected to begin in two to three years at a cost of roughly \$75,000.

C. 2016-O04-06: An Ordinance Pursuant to Section 1-2-43 (B) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin Waiving the Necessity of Bidding on the Pool Restoration Project due to the special nature of the material being utilized and the lack of competitors in the field. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O04-06 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2016-O04-07: An Ordinance Revising Section 23-4-2 (A) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin Relating to Careless Driving. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O04-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2016-O05-01: An Ordinance approving Contract for Swimming Pool Restoration (Phase 1) authorizing Mayor to enter into agreement for restoration with costs not to exceed \$150,000 and authorizing the City Clerk to attest same. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O05-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Resolutions:**

A. 2016-R05-01: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor to execute Contract Bond for Illini Asphalt and City Clerk to attest the same. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R05-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Public Agenda:**

A. City Engineer Doug Bishop addressed the Council regarding engineering proposals and costs for the Grant Way lift station. He said that the wet well is deteriorating, and piping and electrical box need replaced. He said that the City contacted three engineering firms and their costs are summarized in the following table.

**Comparison of Engineering Costs across Firms**

Item	Firms		
	Clarida & Ziegler	J. T. Blankinship	Round Table Design
Engineer/hour	\$65.00	\$93.00	\$90.00
Clerical/hour	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$60.00
Preliminary Engineering for Grant Way Lift Station	< \$6,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00

B. Motion and vote to accept or reject proposals from engineering firms regarding Grant Way Lift Station. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to accept proposal from Clarida & Ziegler. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. Motion and vote to purchase used vehicle from Chip Banks for Police Department (under \$20,000) from drug fund. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to purchase vehicle. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. Mayor Alongi introduced discussion of downtown ordinances and zoning pertaining to signs and merchandise on sidewalks. Mayor Alongi said that he is pro-business and wants downtown businesses to be able to have signs and wares on the sidewalk, as long as they sign a hold harmless agreement with the City. City Zoning Administrator Jeff Ashauer said that if signs are allowed on the boulevards downtown, they must be allowed on all boulevards throughout the City. Mayor Alongi got consensus from the Council to refer this issue to the Zoning Board where they can marry the City’s ordinances and zoning relating to signs.

**Commissioners’ Comments:**

City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens presented a donation of \$700 on behalf of the Du Quoin Service League to the City for its Pool restoration.

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

Mayor Alongi thanked the Street and Water Departments for their expediency in pouring concrete on North Washington Street where a sewer line was repaired. Moreover, he thanked Department Heads for doing a good job with their budgets.

**Executive Session:**

None

**Action resulting from Executive Session:**

Motion and vote to release executive session minutes. Mayor Alongi said that there has only been one executive session since he took office. He suggested that the minutes from the one executive session stay sequestered as they pertain to personnel. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to keep executive session minutes sequestered. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:06 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk