

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the June 13 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 13th day of June 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, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd day of May. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio 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 June 13, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read a Proclamation honoring Taryn Mays, Caleb Vogel, and Devin Jones for their Track and Field accomplishments at State competition.

Appointments:

A. Mayor Alongi appointed Larry Underwood, Betty Eastman, and Leanna Leek to the Library Board. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve these appointments. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Mayor Alongi appointed Jeannie Baxter, Steve Bookstaver, and Dan Manning to the Park Board. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve these appointments. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. Mayor Alongi appointed Kelley Stacey to the Zoning Board. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve these appointments. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. Mayor Alongi appointed Deborah Chastain, Amanda Chastain, Fred Huff, Edward Lanum, Leanna Leek, Robert Morefield, Judy Smid, and Pam Urban to the Historic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve these appointments. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2016-O05-02: An Ordinance Providing for a City Hall Council Chambers Use Policy. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O05-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Whitley introduced Ordinances 2016-O06-01 and 2016-O06-02 regarding purchasing water meters. He said that the City is losing 4.53 million gallons of water per month and is 79.6% efficient on average. He suggested that by purchasing seven water meters the City could mitigate its water loss. Next, City Clerk Andrew Croessman provided a presentation that identified each meter that should be replaced. He said that the total cost to replace these meters is \$35,735. His estimates suggested that the City could expect to gain 1.05 million gallons per month and increase its efficiency by 4.66%. This would provide marginal revenues of \$72,696 per year.

B. 2016-O06-01: An Ordinance Pursuant to Section 1-2-43 (B) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin Waiving the Necessity of Bidding for the Purchase of Water Meters due to the special nature of the material being utilized. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O06-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O06-02: An Ordinance approving Contract for Purchase of Water Meters authorizing Mayor to enter into agreement for purchase of said water meters with costs not to exceed \$40,000 and authorizing the City Clerk to attest same. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O06-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R06-01: A Resolution for Re-Routing Bob Green Drive. Mayor Alongi said that this Resolution would make Bob Green Drive a one way street for Street Machine Nationals and the Du Quoin State Fair. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R06-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Motion and Vote to accept or reject the City's funding share of 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The City's funding share is \$1,389, which is 5% of the total cost. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept the City's funding share of grant. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Motion and Vote to authorize expenditure of down payment on equipment for 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The down payment is \$6,946, but the City will be reimbursed by the grant. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to authorize expenditure of down payment. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. Commissioner Spencer opened discussion regarding amending the Weed Ordinance to address clarification and uniformity issues. He said that the City is having a hard time getting property owners to cut their grass. He suggested that the City post signs in yards to get grass cut. Commissioner Genesio suggested that the City make personal contact to get grass cut. If that did not work, then, give them a warning. If both of these measures did not work, then, give them a ticket. After much discussion, Mayor Alongi suggested a special meeting be held to sort out the details. No further action was taken.

Other Business:

Mayor Alongi said that the City needs to come up with a solution to maintain City Lake roads. He said that Perry County is collecting road district tax on those roads, but will not maintain them because they do not meet standards. The best solution would be for the City Lake residents to form a park district and levy taxes to maintain their roads. However, this does not have much support. Mayor Alongi suggested that the City sell a 25 acre and 30 acre parcel and use the proceeds to create an endowment to maintain the roads. The Council consented. City Attorney Aaron Atkins said he would pursue the quiet title process for the 25 acre parcel. No further action was taken.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Ward thanked Ron Darnell for his work, and asked everyone to keep Pinckneyville Mayor Robert Spencer in their prayers.

Commissioner Spencer shared the same sentiment as Commissioner Ward, and added that he is working to sell the rest of the gun raffle tickets.

Commissioner Genesio said that the sidewalk project in front of City Hall was progressing well and that the remainder of the project would be completed after Street Machine Nationals.

Commissioner Whitley asked Mayor Alongi how the car raffle tickets were selling.

Mayor Alongi said that the car raffle tickets were selling well and that the City has roughly 700 left. He added that he received permission to sell tickets at Street Machine Nationals. Lastly, Mayor Alongi said that the City would not ban glass bottles at the Street Machine Nationals this year. He said that they have not been a problem in the past and wanted to remove the burden from businesses to stock cans only.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk