

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 13th day of February in the year 2017, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Lon McPherson of Liberty Church gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 pm with the following individuals present: Commissioners Dale Spencer, Charles Genesisio, 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 January. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for February 13, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamations:

None.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O01-05: An Ordinance Creating Section 25-4-1 and Repealing Section 29-3-12 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Relating to Abandoned, Inoperable, and Unregistered Vehicles) (Amended). City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that the two most important changes to this Ordinance were: property owners have 30 days to dispose of vehicle(s) and businesses are exempt. Commissioner Spencer suggested that "designee" be added to item (7). Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O01-05 be put on public display with "designee" added to item (7). Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O01-06: An Ordinance Authorizing the Entry into an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and the Perry County Emergency Telephone System Board (PCETSB) for Remainder of 2017. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O01-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O02-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into Small Cell Master License Agreement. Mayor Alongi said that this Agreement is with Verizon Wireless to put telecommunications equipment on utility poles along Bob Green Drive. The City will be paid \$200 per attachment. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O02-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

City Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer addressed the Council regarding the next two Ordinances. He said that a recent change to State Statute considers less than 10 grams of cannabis a civil offense. Therefore, these offenders can be tried in City Court. The only offenders that cannot be tried in City Court are those in possession of drug paraphernalia that has drug residue other than cannabis. For cannabis, the fine is between \$250 and \$750. For drug paraphernalia, the fine is between \$400 and \$750.

D. 2017-O02-02: An Ordinance Prohibiting Possession of Cannabis. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O02-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2017-O02-03: An Ordinance Prohibiting Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O02-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2017-O02-04: An Ordinance Approving the Taco Bell Plat Map. Mayor Alongi announced that a Taco Bell restaurant will be built in the South Town Shopping Center. The development will cost roughly \$1.3 million and employ 18 to 30 people. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O02-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R01-05: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois and Mr. John Gibson and Mr. Ryan Lively. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R01-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R02-01: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Roadblock Permit to VFW Post #513. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-R02-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R02-02: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Roadblock Permit to Du Quoin Lions Club. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion

that 2017-R02-02 be approved. Commissioners Genesio and Whitley, and Mayor Alongi voted aye, Commissioner Spencer abstained. Motion passed.

D. 2017-R02-03: A Resolution Condemning 423 West Main Street. City Health Officer Ron Darnell said that on Wednesday, February 8th, City forces were given access to the Midwest Inn after receiving a complaint on social media. They witnessed serious defects such as water in the electrical and bedbug infestation. Mr. Darnell requested that the Council condemn the Office, Living Quarter, Laundry Room, and Rooms 1-12, 14, and 15. Property owner Chandulal Patel said that he could not access rooms to clean and keep up to par. Mayor Alongi told Mr. Patel that his time was up and from here forward he is to work with the building inspector to correct all deficiencies found or else his business will stay closed. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-R02-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

None.

Other Business:

None.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Spencer said that the City's workers' compensation carrier has launched safety training videos. He suggested that City staff watch these videos to save the City money in injuries and premiums. Second, he said that the Lions Club pledged \$750 towards replacing the City's Christmas decorations.

Mayor Alongi said that the City Pool open house is tentatively scheduled for May 6th.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:42 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk