

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Meeting

**Minutes:**

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

**Invocation:**

Pastor Erin Totten of the Sunfield United Methodist 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 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 regular minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the regular minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

The Council reviewed the executive minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the executive minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Approval of Bills:**

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

**Ordinances:**

A. 2017-O02-05: An Ordinance Approving Transmission Line Easement with Ameren Illinois. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O02-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O02-06: An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of 2017 Dodge Charger Squad Car from Police DUI Fund. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O02-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O03-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate for the Purchase of 307 East Main Street and 20 North Division Street, and to enter into Agreement for Purchase of Same. City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that bankruptcy proceedings on these two properties are nearing completion and the City would have an opportunity to get them. This Ordinance gives the Mayor latitude to negotiate with the Bank. If a deal is reached, the Council would then act

on a purchase agreement. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O03-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-O03-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the Charitable Auction of the Privilege of Naming the Central Plaza and the Mini-Park for a Period of One Year. No action was taken.

**Resolutions:**

None.

**Public Agenda:**

None.

**Other Business:**

None.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Commissioner Genesio said that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) did a follow up inspection on the Overpass and is looking forward to getting the report. Also, he said that there will be a special meeting on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss purchasing a dump truck from Perry County Unit Road District for \$16,000.

Commissioner Spencer said that the City has received \$5,000 so far for Christmas decorations.

Commissioner Whitley asked the public to report water leaks as the rainy season approaches and they get harder to find.

Mayor Alongi thanked the Water Department for making City Pool repairs. Lastly, he said that the City has been shopping for health insurance as premiums have jumped almost 20% in two years. He said that the City met with both unions to propose alternative insurance that was "substantially similar" and resulted in no additional out of pocket expense for employees, and would save the City money. He ended by saying the City must stop spending \$2 for every \$1 saved.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:22 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk