

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the August 22 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 22nd day of August 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 Genesisio. 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 8th day of August. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for July 2016: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$475,455 and the closing balance was \$375,913. Total General Fund income was \$296,981, with expenses of \$440,534. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$191,933, and the closing balance was \$263,390. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$257,910, with expenses of \$187,688. She said that total cash for all the City's funds increased from \$1.64 million to \$1.74 million, resulting in net income of \$101,325 for July. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for July 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for August 22, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Guests:

Mr. Kevin McCrary and Mr. Tom Murray of the Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$500 to the City Pool restoration project.

Ordinances:

A. 2016-O08-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Du Quoin and the Illinois Comptroller's Office to become a member

of the Local Debt Recovery Program (LDRP). Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O08-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-O08-02: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 23-4-2 (H) (providing for the inclusion of cell phone usage in “duty of due care” classification). Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O08-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O08-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into Small Cell Master License Agreement. This Ordinance would allow Verizon Wireless to mount small cells to posts in the City to boost cellphone reception. In exchange, Verizon Wireless would pay the City between \$250 and \$500 per cell per year. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-O08-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R08-05: A Resolution Naming Police K-9. Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer read Resolution 2016-R08-05 that honored past Police Chief Jim Booker. At the conclusion, the Resolution named the new Police K-9 Jari Booker. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-R08-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-R08-06: A Resolution for the Swimming Indians. This Resolution clarifies that the City Pool, which was recently named “The Du Quoin Swimming Indians Pool”, is located at the Robert M. Armstrong Recreational Complex established on July 8, 1979. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R08-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-R08-07: A Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Property at 513 W. Main Street. City Health Officer said that the house has been vacant for over two years, sheetrock is falling down, and there is substantial mold. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2016-R08-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Discussion of sale of 211 W. Park Street. Commissioner Spencer said that there is some interest in a City owned lot on the corner of W. Park and N. Hickory Street to make a parking lot for customers to an automotive shop. Mayor Alongi said that the City should look further into it due to the Tourism Commission storing Christmas decorations on that lot and that dissecting the lot could diminish the value. No action was taken.

Commissioners’ Comments:

The City Council congratulated the Booker Family on having the new Police K-9 named after Police Chief Jim Booker.

Commissioner Spencer said that the City still has gun and car tickets available to support the City Pool.

Commissioner Whitley said that the City is having problems with the lagoon at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that will need to be addressed in the near future. He also said that

most of the new water meters have been installed and that the City has submitted a grant application to help fund restoration of the Grant Way lift station.

Mayor Alongi said that the Du Quoin State Fair Parade will start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and encouraged everyone to have a great time at the Fair. Lastly, he said that he purchased a lot behind the new laundromat for \$4,900 for City employee parking.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk