

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the September 26 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 26th day of September 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 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 12th day of September. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for August 2016: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$375,913 and the closing balance was \$754,532. Total General Fund income was \$716,761, of which \$355,760 was property taxes for pensions, with expenses of \$315,150. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$263,390, and the closing balance was \$134,984. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$281,873, with expenses of \$405,869, of which \$209,945 was the Waste Water Treatment Plant bond payment. She said that total cash for all the City's funds increased from \$1.74 million to \$1.87 million, resulting in net income of \$126,026 for August. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for August 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for September 26, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Car Raffle:

Miss Milly Jones accompanied by her mother Mrs. Stacy Jones drew the winning ticket for the Car Raffle. Mrs. Jones announced that Mr. Leonard Rice was the winner. The Council congratulated him on his new car.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read a proclamation in recognition of First Responders. The Proclamation proclaimed September 27, 2016 as First Responders Day in the City of Du Quoin.

Ordinances:

A. 2016-O09-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into a Renewal Service Agreement with Newwave Communications. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-O09-02: An Ordinance Abolishing the Position of Temporary Consultant to the Budget and Finance Director and Mayor. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O09-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O09-03: An Ordinance Creating the Position of Part Time Special Projects Director. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2016-O09-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21, Section 21-2-6 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin Creating a Wine Tasting and Beer Tasting Classification. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2016-O09-05: An Ordinance Amending Section 7-3-2 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Pertains to Door to Door Solicitation). Mr. Atkins said that a judge ruled against the City in a case involving electric supply peddlers. The judge said that the City's Code only included selling tangible property, and he did not consider electric supply as tangible property. Mr. Atkins said that this Ordinance includes language to cover all services. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O09-05 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2016-O09-06: An Ordinance Amending Section 34-2-9 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Pertains to Obstructing Street – grass clippings, etc.). Commissioner Spencer said that this Ordinance will hold homeowners and grass cutters jointly and severable liable for depositing grass and other debris onto City property. He also suggested that Mr. Atkins add “designee” language to complement those that enforce it. Mayor Alongi urged the public to comment on it while it is on public display so that revisions could be made. Commissioner Spencer moved conditional on including

“designee” language, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-06 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. 2016-O09-07: An Ordinance Approving Contract Providing for Purchase of Real Estate (Pertains to land adjacent to the City Hall). Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance will approve the contract to purchase lot adjacent to City Hall for \$4,900. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O09-07 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. 2016-O09-08: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of 2004 Chevrolet Impala Police Car to Du Quoin – Pinckneyville Airport. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-08 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R09-06: A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Road Salt. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-R09-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

Mayor Alongi appointed Chuck Novak to be Part Time Special Projects Director. He added that Mr. Novak helped get this Administration going and he would be compensated for no more than \$18,000 per year. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that Mr. Novak be appointed as Part Time Special Projects Director. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mayor Alongi introduced discussion regarding the sale of the “Old Fire Station #2” lot. He suggested that the lot be partitioned to exclude the building from the sale or that the whole lot be sold and the Du Quoin Tourism Commission could enter into a long term lease with the buyer. Mr. Atkins suggested that the latter option would be the most expeditious. No action was taken.

Commissioners’ Comments:

Commissioner Ward expressed his condolences to the family of Roger Dennis.

Commissioner Spencer promoted the Fall Festival in Keyes City Park on October 1st.

Commissioner Whitley said that the lagoon is still being monitored for subsidence at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He also said that the Grant Way lift station had a piping failure and it has been repaired.

Mayor Alongi said that the downtown lights will change to pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Second, he said that Halloween trick or treating will be on October 31st from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Third, he said that Renosys will be here to install steps in the City Pool. Following that, they will install the pool liner with expectation to be completed by November. Lastly, Mayor Alongi said that strongly supports law enforcement and was upset with the anti-Police cartoon published in the Southern Illinoisan.

Public Comment:

A representative from the Du Quoin – Pinckneyville Airport thanked the City for selling the Police car to the Airport as it would allow them to provide transit services.

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