

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the October 10 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 10th day of October in the year 2016, 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 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 minutes of the meeting held on the 26th day of September. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the bill list for October 10, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read a proclamation promoting the upcoming National Federation of Professional Bull Riders National Finals event in Du Quoin. The Proclamation proclaimed October 16th through October 22nd as National Federation of Professional Bull Riders National Finals week in Du Quoin.

Appointments:

Mayor Alongi appointed Holly Bigham Kinney to the Du Quoin Tourism Commission. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that Holly Bigham Kinney be appointed to the Du Quoin Tourism Commission. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Marcy Robinson from the Du Quoin Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

Mayor Alongi appointed Brandon Waller to the Du Quoin Park Board. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that Brandon Waller be appointed to the Du Quoin Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 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). Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 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.). City Attorney Atkins said that he added additional language including “no person, landscape or mowing service shall blow, or cause to be blown leaves or grass clippings into the streets, alleys, sidewalks, curblines, or ditches of the City of Du Quoin”. He also added that “designees” shall also enforce this. Commissioner Spencer, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O09-06 be put on further public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O09-07: An Ordinance Approving Contract Providing for Purchase of Real Estate (Pertains to land adjacent to the City Hall). Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O09-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

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

E. 2016-O10-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Two Generators by Sealed Bids. The City will accept sealed bids until 4:00 p.m. on November 14th. The minimum bid is \$100 for either or \$200 for both. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O10-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2016-R10-01: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Parade Permit to Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce for Veterans’ Day Parade. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-R10-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-R10-02: A Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Property at 426 North Howard Street. City Health Officer Ron Darnell said that no progress has been made on the property and the City continues to mow it. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R10-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-R10-03: A Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Property at 14 North Washington Street (Elkhurst Apartments). Mayor Alongi said that he received a phone call and learned that tenants were living there without water. He said that Mr. Darnell picked up the building keys from the Bank of Carbondale to access and inspect the building. Mr. Darnell said that four apartments were occupied, and there was a water leak, fleas, and black mold. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-R10-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Discussion of Need to Implement Inspections of Rental Properties and Residences as they become Vacant or are Sold so as to Verify Compliance with Minimal Safety Standards before they are Permitted to be Re-Occupied. Mayor Alongi began discussion by saying that the City continues to get burned by buildings that are not being maintained and that the City must put measures in place to prevent it. City Attorney Atkins said that he drafted ordinances for Willisville that required property sellers to have building inspections completed before a transaction occurred. He said that it has increased property standards to an acceptable level. Commissioner Genesio said that he would support something similar for rental properties, but wanted to also address the City's Property Maintenance Code in the process. Mayor Alongi said that he would like to form a committee to find a solution. Mayor Alongi appointed Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Genesio, Dave Durkota, Jeff Ashauer, Ron Darnell, and Bob Shaw as an alternate to Commissioner Ward.

B. Annual Budget Update by City Clerk. Mr. Croessman said that through 2016 Q3, the City's Governmental Funds have revenues of \$3.80 million versus expenditures of \$3.82 million, resulting in net income of (\$18,970). He said that the Proprietary Funds have revenues of \$2.02 million versus expenditures of \$2.06 million, resulting in net income of (\$37,457). Lastly, he said that through 2016 Q3, the Governmental and Proprietary Funds have paid \$86,621 and \$581,055, respectively in principal and interest payments. The outstanding principal and interest payments for the Governmental and Proprietary Funds are \$451,217 and \$5,054,729, unless additional payments are made.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Ward promoted Family Night Out in the Park on October 15th.

Commissioner Spencer urged City Departments to watch and control spending.

Mayor Alongi said that the Illinois Department of Agriculture released its 2016 Du Quoin State Fair attendance and admission numbers. He said that roughly 105,000 people attended the Fair.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk