

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the October 24 Meeting

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 24th day of October 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 10th day of October. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2016: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$754,532 and the closing balance was \$434,059. Total General Fund income was \$437,762, with expenses of \$752,776. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$134,984, and the closing balance was \$190,506. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$242,143, with expenses of \$179,427. She said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.87 million to \$1.72 million, resulting in net income of (\$151,221) for September. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Approval of Bills:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for October 24, 2016. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Guests:**

Mr. Shawn File and Mr. Ryan Summers from the Du Quoin High School proposed doing a Community Service Program. They want roughly 200 students to do

community service for four hours per year. Mayor Alongi asked Commissioner Spencer to work out the details with them.

Mr. Cody Jones, owner of Jones and Sons Guns, read off Joseph Lane as the winner of the gun raffle. At that time, Commissioner Spencer presented a check on behalf of Modern Woodmen of America for \$2,500 to the City for the pool restoration. In total, the City made \$3,460 from the gun raffle.

**Ordinances:**

A. 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 Whitley, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2016-O09-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2016-O10-02: An Ordinance Amending Sections 1-3-1 through 1-3-3 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Pertains to Elected and Appointed Officials’ Salaries). Mayor Alongi said that elected officials have not received a raise since 1995. He said that raises were figured on inflation from 1995 to 2019, which is when raises take effect. The Mayor’s, Commissioners’, and Treasurer’s salaries would be \$11,000, \$8,400, and \$6,600, respectively. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2016-O10-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2016-O10-03: An Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016. City Clerk Croessman said that the main objective of amending the Budget is to account for the City Hall and Pool renovations as there was a wide range of options and costs when the original Budget was adopted. The net effect of the amended Budget would increase total revenues from \$8,165,004 to \$8,296,384, and would increase total expenditures from \$8,102,664 to \$8,334,768. Of the \$232,104 increase in expenditures, \$210,500 is for the City Hall and Pool renovations. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2016-O10-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Resolutions:**

None

**Public Agenda:**

Mayor Alongi introduced discussion regarding the need to create a Restricted Park and Recreation Fund. He said that the City receives roughly \$39,000 per year for 13 years and wants to put it in a restricted fund. Of the \$39,000, \$14,000 could be used for park and pool operations and maintenance. The remaining \$25,000 would be deposited into a restricted fund with a base established at \$150,000. Any expenditures from this fund would require a 4/5 vote of the Council. No action was taken.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Commissioner Ward thanked the First and Second Baptist, and Seventh Day Adventist Churches for meals and services provided for first responders. He also said that Family Night Out in the Park was another success and thanked everybody involved.

Commissioner Spencer said that Halloween Trick or Treating would be on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Alongi said that the Pinckneyville-Du Quoin Airport is in need of a \$250,000 construction loan for a new hangar. He said that the Airport is working with Champion Communities to get the loan and the City may provide a \$25,000 loan if needed. Second, he promoted the upcoming Halloween and Veterans' Day Parades on October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, he said that the Council may want to reconsider moving the December 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

**Executive Session:**

None

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk