

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the April 10, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 10th day of April in the year 2017, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Gary Darnell of Spirit of Life Christian 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 regular meeting held on the 27th day of March. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the bill list for April 10, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Guests:

Commissioner Ward and Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer recognized and presented awards to Du Quoin Police Officers Chris Robinson and Cale Bastien, and State Police Sergeant Howard Baxter for their efforts in saving the life of a six week old baby.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read the Arbor Day Proclamation that proclaimed April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in Du Quoin.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O03-04: An Ordinance Approving Professional Service/Consultant Agreement with Jeffrey Ashauer. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O03-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O03-05: An Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Pool Chlorination System. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O03-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O03-07: An Ordinance Pursuant to Section 1-2-43 (B) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin Waiving the Necessity of Bidding for Making Emergency Sewer Line Improvements that serve the China Buffet and portions of the Southtowne Shopping Center. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O03-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-O03-08: An Ordinance Authorizing Making Emergency Sewer Line Improvements that serve the China Buffet and portions of the Southtowne Shopping Center. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O03-08 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2017-O04-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to enter into Contract with Health Alliance to provide Employee Health Insurance. The City will save a maximum of \$155,952 per year by switching from BlueCross BlueShield to Health Alliance. This amount does not include the cost of self-insurance. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O04-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2017-O04-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Laborers' Local 773 and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) regarding Employee Health Insurance. No action was taken.

G. 2017-O04-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to establish a Restricted Health Account to Self-Insure Employee Copays and Maximum Out of Pocket Expenses. This Ordinance requires the City to deposit the full amount of savings of \$12,996 per month into a restricted account to use to self-insure. Once a balance of \$155,952 is met, anything above that amount can be used for future premium increases. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O04-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. 2017-O04-04: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Perry County Unit Road District regarding Road Maintenance. Commissioner Genesio said that this Agreement swaps City rock for the County grader use to maintain Bob Green Drive and Pignut Road. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O04-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

I. 2017-O04-05: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to enter into Contract with A+ Mowing to provide Lawn Service for Blighted/Condemned Properties. This Contract is to cut 17 lots every two weeks at a cost of \$595. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O04-05 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R04-01: A Resolution Authorizing Du Quoin Business District Redevelopment Agreement with Nancy Chen and the China Buffet Restaurant. This requires the China Buffet to clean up their property and contract with a septic service to maintain the grease interceptor that Business District Funds are being used for. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R04-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R04-02: A Resolution Condemning 740 East Main Street. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-R04-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to hire reoccurring part-time seasonal employees: Paul Fox, John DeMarie, Doug Toney, and Braden Heape. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

Mayor Alongi said that the Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce's welcome signs on the north and south ends of town are not in good shape and the City will take them over and replace them as the Chamber does not have the financial means.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council thanked the Police Officers that were recognized earlier for saving the baby's life.

Commissioner Spencer said that almost 200 High School kids would be picking up trash around town on April 21st.

Mayor Alongi congratulated the Library on getting a \$31,000 grant to replace their windows. Second, he said that the marijuana ordinances were worked out with the County and would reappear at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:38 p.m., motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Spencer; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk