

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 8th day of January in the year 2018, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Terry Brace of the First Christian Church gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. 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 December. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for January 8, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O12-02: An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O12-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2018-R01-01: A Resolution to Include Taxable Allowances (Clothing) as IMRF Earnings. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2018-R01-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mayor Alongi opened discussion regarding defining hotels, motels, and extended stays, and the possible regulation thereof. He said that there is an issue in Du Quoin with motels operating as extended stays and not having appropriate facilities to operate as

such. City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that the Illinois Department of Revenue defines extended stays as any stay greater than 30 days. He suggested that extended stays have proper kitchens and adequate garbage disposal. Commissioner Spencer asked if an extended stay was the same as a boarding house. Mr. Atkins stated that the difference is a boarding house has a common dining room. Commissioners Ward and Spencer agreed that these different types of boarding need to be defined to ensure safety and quality. Commissioner Genesio also agreed, but did not want to include it in the building regulations chapter as he felt it would convolute it. Mayor Alongi asked Mr. Atkins and Zoning Administrator Doug Bishop to draft an ordinance by the second meeting in March.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council thanked their various departments for their help during the Holidays, especially for the Christmas decorations and the numerous water breaks repaired in the freezing weather.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:31 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk