

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 22nd day of May in the year 2017, 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, 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 public hearing held on the 8th day of May. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on the 8th day of May. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for April 2017: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$568,578 and the closing balance was \$542,955. Total General Fund income was \$223,184, with expenses of \$248,789. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$240,225, and the closing balance was \$255,709. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$210,118, with expenses of \$192,972. She said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.91 million to \$1.87 million, resulting in a loss of \$37,503 for April. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for April 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the bill list for May 22, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Guests:

None.

Proclamations:

None.

Appointments:

None.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O05-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Spencer said that language was missing related to the Fire Department checking with landlord to see if they are aware that a complaint was filed against them. It was agreed to do it procedurally, rather than through ordinance. Mayor Alongi added that it should include the language "tenants and other complainants". Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O05-01 be put on public display with inclusion of language "tenants and other complainants". Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O05-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to execute Addendum to Laborers' Local 773 Contract regarding removing Health Officer Position from Recognition. Mayor Alongi said that there will be a retirement at the end of June and as such the Health Officer position will be vacant. He said that the Laborers' Union agreed to remove the position from contract as the City desires to change that position. It was agreed that Mayor Alongi, Commissioner Spencer, and City Health Officer Ron Darnell would take the lead on finding someone to take on those job duties. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O05-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O05-03: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin regarding City Park Hours. Mayor Alongi said that the tennis and basketball courts will be newly refinished, but kids can only play till 9:00 p.m. during the summer. This Ordinance amends the hours for the tennis and basketball courts only to 11:00 p.m. in the summer and 9:00 p.m. in the winter. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O05-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R05-02: A Resolution Rescinding Condemnations. City Health Officer Ron Darnell asked the Council to rescind condemnations on 513 West Main, 613 North Hickory, and 426 North Howard Street. He said that the property owners demolished the unsafe structures and removed them from the property. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R05-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Mr. Andy Rainwater from Clarida and Ziegler Engineering presented bids on the rehabilitation of Grant Way lift station. Mr. Rainwater said that the low bidder was Haier Plumbing at \$246,000, which is roughly \$46,000 over construction grant money. He added that he was confident in these numbers and suggested that the Council award contract to Haier Plumbing with an end date of August 16th.

B. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to award contract to Haier Plumbing. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

None.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Genesio thanked all those who were called out and worked during the flood.

Commissioner Ward also thanked those who helped with the flood. He also congratulated all graduates and asked that we pray for two young people involved in a car accident.

Commissioner Whitley thanked Clarida and Ziegler Engineering for their work on the Grant Way lift station. He also said that the Water Department will be getting a golf cart to help them read meters.

Mayor Alongi congratulated all the graduates. He also congratulated Tarynn Mays on her first place finish in triple jump at State. Lastly, he said the City Pool open house went well and that two tractor trailers of wood chips will be delivered for the playground.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:56 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk