

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the June 12, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 12th day of June in the year 2017, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend from Ministerial Alliance 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 Charles Genesio. 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 22nd day of May. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

None.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for June 12, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Guests:

None.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read Proclamation honoring Deborah Chastain for her contributions to Art and Historic Preservation in Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi presented Mrs. Chastain with a framed Proclamation and she presented him with a framed drawing of the Grand Theatre done by her.

Appointments:

A. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Joshua Williams from the Airport Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to appoint Kevin Wright to the Airport Board to fill the remainder of Joshua Williams' term. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to appoint Alex Thompson, Kyle Kelley, Chad Griffin, and Dax Nevill to Volunteer Firefighters. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O05-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance has had its own public hearing and there was no comments while on public display, and he was ready to approve it. Howard Wilson asked: what if tenant destroys rental? Fire Chief Bob Shaw said that you can tell if it has been sabotaged and this Ordinance would only help landlords get rid of bad tenants. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O05-01 be approved. 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. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O05-02 be approved. 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. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O05-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-O06-01: An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O06-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2017-O06-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the City to enter into Contract with Health Alliance to provide Retirees with Group Medicare Supplement Plan F Health Insurance. City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that this Ordinance would move Medicare eligible retirees into a Group Plan F. These retirees will have lower out of pocket costs and the City would save money as well. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O06-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that the next three Resolutions are related to purchasing two parcels of property where the Higgins' Building stood. The concept is to acquire it together to get a big enough lot to develop privately or publicly. The total cost to TIF is \$26,000.

A. 2017-R06-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and the Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC) to Acquire Property at 112 East Main Street. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R06-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R06-07: A Resolution Authorizing the Release of Memorandum of Judgment filed against Richelle Lietz. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R06-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R06-02: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and the Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC) to Acquire Property at 110 East Main Street. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R06-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-R06-03: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and the Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC) to Redevelop Property at 101 East Main Street. Mr. Ashauer said that this development has already taken place and that this Resolution was to correct the record. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R06-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2017-R06-04: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Don Tequilas Mexican Restaurant. Mr. Ashauer said that this Resolution authorizes use of \$8,750 of Business District money to install grease traps at Don Tequilas to get sewer capacity for Taco Bell. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R06-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2017-R06-05: A Resolution Authorizing Bob Green Drive to be a One-Way Street for the Duration of the Street Machine Nationals and Du Quoin State Fair Events. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R06-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. 2017-R06-06: A Resolution Authorizing Closure of Portion of South Chestnut Street for Bumper to Bumper Car Show. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R06-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. 2017-R06-08: A Resolution Condemning 406 East Park Street. Mayor Alongi said that a six inch downpour of rain had collapsed a basement wall of this house. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R06-08 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Discussion of hiring contractual Animal Control Officer. Mayor Alongi said that Health Officer Ron Darnell had bid to the Water Department. He said that Police Officer Rustin Juhl was going to take the Code Enforcement duties, but still needed someone for Animal Control duties. Mayor Alongi suggested advertising for the position between \$1,200 to \$1,400 per month and they would be provided with a City truck and equipment. City Attorney Aaron Atkins suggested the position report to the Police Department.

B. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to advertise Animal Control Officer position. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

None.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Genesio said that the City will start its oil and chipping program soon. Second, he said they will be installing a 50 foot culvert on Hidden Lakes Road. Lastly, he said a six foot section of the Overpass fell off and he has not heard back from IDOT.

Commissioner Spencer said that the City has almost raised enough money for Christmas decorations and would be ordering them soon. Second, he said that he has received numerous compliments on road patch work.

Mayor Alongi promoted Street Machine Nationals that starts on June 23rd. Second, he said that he would like to put together a Festival Committee to have City events in Downtown Du Quoin. He would like to have something transpire in 2019 or 2020. Lastly, he thanked Keith Bell for displaying his artwork in City Hall.

Public Comment:

Airport Board President Stephen Moss thanked the Council for appointing Kevin Wright to the Board. He also said that the hangar was completed and they are working on resurfacing the runway.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk