

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the June 26, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 26th day of June 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 Genesio, 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 12th day of June. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for May 2017: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$542,955 and the closing balance was \$557,352. Total General Fund income was \$399,916, with expenses of \$371,660. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$255,709, and the closing balance was \$323,037. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$223,951, with expenses of \$151,236. She said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.87 million to \$1.84 million, resulting in a loss of \$29,047 for May. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for May 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for June 26, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

A. Promotion of Police Officer Rustin Juhl to the rank of Sergeant. Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer said that Officer Juhl started in 2001. He became gun range instructor in 2006 and crime scene investigator in 2010. Chief Ellermeyer said that he was deserving of promotion. City Attorney Aaron Atkins gave the oath of office to Officer Juhl.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O06-01: An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O06-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 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. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O06-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

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 Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R06-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 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 Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R06-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R06-04: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Don Tequilas Mexican Restaurant. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R06-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-R06-05: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Christmas Decorations. Mayor Alongi said that the City planned to purchase 38 pole mounted wreaths at a cost of \$19,000. He also thanked Commissioner Spencer for generating donations. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-R06-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

A. Discussion of requiring new boat docks that exceed 20 feet in length to have lighted markers. Mayor Alongi said that this discussion was brought about by an individual that wanted to build a long boat dock on property at City Lake. He did not want the City to be liable if a boat hit a dock blindly. Commissioners Ward and Whitley suggested that if the City requires lighted markers that they should be required on new and old boat docks. Commissioner Genesio suggested that the Lake Association adopt their own regulations. Mayor Alongi asked City Attorney Aaron Atkins to draft letter to the Lake Association to determine how to proceed.

Other Business:

None.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council congratulated Rustin Juhl on his promotion to Police Sergeant.

Commissioner Spencer said that there has been a rash of dumping at the Recycling Center and that the City needs to explore security options. He thanked Commissioner Whitley for his military service.

Commissioner Genesio said that the new culvert on Hidden Lakes Road was completed.

Mayor Alongi said that City Health Officer Ron Darnell would be moving to Water Department. He thanked Commissioner Whitley for his military service. Lastly, he said that Street Machine Nationals has come and gone again without incident.

Public Comment:

Ms. Elvira Kimbro asked the Council if the City could pick up yard waste at her residence. Commissioner Genesio said that he would meet with her tomorrow to see if the Street Department could help her.

Ms. Star Gordon said that she lives by Gate 3 at the State Fairgrounds and is having several issues with the State. First, she said there is a tractor trailer that sits on one side of her house. Second, there is a pile of sand that blows on her property. Lastly, there is a camper that is in use year round. Zoning Administrator Jeff Ashauer said that the camper is not in compliance if that is indeed zoned residential. Mayor Alongi said that he would work with the State on the former two issues.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:06 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk