

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the July 10, 2017 Meeting

**Minutes:**

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

**Invocation:**

Reverend Joel Vancil of the Sunfield Baptist 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, and Charles Genesisio. 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of June. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

None.

**Approval of Bills:**

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

**Proclamations:**

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read Proclamation honoring Tarynn Mays for her accomplishments in Track and Field in Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi presented Ms. Mays with the Proclamation and a road sign that stated she placed first in triple jump in State.

**Appointments:**

A. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to accept retirement of Police Sergeant Dale Swallers effective August 2, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to hire Dale Swallers as part-time Police Officer effective August 3, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to hire Matthew Coffel as full-time Police Officer effective August 13, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to hire Doug Toney as part-time Animal Control Officer at a salary of \$1,400 per month. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to hire Aaron Wright as part-time Street Department summer help at a wage rate of \$10 per hour. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to reappoint Lyle Vanzandt to Zoning Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to reappoint Joe Stephens, Webster McGuire, and Tameka Armstrong to Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to reappoint Larry Underwood, Betty Eastman, and Leanna Leek to Library Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

I. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to reappoint Deborah Chastain, Edward Lanum, Leanna Leek, Robert Morefield, Judy Smid, Amanda Chastain, Fred Huff, and Pam Urban as presented. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2017-O07-01: An Ordinance Amending Section 18-1-5 of the City Code Regarding Historic Preservation Commission Board Terms. City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that this would remove term limits on officers and members as it is hard to find people that want to serve on this Board. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O07-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Resolutions:**

A. 2017-R06-05: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Christmas Decorations. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R06-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R07-01: A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R07-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R07-02: A Resolution Expressing Support for Four Lane Highway to St. Louis. Mayor Alongi said that there is a four county coalition lobbying for this project. He thought that this would be good for Du Quoin as it would connect it more efficiently to a large metro east area. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R07-02 be approved.

**Consent Agenda:**

A. Mayor Alongi said that he wanted to get Du Quoin's youth more involved in the Community. He suggested that the City create a Youth Advisory Board comprised of seven members, four of which would be Du Quoin High School Class Presidents. He thought that they could maybe even have an event for themselves at the Fairgrounds. The Council thought that this was worthwhile and asked City Attorney Aaron Atkins to have a draft at the next meeting.

**Other Business:**

None.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

The City Council congratulated Tarynn Mays on her first place finish at State in triple jump.

Commissioner Genesio said that the Street Department has been replacing large culverts and cleaning ditches to alleviate drainage issues.

Commissioner Ward thanked Police Sergeant Dale Swallers for his nearly 40 years of service. He also said that he was heartbroken by the two Du Quoin lives that were lost at Grand Tower Lake.

Commissioner Spencer thanked all those that donated towards the Christmas decorations. He also thanked the Administration Department for another clean audit.

Mayor Alongi said in response to an article calling for the elimination of the Du Quoin State Fair that the City would continue to work with the State to ensure that the Fair remains viable in the future.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6.38 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk