

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the July 24, 2017 Meeting

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 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.

**Remote Participation:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion for remote participation by Commissioner Whitley. Motion passed; all ayes.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Monthly Treasurer's Report for June 2017: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$557,352 and the closing balance was \$406,895. Total General Fund income was \$404,013, with expenses of \$540,360. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$323,037, and the closing balance was \$328,876. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$222,494, with expenses of \$216,603. She said that total cash for all the City's funds increased from \$1.84 million to \$1.91 million, resulting in a gain of \$71,490 for June. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for June 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Approval of Bills:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for July 24, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Guests:**

Mr. Harold Emling of Emling & Hoffman PC presented the City's Audit for Fiscal Year 2016. He explained the financial structure of the City. Next, he reviewed pages 15 and 16 of the Audit,

which are attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. He concluded that his firm did not have any findings and it was a clean audit.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2017-O07-01: An Ordinance Amending Section 18-1-5 of the City Code Regarding Historic Preservation Commission Board Terms. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O07-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O07-02: An Ordinance Creating a Youth Advisory Commission. Mayor Alongi said that he wanted to create this Youth Advisory Commission as a means of getting youth input on local government. He encouraged public and Du Quoin School District #300 comments on it before final passage. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O07-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O07-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Community Unit School District #300 Providing for a School Resource Officer. Mayor Alongi said that the City negotiated with District #300 to provide them with a school resource officer. The Agreement provides for an officer to work 350 hours per year in the schools. The City will receive \$14,000 per year from District #300 in exchange. If the officer exceeds 350 hours, District #300 will be billed at \$75 per hour. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O07-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-O07-04: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into a Contract with Clearwave Communications Providing for Du Quoin Police Department Internet and Telephone Services. City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that this Contract provides the Police Department with fiber optic internet for its LEADS system as the State will no longer pay for it. This Contract also provides for switching two phone lines for a cost savings of \$40 per line. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O07-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Resolutions:**

A. 2017-R07-03: A Resolution Authorizing Entry into an Agreement with Gas Plant Road LLC. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that this is a renegotiated redevelopment agreement with Mr. John Hunzeker of Southtowne Shopping Center to alleviate flooding issues. He said that the City will replace a 10 inch culvert with a 24 inch culvert in exchange for Mr. Hunzeker pushing payments owed to him from the Business District one year into the future. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R07-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R07-04: A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Generator from Oakley Services, Inc. and Installation Services for Generator from Ken Hall Electric, Inc. Mr. Croessman said that this Resolution authorizes the purchase and installation of a generator for the Grant Way lift station. He said that the cost is roughly \$46,000 versus \$58,700 when it was bid as an alternative with the whole project. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-R07-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R07-05: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Parade Permit to Du Quoin High School Pep Club. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-R07-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Commissioner Genesisio said that to address the Southtowne Shopping Center drainage issues that the south entrance would have to be cut or bored under to install 24 inch culvert. He said that he was waiting on cost estimates before a decision was made.

Mayor Alongi said he was wanting to see progress on the condemnation of the Midwest Inn. Second, he said that the Historic Preservation Commission was working with Mr. Ashauer to create a TIF incentive program to replace Downtown building windows and shutters. Lastly, he congratulated Reppert Publications on reopening WDQN radio station.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Alex Gossman sought Council support for a pet parade. She said that the proceeds would go towards the Perry County Humane Society. Mayor Alongi told her that the City will work with her to get it done.

City Lake Association President told the Council that they are having issues with boaters not abiding by the no wake rule. He asked if they could install more no wake signs around the Lake. The Council consented.

Du Quoin EMA Director Doug Clark said that the National Weather Service recertified the City as storm ready.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:08 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesisio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk