

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the August 14, 2017 Meeting

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 2017, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

**Invocation:**

Reverend Kent Eaton of the Second Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**Remote Participation:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio 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 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 regular meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Approval of Bills:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list for August 14, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Guests:**

Mayor Alongi welcomed Save A Lot store owners Matt Sauer and Paul Schnettgoecke to discuss plans for their new grocery store in Du Quoin. Mr. Sauer said that he and his partners are investing over \$1 million in a modern grocery store in the Southtowne Shopping Center. He said that they will be a low cost grocer with a full service meat counter. Mr. Schnettgoecke said that they have been in the grocery business since the 1970s and pride themselves on the high standard they set. He expects that they will be open on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Council thanked them for their investment in Du Quoin.

**Proclamations:**

The City honored retired Police Sergeant Dale Swallers. Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer presented him with a shadow box.

The City honored the Du Quoin Swimming Indians on their recent championship win. City Attorney Aaron Atkins read the Proclamation. Mayor Alongi presented them with the framed Proclamation and a sign that had their accomplishments on it.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2017-O07-02: An Ordinance Creating a Youth Advisory Commission. Mayor Alongi said that the School and City had been communicating back and forth to finalize the draft. He suggested that the Ordinance be left on public display. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O07-02 be left on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O07-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Community Unit School District #300 Providing for a School Resource Officer. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O07-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O07-04: An Ordinance Authorizing Entry into a Contract with Clearwave Communications Providing for Du Quoin Police Department Internet and Telephone Services. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O07-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-O08-01: An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Procedure for Assessing and Determining Claims under the Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA). City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that PSEBA was enacted in 1997 and it does not clarify what a catastrophic injury is. He said that the Illinois Municipal League (IML) produced this draft based on Court precedence and suggested that it be put on public display. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O08-01 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. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-R07-03 be approved. 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. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-R07-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R08-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement and a Du Quoin Revolving Loan between the City of Du Quoin and Scoop Foods, Inc. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that this Agreement will provide Save A Lot with \$58,500 from the Business District and \$91,500 from the Revolving Loan Fund that will be paid back by the Business District. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R08-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

The City Council congratulated the Du Quoin Swimming Indians, Save A Lot grocery store, and Dale Swallers.

Commissioner Genesio said that the City would start oil and chipping roads on August 15, 2017.

Commissioner Spencer said that the City would start replacing windows in the Library that would be energy efficient as part of a grant.

**Public Comment:**

Du Quoin EMA Director Doug Clark read a statement opposing administrative rule changes by IEMA Director James Joseph. He said that IEMA wants local EMAs to adopt stringent EMAP standards that only 41 counties in the United States have been able to satisfy. If local EMAs do not satisfy the EMAP standards, then they lose their funding from IEMA. Commissioner Genesio said that it would amount to millions of dollars of lost funding for local EMAs and that he expected a petition to be forthcoming that opposes the changes.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:54 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk