

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the September 11, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 11th day of September in the year 2017, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Lon McPherson of Liberty Church gave the invocation.

Prior to roll call, Mayor Alongi announced that Police Chief Jamie Ellermeyer would be retiring from the City and taking a job at the Perry County Sheriff's Office. He thanked Jamie for his 20 years of service to the City and said that the Council would accept his resignation at the next meeting.

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 and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on the 28th day of August. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the bill list for September 11, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read proclamation in recognition of Constitution Week. Mayor Alongi presented members of the Daughters of the American Revolution with a framed proclamation.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O08-02: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of Conveyance of Real Estate. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O08-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R08-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Security System for Fire Station #2. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R08-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R09-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Parade Permit to Perry County Humane Society. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R09-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to close a portion of East Park Street from North Washington to North Division Streets on October 7, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Fall Festival. Motion passed; all ayes.

Mayor Alongi said that the Halloween Parade would be on October 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and Trick or Treating would be on October 31, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Other Business:

Mayor Alongi said that Judy Smid has retired from the Tourism Commission and Chelsea Davis is now serving as President. He added that Judy has done an excellent job at Tourism and that he was thinking of the best way to honor her.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council thanked Jamie Ellermeyer for his service and wished him luck at his new job.

Commissioner Spencer said that High School Seniors would volunteer to pick up trash in the Fall and Juniors in the Spring.

Commissioner Whitley congratulated the Waste Water Department on being nominated for Treatment Plant of the Year in Illinois. He also said that he was hoping that the big water main break on South Madison Street would be fixed within the next couple of hours, but that there would be a boil order in effect.

Mayor Alongi asked everyone to keep victims of the hurricane in their prayers, as well as a couple of children from Du Quoin that were injured in accidents.

Public Comments:

Pam Pereira said that on Sunday at noon that Church bells would be ringing for Constitution Week.

Perry County Sheriff Steve Bareis clarified to the City Council that Jamie Ellermeyer approached him about retiring and the possibility of a position with the County. He said that he found out six weeks ago that the County was awarded a grant for a position for drug enforcement in partnership with Washington County and that Jamie would fill that position.

City EMA Director Doug Clark said that he will be housing two IEMA trailers at Fire Station #2.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk