

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the October 9, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 9th day of October in the year 2017, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Erin Totten of the Sunfield United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. 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.

Guests:

Jamie Ellermeyer presented a shadow box containing service medals and patches to the family of late Perry County Detective Tim Russell. He said that Mr. Russell had over 40 years of service in law enforcement. He thanked his family for all that they endured during his career.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on the 25th day of September. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for August 2017: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$377,217 and the closing balance was \$436,520. Total General Fund income was \$401,231, with expenses of \$364,833. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$202,932, and the closing balance was \$239,384. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$260,190, with expenses of \$214,156. She said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.9 million to \$1.77 million, resulting in a loss of (\$124,297) for August. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for August 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for October 9, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

Mayor Alongi appointed Interim City Police Chief Leslie Vancil to Police Chief. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve appointment of Mr. Vancil to Police Chief. Motion passed; all ayes.

City Attorney Aaron Atkins administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Vancil as Police Chief.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O10-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Employment Contract Between Mr. Leslie Vancil and the City of Du Quoin. Mayor Alongi said that Mr. Rhett Barke drafted the Contract which sets Mr. Vancil's total compensation package at \$83,200. The retirement portion of that amount is \$9,200. He added that the Contract prohibits overtime and compensatory time. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O10-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O10-02: An Ordinance Amending Motor Vehicle Schedule "A" Regarding Adding and Removing Stop Signs on North Maple Street. Commissioner Genesisio said that this Ordinance rearranges stop signs on North Maple Street to accommodate youth activities at a nearby church. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O10-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O10-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement to Store and Maintain Emergency Management Support Trailers. City EMA Director Doug Clark said that this Ordinance provides for hosting two EMA support trailers at Fire Station #2, which will bolster the City's emergency response capabilities. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O10-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R10-01: A Resolution Adopting a Budget for Du Quoin Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts #1, #2, and #3 for 2016 Revenues Collected in 2017. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that these TIF Districts have generated over \$884,000 since their existence. He said that this year's budget is roughly \$172,000 and includes appropriations to accelerate payments of obligations to receive grants, development of public space on East Main Street, and a feasibility study on the Grand Theatre. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-R10-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R10-02: A Resolution Rescinding Condemnation of 201 South Division Street. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R10-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R10-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Parade Permit to the Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce for the Veteran's Day Parade. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R10-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mike and Sandy Dollins said that the City Lake Association had a meeting to discuss lighted markers on boat docks. They said that the idea was not well received and suggested to the Council that no new regulations come forth.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council remembered Tim Russell for his service to Perry County and the City. They also congratulated Leslie Vancil on his appointment to City Police Chief.

Public Comment:

Beth Collins addressed the Council regarding the demolition status of a house across from her on East Park Street. She also complained about a drainage ditch that runs adjacent to her property. She said that it is eroding her yard and that it needs to be cleaned out. Commissioner Genesio said that the Street Department was aware of the ditch and assured her it would be addressed as soon as other projects were completed.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:40 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk