

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the October 23, 2017 Meeting

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 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.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the following individuals present: Commissioners Michael Ward, Dale Spencer, and Charles Genesisio. 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of October. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2017: City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$436,520 and the closing balance was \$527,052. Total General Fund income was \$361,992, with expenses of \$262,677. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, he said that the opening balance was \$239,384, and the closing balance was \$398,181. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$261,088, with expenses of \$102,334. He said that total cash for all the City's funds ticked up from \$1.77 million to \$1.78 million, resulting in a gain of \$3,339 for September. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for September 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Approval of Bills:**

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for October 23, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Appointments:**

Mayor Alongi reappointed Lora Booker, Steve Marek, and Jim Justice to the Police and Fire Merit Board. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a

motion to approve reappointments. Commissioner Ward abstained; Commissioners Spencer and Genesio, and Mayor Alongi voted in favor.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2017-O10-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Execution of Employment Contract Between Mr. Leslie Vancil and the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O10-01 be approved. 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 Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O10-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-O10-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement to Store and Maintain Emergency Management Support Trailers. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O10-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-O10-04: An Ordinance Authorizing an Option to Lease up to Twenty Acres of Land in the Du Quoin Industrial Park to IPS Illinois CSG, LLC (IPS Solar) for Solar Energy Purposes. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that this Option is to enter into a lease for development of a 20 acre solar farm. He said that the Option expires at the end of 2020 with a 180 day opt out provision. The City will receive \$275 for the Option. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-O10-04 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. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R10-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R10-04: A Resolution Authorizing Redirection of Du Quoin Business District Benefits for Scoop Foods, Inc. from the Du Quoin Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to the Southern Illinois Coal Belt Champion Community, Inc. (SICBCC). City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that this Resolution would sell the City's note receivable from Save A Lot to SICBCC. The purpose is to put more money in the City's RLF account, which the City will get back in the form of a grant as the State is ending the RLF program. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R10-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Other Business:**

Mayor Alongi said that the sound system in the Council Chambers continues to get worse and that it would be investigated to find a solution.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Commissioner Genesio said that the installation of a new culvert in Southtowne Shopping Center is complete and appears to be working well.

Commissioner Ward thanked the Police and Fire Departments, and all volunteers for helping at the annual Family Night Out in Keyes City Park.

Commissioner Spencer thanked the High School students for picking up trash and said they collected 130 bags. He also thanked all the businesses and individuals that made donations for the Christmas decorations.

Mayor Alongi thanked all those that helped with Citywide cleanup, Family Night Out, and the culvert project. He said that the Halloween Parade will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> and Downtown Trunk or Treat will be on the 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 - 8 p.m. Lastly, he said that the new Christmas decorations have arrived and the Christmas tree lighting will be on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:30 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk