

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Meeting

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 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, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio 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 November 13, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Appointments:**

Mayor Alongi appointed Hope Stewart, Katie Smith, Alex Zimmerman, Addison Carver, Toby Hotess, Shelby Harris, Chloe Hill, Grace Haney, and Bobbiann Hamlin to the Youth Advisory Council. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve appointments to the Youth Advisory Council. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Ordinances:**

A. 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. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O10-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

**Resolutions:**

A. 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). Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R10-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R11-01: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Replace Water Main on East Cole Street. Commissioner Whitley said that this Resolution would replace a two-inch water main in the 100 block of East Cole Street. He said that it is necessary as the line is too small and residents have very little water pressure. The total authorized expenditure is \$24,000. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R11-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R11-02: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Provide Water Tap on Gas Plant Road. Commissioner Whitley said that this Resolution would add a water tap on the southeast corner of Gas Plant Road for Krone Farms. This would then allow the City to abandon a water line under the railroad that is a liability concern. The total authorized expenditure is \$12,000. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2017-R11-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-R11-03: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Extend Water Main on Pig Nut Road. Commissioner Whitley said that this Resolution would extend an existing water main on Pig Nut Road 850 feet to the Corporate limits. This would provide water for future developments in the area. The total authorized expenditure is \$12,000. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R11-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

#### **Commissioners' Comments:**

City Attorney Aaron Atkins updated the Council on the Midwest Inn condemnation and said that the City is continuously seeking a resolution to the matter.

Commissioner Genesio said that the installation of a new culvert in Southtowne Shopping Center continues to be working well. He also said that the City was successful in lobbying against proposed IEMA rule changes. He said that IEMA is now rewriting the proposed rule changes.

Commissioner Ward thanked the Police and Fire Chief for doing a tremendous job.

Commissioner Spencer updated the Council on the annual budget process. He added that some Departments were dissatisfied in light of shortfalls in revenues. Second, he said that the new Christmas decorations were starting to be put up. Lastly, he thanked Commissioner Whitley for his service in the armed forces.

Mayor Alongi explained the complex dynamics of the annual budget, including finding roughly \$75,000 each year for pay raises despite declining revenue sources. Second, he

encouraged everybody to attend the Save A Lot grand opening on Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. Lastly, he said that the Christmas tree lighting will be on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and cookies with Santa Claus will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:**

Donna Clover addressed the Council to complain about a City employee that she says is harassing and stalking her. Mayor Alongi suggested that she discuss the matter with the Police Chief after the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Croessman, City Clerk