

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the November 27, 2017 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 27th 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 Genesio, 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 13th day of November. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for October 2017: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$527,052 and the closing balance was \$560,345. Total General Fund income was \$850,218, with expenses of \$780,205. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$398,181, and the closing balance was \$113,357. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$263,610, with expenses of \$548,534. She said that \$257,295 of those expenses was for the Grant Way lift station project, which will be almost 90% reimbursable. She said that total cash for all the City's funds decreased from \$1.78 million to \$1.63 million, resulting in a loss of \$147,976. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for October 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for November 27, 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

City Clerk Andrew Croessman addressed Ordinances 2017-O11-01 and 2017-O11-02. He said that it was the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee to leave the total Corporate property tax levy unchanged from last year at \$623,759. This amount is broken down as follows: IMRF levy is \$64,150, Police Pension is \$274,395, and Fire Pension is \$285,214. Lastly, he said that the Library Board suggested a total property tax levy of \$75,000, which is a \$600 decrease from last year.

A. 2017-O11-01: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-O11-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O11-02: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Library Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2017-O11-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R11-01: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Replace Water Main on East Cole Street. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R11-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-R11-02: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Provide Water Tap on Gas Plant Road. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R11-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2017-R11-03: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Extend Water Main on Pig Nut Road. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-R11-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2017-R11-04: A Resolution Revising Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs for Streets and Highways for Fiscal Year 2017. Commissioner Genesisio said that the total amount of the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) budget is the same and this Resolution just adjusts amounts between expense accounts. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R11-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2017-R11-05: A Resolution Authorizing Appropriation for Maintenance Costs for Streets and Highways for Fiscal Year 2018. City Engineer Doug Bishop said that the total amount of the MFT budget is \$300,000, which is the same as last year. He also said that there is no contract maintenance for hot road mix and that actual expenses would be under the appropriation. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2017-R11-05 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mayor Alongi introduced discussion regarding adding a part-time position to assist in the Administration Office. He said that the Office is overwhelmed with work and

suggested hiring someone part-time to work the water bill window, which would allow the other employees to cross-train and take on additional responsibilities. He added that the pay would be less than \$15.00 per hour and that the Union has approved it. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to advertise for said position. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Spencer said that there is two weeks left in the budget process and encouraged Department Supervisors to meet with their Commissioners to address any issues.

Mayor Alongi thanked everyone that made donations for the Christmas decorations and thanked the City employees for putting them up. He also thanked the High School Government class for decorating a Christmas tree in City Hall.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:28 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk