

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the December 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 December 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, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the minutes of the regular meeting held on the 11th day of December. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly Treasurer's Report for November 2017: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the opening balance for the General Fund was \$560,345 and the closing balance was \$536,804. Total General Fund income was \$537,278, with expenses of \$561,556. In regards to the Water/Sewer Fund, she said that the opening balance was \$113,357, and the closing balance was \$113,952. Water/Sewer Fund income was \$197,823, with expenses of \$191,713. She said that total cash for all the City's funds are up from \$1.63 million to \$1.85 million. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for November 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

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

Appointments:

Mayor Alongi said that Mr. Jeff Ashauer desired to step down as Zoning Administrator and that Mr. Doug Bishop would be willing to fill vacancy for additional pay. He said that this additional pay would come from offsetting Mr. Ashauer's contract.

Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to accept resignation of Mr. Jeff Ashauer as Zoning Administrator effective December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to accept appointment of Mr. Doug Bishop as Zoning Administrator and Resident Engineer effective January 1, 2018.

Ordinances:

A. 2017-O12-01: An Ordinance Enacting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-O12-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2017-O12-02: An Ordinance Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment. Mayor Alongi said that the State of Illinois has mandated that all public entities have a sexual harassment policy in place by January 15, 2018. He added that this Policy was drafted by the Illinois Municipal League (IML) and was being used by most municipalities. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion that 2017-O12-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2017-R12-01: A Resolution Rescinding Condemnation of 501 East Keyes Street. Commissioner Spencer said that the property owner replaced the windows and fixed the roof, and that he recommends that the condemnation be lifted. Commissioner Spencer moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2017-R12-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Spencer seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2018 Council meeting schedule. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council asked for prayers for the Harsy, Lamczik, Durkota, Matthews, and Ward families, who experienced illness and loss during the Holidays.

Mayor Alongi said that the City had a lot to be thankful for in 2017 including: the new Save A Lot store, lift station, and Christmas decorations. He said that looking forward he expected the two Fletcher properties to be demolished, various water projects to be completed, and the Police Department obtaining new equipment through a grant they

received. Lastly, he announced that the Du Quoin Evening Call Editor Geoff Ritter would be transferred to Carbondale and that this was his last meeting to cover.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:19 p.m., motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk