

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the March 26, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 26th day of March in the year 2018, 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, Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio, and Gerald Whitley. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Appointments:

Mayor Alongi said that David Durkota is a great employee and would like to appoint him as Interim Fire Chief effective April 6, 2018. He said that he would be a salaried employee at \$74,048 per year with no compensation time and longevity pay. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve Mayor Alongi's appointment of David Durkota as Interim Fire Chief. Motion passed; all ayes.

City Attorney Aaron Atkins swore David Durkota in as Interim Fire Chief. Mr. Durkota thanked the Council for their trust and confidence in him.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to hire John Hopkins as a part-time Police Officer and Bart Carson as an Auxiliary Police Officer. Motion passed; all ayes.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the March 12th regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to release the executive session minutes of the February 26th regular meeting. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for March 26, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O03-01: An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Fee on Towed Vehicles in the City of Du Quoin. City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that this revision specifies that fees are to be placed in the DUI fund and that Police Chief Les Vancil has ascertained from local towing companies what the towing fees shall be. He also said that due process provisions must be incorporated into this type of ordinance. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2018-O03-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-O03-02: An Ordinance Amending City Code Section 40-4-31 C-2 Highway Business Special Uses to Include Trash Hauling Businesses. Zoning Administrator Doug Bishop said that the Zoning Committee met on March 21st and that they recommended that trash hauling businesses be added as a "Special Use" in the C-2 Highway Business zone district. This would require any new trash hauling business to have a public hearing and obtain a "Special Use" permit before it could locate to a C-2 Highway Business zone district. Mayor Alongi mentioned that this Ordinance was needed in part due to numerous complaints against Big Dawg Disposal on West Main Street. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O03-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2018-O03-03: An Ordinance Amending Motor Vehicle Schedule "A" Regarding Adding a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Gas Plant Road and the Southtowne Shopping Center. Commissioner Genesisio said that this Ordinance would add one stop sign at the Southtowne Shopping Center exit road that intersected with Gas Plant Road in response to numerous complaints he had received. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2018-O03-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2018-O03-04: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into a Pooling Agreement with the Illinois Public Risk Fund. City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that the City's workers' compensation insurance carrier updated the language in its members pooling agreement and that the City must agree to it to continue being insured through them. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2018-O03-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2018-O03-05: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into a Contract with Constellation for the Purchase of Electric Power. Mr. Croessman said that the City's electric supplier contract needs to be renewed. He said that the current two year contract proposal would decrease prices over 14% but that it would not be locked in until the contract could be executed on April 10th. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2018-O03-05 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2018-R03-01: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditures to Repair Sewer Manhole. Commissioner Whitley said that this Resolution authorizes up to \$7,000 to repair a partially collapsed sewer manhole at the intersection of North Line and East Park Streets. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2018-R03-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-R03-02: A Resolution Rescinding Condemnation of 740 East Main Street. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-R03-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council congratulated David Durkota on his promotion to Interim Fire Chief.

Commissioner Genesio asked those that have a complaint to sign it so he can get in touch with them.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick congratulated six Du Quoin High School track athletes that competed at an indoor event. She said that five of the six medaled.

Mayor Alongi congratulated the Du Quoin Middle School Volleyball Team on their second place finish at State competition.

Public Comment:

Mayor Alongi said that the Du Quoin High School Juniors would be cleaning up the town on April 12th. He also said that the Perry County Days Bicentennial Celebration will be on June 2nd and that the City will be a \$500 sponsor.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:33 p.m., motion by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk