

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 9th day of April in the year 2018, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Pastor Erin Totten of the Sunfield United Methodist Church 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 and Charles Genesio. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens, and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the March 26th regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens presented the 2017 Annual Treasurer's Report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. She said that the Report is comprised of revenues, employee compensation, and vendor expenses. She reported the following:

- Total revenues were \$8.76 million, which was a 2.9% increase from last year
- Employee compensation was \$2.75 million, which was a 4.5% increase from last year
- Vendor expenses were \$6.05 million, which was constant from last year
- Governmental Funds had a surplus of \$53,000
- Water/Sewer Funds had a surplus of \$53,000 if 2018 grant reimbursement of \$209,000 was included
- All Funds had revenues of \$8.76 million versus expenses of \$8.83 million for a deficit of \$70,000

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to accept the 2017 Annual Treasurer's Report. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for April 9, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read a proclamation promoting Arbor Day in the City of Du Quoin on April 27, 2018.

Mr. Atkins also read a proclamation honoring the Du Quoin Lady Warriors volleyball team for their achievements at State competition.

Appointments:

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to hire Mr. Bryzn Witcher as a part-time grass cutter and Mr. David Martin as a part-time laborer. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O03-01: An Ordinance Establishing an Administrative Fee on Towed Vehicles in the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O03-01 be approved. 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. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O03-02 be approved. 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 Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O03-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2018-O03-04: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into a Pooling Agreement with the Illinois Public Risk Fund. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O03-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2018-O03-05: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into a Contract with Constellation for the Purchase of Electric Power. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O03-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

City Police Chief Les Vancil introduced the three following ordinances pertaining to purchasing ten mobile data centers (MDCs) for Police cars. He said that the Police Department was awarded a \$38,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to purchase said computers. He said that the computers will be used for electronic databases and reporting, which would make the City safer and it's Police Department more efficient. He recommended that the City purchase the computers from Novacom Communications for \$37,790, which will be fully reimbursed by IDOT.

F. 2018-O04-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Entering into an Inter-Governmental Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O04-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. 2018-O04-02: An Ordinance Waiving Bidding Pursuant to Section 1-2-43 (B) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O04-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

H. 2018-O04-03: An Ordinance Authorizing Expenditures for Police Car Mobile Data Centers (MDCs). Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O04-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

I. 2018-O04-04: An Ordinance Amending the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin to Establish Standards for Extended Stay Hotel Facilities. Mayor Alongi said that this Ordinance ensures that

hotels have proper accommodations for guests that are staying for a long period of time. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O04-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

None.

Other Business:

Mayor Alongi said that he would like to see the Business License Code amended to reflect the fact that the City does not require businesses to renew their licenses annually. He also said that a business licenses should be invalid after a business stops operating for a period of time.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council congratulated the Du Quoin Middle School Volleyball Team on their second place finish at State competition.

Commissioner Genesio reminded the public about the citywide cleanup day on April 12th.

Mayor Alongi said that construction has started where the Higgins building once stood. He said that it will be a commons area that will be styled like New Orleans. He expects it to be completed by June 1st.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kurt Johnson addressed the Council regarding cars parked along South Linden Street and would like "No Parking" signs put up. Commissioner Genesio said that he would prefer for the Police to enforce parking in that area before putting signs up.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:45 p.m., motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk