

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 14th day of May in the year 2018, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Tim Woodard of the 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, Jill Kirkpatrick, 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 April 23rd regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the bill list for May 14, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Steve Bookstaver from the Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Dale Spencer to fill Mr. Bookstaver's remaining term on the Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

Mayor Alongi said that it was his desire for the City to have a Code Official to compliment Police Sergeant Rustin Juhl as his time was stretched with being the School Resource Officer and normal duties. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Doug Toney as Code Official for an additional \$12,800 per year with no health insurance benefit.

City Attorney Aaron Atkins swore in Mr. Doug Toney as Code Official.

Public Agenda:

Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce member Abby Ancell requested that Main Street be closed from Mulberry to Division Street on July 12th from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for the Farm to Table event. The Council agreed that this was a good event for the City. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the road closure. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O04-05: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin Pertaining to the Business Code. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2018-O04-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-O05-01: An Ordinance Authorizing a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement. Fire Chief David Durkota said that this Agreement was released a few years ago and the City was reluctant to sign it due to language regarding reimbursement. He said that those fears should be alleviated as mutual aid responders have never requested reimbursement. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O05-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2018-R04-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement and Option to Purchase Real Estate Between the City of Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois, and Porter’s Storage & R.V. Rentals, LLC. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2018-O04-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-R05-01: A Resolution Naming a Public Commons Area “John Croessman Square”. Mayor Alongi said that John Croessman kept the public informed for over 40 years and that it would be fitting to name this commons area after him. Commissioner Genesisio moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2018-R05-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2018-R05-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Lawn Mower. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion that 2018-R05-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners’ Comments:

The City Council thanked everyone for their hard work on “John Croessman Square” and was happy to be able to name it after him.

Commissioner Genesisio said that the Street Department is replacing a 36 inch tile that collapsed on the corner of Peach and Park Street.

Commissioner Ward welcomed Doug Toney and was ready for him to start cleaning up the City.

Commissioner Kirkpatrick congratulated the Du Quoin High School Girls Track team on winning Conference and Regionals, and added that 13 athletes would be competing at State.

Executive Session:

Mayor Alongi entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining agreement and probable litigation. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 6:35 p.m. Motion passed; all ayes.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m., motion by Commissioner Whitley, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk