

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the July 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 July 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, 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 June 25th regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick 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 July 9, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

Appointments:

A. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Webster McGuire from the Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to appoint Jamie Lemmons to fill Webster McGuire's remaining term on the Park Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to reappoint Doug Clark to the Fire Pension Board. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept the retirement of Melinda Foster effective December 19, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion to accept the retirement of David Beard effective October 31, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to hire Heath Melton as a Firefighter effective July 12, 2018. Motion passed; all ayes.

G. City Attorney Aaron Atkins swore in Heath Melton as a Firefighter.

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O07-01: An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of an Alley between Roosevelt, Grafway, Smith, and Vine Streets. Commissioner Genesio said that there was originally an alley plotted from east to west, but the City never constructed nor intends to construct an alley there. He said that the purpose of vacating the alley was so a developer could construct a house for a military family. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O07-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2018-R07-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Michael and Tayler Hurt DBA Sassafras Woodworking. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that Sassafras Woodworking would be opening a showroom and shop at the old Salvation Army building at 1323 South Washington Street. He said that the total project cost was \$120,000 and that the Business District would rebate \$30,000 back. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R07-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council welcomed Heath Melton, and congratulated Melinda Foster and David Beard on their retirement.

Mayor Alongi promoted the Du Quoin Chamber of Commerce's Farm to Table event on July 12th. Lastly, he said that the City was disappointed in the fireworks display and had found a resolution with the pyrotechnics company to extend next year's fireworks display by 15 minutes at no additional cost.

Public Agenda:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:21 p.m., motion by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk