

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the July 23, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 23rd 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 and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the July 9th regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the bill list. Motion passed; all ayes.

Public Agenda:

Mr. Harold Emling of Emling & Hoffman, P.C. presented the City's Audit for fiscal year 2017. Mr. Emling summarized pages 16, 17, and 57 of the audit. He said 2017 was a tough year for revenues as they decreased over \$460,000 from the prior year. He said that expenses followed suit and decreased over \$700,000 from the prior year. He also said that City debt decreased to \$4.98 million. Lastly, he thanked City staff for their cooperation and said that it was one of their cleanest audits. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to accept the City's Audit for fiscal year 2017. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O07-01: An Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of an Alley between Roosevelt, Grafway, Smith, and Vine Streets. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O07-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-O07-02: An Ordinance Authorizing a Labor Contract between the City of Du Quoin and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. City Labor Attorney Rhett Barke presented the Labor Contract. He said that the City's focus was on mitigating health insurance cost increases and that the City was able to negotiate \$35 employee contributions and a change in benefit levels. He said that wage rates would increase by \$0.60, \$0.54, and \$0.54 in the first,

second, and third contract years, respectively. Lastly, he said that the City was able to negotiate for a two-tier wage scale for first and second year Police Officers. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O07-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2018-O07-03: An Ordinance Authorizing an Option to Lease up to Twenty-Six (26) Acres of Land in the Du Quoin Industrial Park to IPS Illinois CSG, LLC (IPS Solar) for Solar Energy Purposes. City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer said that a similar ordinance was previously approved, but there was a need to change the allocation of land and add six more acres for the solar project. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O07-03 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. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R07-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-R07-02: A Resolution Authorizing Bob Green Drive to be a One-Way Street for the Duration of the Du Quoin State Fair Events. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2018-R07-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2018-R07-03: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of a Parade Permit to the Du Quoin High School Pep Club. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2018-R07-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

The City Council briefly discussed the renewal of neighborhood vehicle permits. Commissioner Ward said that it was his preference that they continue to renew annually rather than for a lifetime. No action was taken.

The City Council discussed requiring organizations that conduct roadblocks to provide donors with proof of donation. Mayor Alongi said that he had received several complaints from citizens that were solicited for donations again after they had already donated. There was no opposition to requiring proof of donation. No action was taken.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick said that it was a great weekend with the NubAbility Athletic Camp in town. She also wished the Swimming Indians success at their upcoming meet at Anna.

Mayor Alongi promoted the City's Back to School Party at Keyes Park on August 10th. He said that there would be a car show, a band, and the movie Beethoven shown on a big screen. He also said that the Police and Fire Departments would be cooking out. He thanked all those that donated to the event.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion to enter into executive session at 6:35 p.m. pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act relating to the discipline of an employee. Motion passed; all ayes.

Action from Executive Session:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to return to open session at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed; all ayes.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m., motion by Commissioner Genesio, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk