

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 10th day of September in the year 2018, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Kent Eaton of the Second Baptist 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 Deputy Treasurer Jenylle Wathen.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the regular session minutes of the August 27th meeting. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

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

Proclamations:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins read a Proclamation in Support of the Knights of Columbus Council #1298.

Appointments:

A. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to hire Kelly Trip as a Dispatcher effective immediately.

B. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion to hire Bill Klein as a Dispatcher effective September 13, 2018.

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O09-01: An Ordinance Authorizing a Solar Power Purchase Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Shine Development Partners to Provide Solar Energy for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Commissioner Whitley said that the City wants to use unused land at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for solar panels that would produce 45% of the energy consumed. He said that the City would purchase the energy produced at a 10% discount from its current

cost and there would be zero costs for the construction and maintenance of the solar panels. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-O09-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-O09-02: An Ordinance Authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Pitney Bowes for a Postage Meter. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-O09-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2018-R09-01: A Resolution Awarding Bid and Authorizing Expenditure to Extend the Du Quoin Industrial Park Water and Sewer Mains. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R09-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-R09-02: A Resolution Awarding Bid and Authorizing Expenditure for the Replacement of the South Madison Street Water Main. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R09-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2018-R09-03: A Resolution Authorizing Expenditure to Replace the Administration Department Computer Server. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2018-R09-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

Du Quoin Fire Pension Board Member Randy DeMent addressed the Council regarding increased pension obligations. He said that the Fire and Police Pension Funds need an additional contribution of \$62,811 from last year, which is an 11.22% increase. He said that this increase is not due to City Management, but rather the Illinois Department of Insurance changing assumptions in the actuary. Mayor Alongi said that the City will need to find roughly \$150,000 in the 2019 Budget for pensions and pay raises. Commissioner Genesio said that there is still some room to cut expenses, but it is getting hard to do without affecting labor as it is 80% of the budget.

Commissioners' Comments:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:49 p.m., motion by Commissioner Ward, seconded by Commissioner Kirkpatrick; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk