

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 13th day of November 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, 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 regular session minutes of the October 22nd meeting. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

The Council reviewed the special session minutes of the October 25th meeting. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the special session minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for the period September 1 through September 30, 2018: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the Governmental Funds had revenues of \$855,261 versus \$747,088 in expenses for a positive change in fund balance of \$108,173. On the business side, she said that the Water Funds had revenues of \$260,268 and expenses of \$244,671 for a positive change in fund balance of \$15,597. Lastly, she said that total cash for all City funds less accounts payable and payroll increased almost \$311,000 from \$1.8 million to \$2.12 million year to date. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

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

Ordinances:

A. 2018-O11-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 of the City's Code of Ordinances Related to Liquor Licenses. Mayor Alongi said that the purpose of this Ordinance is to decrease the number of available liquor licenses to a realistic number. He said that it would eliminate 22 liquor licenses and would not affect existing liquor license holders. Commissioner Ward asked if there would be a liquor license available if a business were to be bought out. Mayor Alongi responded yes. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2018-O11-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

City Economic Developer Jeff Ashauer introduced Resolutions 2018-R11-01 through 2018-R11-05. He said that these Resolutions are related to the TIF appropriation for business roof work and structural improvements. He added that he received an overwhelming response for participation in the program and suspected that five more businesses were interested in it for the future. The amounts of the Redevelopment Agreements are as follows.

Richard Zimmerman	Up to \$15,000
Alongi’s Since 1933	Up to \$40,000
Richard Vavro	Up to \$50,000
Travis Williams (New Ice Cream Shop Owner)	Up to \$1,950
Southern Illinois Bank (Old Essex/Prestige Trailer Factory)	Up to \$12,000

A. 2018-R11-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Richard W. Zimmerman. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R11-01 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2018-R11-02: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Alongi’s Since 1933. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2018-R11-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes except Mayor Alongi who abstained.

C. 2018-R11-03: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Richard Steven Vavro. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R11-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2018-R11-04: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Travis Williams. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2018-R11-04 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2018-R11-05: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Southern Illinois Bank. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R11-05 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

F. 2018-R11-06: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Water Leak Survey. Commissioner Whitley said that the Water Department suspects that there is a water leak off of East Park Street, but cannot pinpoint the source. He said that this Resolution provides for a water leak detection company to pinpoint the leak with a cost not to exceed \$9,400. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R11-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

A. 2018-R11-07: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Police Vehicle. Commissioner Ward said that this Resolution provides for a fully outfitted 2018 Dodge Durango for the Police Department. The cost is \$42,328 and will be split evenly between the Restricted Drug and DUI Funds. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2018-R11-07 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners’ Comments:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that the owner of 424 North Walnut Street has deeded the property to the City. He said that there are property taxes owed for 2017 and 2016 in the amount of \$1,099. He

said that the City could record the deed, demolish, and pay the taxes or demolish and file a lien against the property. The Council agreed to convene on November 20th at 12:00 p.m. to take action.

The Council congratulated the Du Quoin High School Volleyball Team on their sectional appearance and thanked Commissioner Whitley for his military service.

Mayor Alongi said that he was pleased with the Trunk or Treat turnout and thanked all those that participated.

Public Comment:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:42 p.m., motion by Commissioner Whitley, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk