

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the February 25, 2019 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 25th day of February in the year 2019, 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, 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 February 11th meeting. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

The Council reviewed the executive session minutes of the February 11th meeting. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion to approve the executive 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.

Appointments:

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion to revise the resignation date of Dispatcher Kelly Tripp to be effective February 27, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to revise the full-time hire date of Ms. Mercedes Day to be effective February 27, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to hire Mr. Kody Greenwood as a part-time Laborer effective February 26, 2019. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2019-O02-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Real Estate. Mr. Croessman said that this Ordinance conveys a 10 foot by 45 foot piece of landlocked land to Du Quoin

Community Development Corporation (DCDC) to ultimately be conveyed to Marks' Bakery. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2019-O02-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2019-R02-03: A Resolution Authorizing a Labor Contract between the City of Du Quoin and the Laborers' Local 773. Mayor Alongi thanked all parties involved in reaching a tentative agreement. Mr. Croessman highlighted the following contract changes.

- Wage rate increases are \$0.54 each year for 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- New two tier wage schedule for new employees. The difference in wage rates for a Laborer to Clerk rank is from \$7.35 to \$8.63 less per hour than current employees.
- Clothing allowance will be reimbursed through accounts payable, not paid lump sum through payroll.
- New obligation to pay one Treatment Plant employee \$75.00 per week for being on call.
- Compensatory time will be paid out at the end of the year so that it can no longer be rolled into the future.
- New sick leave proof status language to stop the abuse of sick time off.
- Bereavement leave must be used consecutively.
- All Laborers in Street and Water Departments must obtain a Class B Commercial Driver License within six months.
- All Laborers must contribute up to \$35.00 per month towards health insurance in May, 2019. They may also be responsible for an additional \$250.00 towards deductibles in May, 2020.

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Whitley seconded a motion that 2019-R02-03 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2019-R02-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Roadblock Permit to Du Quoin Baseball, Inc. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2019-R02-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2019-R02-05: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Roadblock Permit to VFW Post 513. Commissioner Whitley moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-R02-05 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2019-R02-06: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Roadblock Permit to the Du Quoin Lions Club. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-R02-06 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Whitley wished all the Du Quoin Spring athletes good luck as their season is set to begin.

Public Comment:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:16 p.m., motion by Commissioner Genesio, seconded by Commissioner Whitley; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk