

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 11th day of March 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, 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 regular session minutes of the February 25th meeting. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the regular session 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.

Ordinances:

A. 2019-O03-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Police Property. The property to be sold is as follows.

VEHICLES					
Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Color	VIN
1985	Buick	Skylark	52,917	Blue	1G4XB69R1FW424608
1991	Dodge	4X4 Truck	117,736	White	1B7HM06Y4MS264823
1998	Ford	Crown Victoria	147,257	White	2FAFP71W2WX149415
2004	Dodge	Intrepid	95,667	White	2B3HD46V34H583409
2006	Chevrolet	Impala	140,150	White	2G1WS551969391837
2002	Ford	F-150	200,499	White	2FTRF072X2CA16439
2003	Ford	Expedition	273,312	Black	1FMPU16W53LB15308
2006	Honda	CFR450R Dirt Bike			JH2PEO5356M408019
Seized					

OTHER ITEMS

Two Desks

Various Hand Tool Lots

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-O03-01 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. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-R02-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2019-R03-01: A Resolution Accepting Proposal from Nexbillpay, LLC to Provide Payment Processing Services. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2019-R03-01 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2019-R03-02: A Resolution Accepting Proposal from United Systems & Software, Inc. to Provide Payment Integration and Web Portal. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2019-R03-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2019-R03-03: A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and the Department of Central Management Services for Use of its iBid Online Auction. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that 2019-R03-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

E. 2019-R03-04: A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-R03-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

Mayor Alongi opened discussion regarding Perry County's proposed 0.5% public safety sales tax increase. He said that he was frustrated because nobody from the County contacted him about it even though 73% of the tax would be generated in Du Quoin. He also said that General Cable contacted him to oppose the tax as it would hurt their business. Next, Mr. Chuck Novak presented his findings regarding Perry County's financial condition. He said that the County had 33 special use funds with a combined fund balance of \$7.78 million. He also said that the Sheriff's Department had deficits of \$252,000 in 2017 and \$365,000 in 2018 which was causing their cash flow problems. He suggested that they create a working cash fund to meet cash flow problems. Perry County Clerk Josh Gross spoke next and said that the County would have to raise property taxes significantly if the referendum did not pass. He also doubted that the tax would hurt businesses and that they just use that argument as leverage. Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked him how he knew that and what was he doing to fix the County's finances. Perry County Sheriff Steve Bareis said that if the County has to shut down the jail it would still cost them \$180,000 annually and Du Quoin would have to incur expenses to transport and jail its own prisoners. Commissioner Ward said that the County will never eliminate the tax increase once they meet their obligations and that he did not want the County to have the second highest sales tax rate in the State. Commissioner Genesio asked where the County's

money is going and said that any tax increase is bad for businesses. Mr. Jeff Ashauer said that the tax increase disproportionately taxes poor people and that it would make future business development much harder. At the end of discussion, each member of the Council stated that they oppose the tax increase.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council expressed their condolences to the family of Mr. Carl Campanella who passed away.

Public Comment:

Du Quoin Weekly Reporter Pete Spitler said that there is a planning meeting on March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at Pyramid State Park for the upcoming Civil War reenactment. He said that they are anticipating up to 2,000 reenactors participating in the event.

Police Officer Phil Schimanski promoted the Police Department's golf scramble on April 27th at 1:00 p.m. He said that the proceeds will help support the "Shop with a Hero" program.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m., motion by Commissioner Genesio, seconded by Commissioner Ward; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk