

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the March 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 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 Genesisio. 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 March 11th meeting. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesisio seconded a motion to approve the regular session minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for the period February 1 through February 28, 2019: City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens said that the Governmental Funds had revenues of \$344,399 versus \$280,897 in expenses for a positive change in fund balance of \$63,503. On the business side, she said that the Water Funds had revenues of \$236,681 and expenses of \$143,235 for a positive change in fund balance of \$93,445. Lastly, she said that total cash for all City funds less accounts payable and payroll increased 2% from \$2.12 million to \$2.16 million year to date. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 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:

None.

Resolutions:

None.

Other Business:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins said that the Midwest Inn's attorney contacted him because their insurance threatened to not renew their insurance due to condemnation notices posted on their building. Mr. Atkins said that it was in the City's best interest that they retain insurance so he and the other attorney drafted an agreement that agreed to remove the notices so long that the City be contacted prior to their reopening. The Council consented to these terms.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Genesio said that the City was receiving complaints of odor coming from the Waste Water Treatment Plant due to leachate being deposited there by Perry Ridge Landfill. He said that this activity has been going on for over 13 years with no problems. He thought that it has become a recent problem due to the large amounts of leachate being deposited. He said that the Plant Superintendent was working on adding biological material and oxygen to the lagoon to get rid of the odor. He thought that it would take up to two weeks to resolve itself. Mayor Alongi asked the Council if they were comfortable accepting leachate again and they stated that they were.

Commissioner Ward expressed his condolences to the family of William Stroud who was found deceased at Campbell Pond. He also wished Police Sergeant Rustin Juhl a speedy recovery after his shoulder injury.

Mayor Alongi said that he was trying to arrange for professional racecar driver Tyler Reddick to come to City Hall on May 14th. He hoped to announce official arrangements soon.

Public Comment:

Mary King addressed the Council regarding a storm water drainage issue that was flooding her property. Commissioner Genesio said that her flooding problem was due to the Du Quoin High School asphaltting a two-acre parking lot that was previously rock. He said that this action increased the amount of storm water runoff by two fold and that the only real solution is for the School to excavate a retention area underneath the parking lot. He offered her help from the City, but said that it would be limited because it is ultimately the School's problem to resolve.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:58 p.m., motion by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Genesio; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk