

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin

Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 12th day of August in the year 2019, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Bill Wiggs, Jr. of the Sunfield United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the following individuals present: Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio, Michael Ward, and Robert Karnes. City staff included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Andrew Croessman.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council reviewed the regular Council session minutes of the July 22nd meeting. Commissioner Karnes moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed; all ayes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's Report for the period June 1 through June 30, 2019: City Clerk Andrew Croessman said that the Governmental Funds had revenues of \$403,593 versus \$395,678 in expenses for a positive change in fund balance of \$7,916. On the business side, he said that the Water Funds had revenues of \$251,263 and expenses of \$200,668 for a positive change in fund balance of \$50,595. Lastly, he said that total cash for all City funds less accounts payable and payroll increased by 3.2% from \$2.5 million to \$2.58 million or \$81,205. Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Karnes seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed; all ayes.

Approval of Bills:

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

Appointments:

Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Karnes seconded a motion to hire Antonio Smith as a Laborer effective August 13, 2019 at \$19.00 per hour. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion to hire Bryzn Witcher as a part-time Police Dispatcher effective August 13, 2019 at \$12.50 per hour. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Karnes seconded a motion to hire Paul Lily as a part-time Police Dispatcher effective August 13, 2019 at \$12.50 per hour. Motion passed; all ayes.

Ordinances:

A. 2019-O07-03: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11-1-39, Use of Communication Systems, of the City Code of the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Genesio moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-O07-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2019-O08-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11-1-8, Hiring, of the City Code of the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Karnes moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2019-O08-01 be tabled. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2019-O08-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7-12-5, Video Gaming Terminals, of the City Code of the City of Du Quoin. Commissioner Karnes moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2019-O08-02 be put on public display. Motion passed; all ayes.

Resolutions:

A. 2019-R08-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Crate Engine for the Street Department. Commissioner Karnes moved, Commissioner Ward seconded a motion that 2019-R08-01 be tabled. Motion passed; all ayes.

B. 2019-R08-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Condemnation of 416 West Cole Street. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Karnes seconded a motion that 2019-R08-02 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

C. 2019-R08-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Condemnation of 616 McKinley Street. Commissioner Ward moved, Commissioner Karnes seconded a motion that 2019-R08-03 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

D. 2019-R08-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Condemnation of 818 East Olive Street. Commissioner Karnes moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that 2019-R08-04 be approved. Motion passed; all ayes.

Other Business:

Commissioner Genesio introduced discussion related to adopting sewer smoke testing standard operating guidelines. He said that these guidelines were developed by the City's Fire Chief, Water Superintendent, and himself, and is necessary to start smoke testing the City's sewer system to identify areas of infiltration. Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked about residents that are not compliant. Commissioner Genesio said that the City will use its Code to enforce broken services and illegal connections. No action was taken.

City Engineer Doug Bishop introduced discussion related to amending the City's Stormwater Control Code. He said that he has developed a more robust Stormwater Control Code that requires permitting for any new development that creates a disturbance of more than once acre. He said that it also provides a step by step process, a higher design standard for a 25 year storm rather than a 10 year storm, and will further ensure that future developments will not add more stormwater runoff. No action was taken.

Commissioner Karnes moved, Commissioner Kirkpatrick seconded a motion that the September 23rd Council meeting be moved to September 30th. Motion passed; all ayes.

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Council thanked all those that volunteered for the City's Back to School event. It is estimated to have drawn 1,400 people. They also thanked Bilal Spiller for having a charitable back to school event.

Public Comment:

None.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick moved, Commissioner Genesio seconded a motion that the Council enter executive session at 7:07 p.m. pursuant to Section 2 (c) (5) and (6) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing "the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired" and "the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body". Motion passed; all ayes.

The Council returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m., motion by Commissioner Kirkpatrick, seconded by Commissioner Karnes; all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Croessman, City Clerk