

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Meeting**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 10th day of February in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Greg Pavloff of Velocity 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.

Guests:

Erik Perks, General Manager at General Cable of Prysmian Group, addressed the council regarding the half cent sales tax referendum. Mr. Perks provided his background and a brief synopsis on the history of General Cable and the Prysmian Group. He also reported the production goals and earnings of the company and discussed the impact the sales tax would have on the business. He felt it would negatively affect their bottom line which could result in less employee hires. It could also affect their competition between sister plants within Prysmian Group as the group makes strategic plans regarding their plant sites.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the January 27th meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Treasurer's Report:

City Clerk Andrew Croessman presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2020. He reported the following:

- Governmental Funds had year ending positive earnings of \$11,972
- Water/Sewer Funds had a surplus of \$290,749
- All Funds combined had decreased \$72,196

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Approval of Bills:

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Appointments:

The Council Voted to Appoint Jeff Gossett to the Du Quoin Fire and Police Merit Board for the unexpired term of Howard Baxter which expires June 30, 2021.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

City Attorney Aaron Atkins administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Police Chief Howard Baxter who was accompanied by his family.

City Attorney Aaron Atkins administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk/Budget and Finance Director Ruth Hale who was accompanied by her family.

Ordinances:

A. 2020-001-01: An Ordinance Establishing a City Lateral Transfer Policy for Fire and Police Personnel. The Council gave final approval.

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Resolutions:

A. 2020-R02-01: A Resolution Authorizing Use of Du Quoin Tax Increment Funds to Reimburse the Du Quoin Tourism Commission for Permanent Physical Improvements in Du Quoin Tax Increment District #1. Mayor said this is to reimburse Tourism \$2,000. The Council approved for public display.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. 2020-R02-02: A Resolution Authorizing Use of Du Quoin Tax Increment Funds to Reimburse the City of Du Quoin for Street and Alleyway Improvements in Du Quoin Tax Increment District #2. The Council approved for public display. Jeff Ashauer explained this is to reimburse the City for the alley expansion for the Hemp Factory at total of \$35,000.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Ward
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. 2020-R01-06: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Roadblock Permit to the Du Quoin Lions Club. The Council gave final approval.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Ward
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Commissioners' Comments:

Mayor expressed condolences to Jeff Ashauer on the loss of his father, and to Bob Karnes on the loss of his mother-in-law, and also congratulated Howard Baxter and Ruth Hale.
Aaron Atkins gave congratulations to Howard and Ruth and expressed his sentiments to Andrew Croessman regarding his move.
Ruth Hale expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve the City.
Commissioners Genesio, Ward, Kirkpatrick, and Karnes expressed congratulations to the new employees and their sentiments and thanks to Andrew.

Public Comment:

None.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hale, City Clerk