

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the March 9, 2020 Meeting**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 9th day of March in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Bill Wiggs of Sunfield Methodist Church gave the invocation. Aaron Atkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order:

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

Guests:

Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the February 24th meeting.

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Jill Kirkpatrick presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2020. She reported the following:

- Governmental Funds had month ending negative earnings of \$117,930
- Water/Sewer Funds had a surplus of \$21,765
- Total Cash was up from January 2019.

The Council approved the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Approval of Bills to be Paid:

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Proclamations:

Appointments:

Consent Agenda:

Public Agenda:

Ordinances:

A. 2020-O02-02: An Ordinance Authorizing a Non-Hazardous Waste Agreement with Perry Ridge Landfill, Inc. (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Genesio **Second:** Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All

Nays: None

B. 2020-O02-04: An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance of Surplus Real Estate at 226 South Hickory Street to Du Quoin Community Development Corporation (DCDC) (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

C. 2020-O03-01: An Ordinance Ratifying Consulting Agreement with Andrew Croessman at a rate of forty dollars per hour (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

12. Resolutions:

A. 2020-R03-01: A Resolution Condemning 324 South Maple Street (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Other Business:

Commissioners' Comments:

The City Clerk gave a brief synopsis of information provided to her by a representative of the US Census Bureau. The Census will be delivered to residents March 9 -14, 2020. The Du Quoin Library staff can provide assistance with completing the Census to anyone that may want it.

The Mayor expressed his opposition to the 1/2 cent safety tax proposed by the county that will appear on the ballot next week. He provided a breakdown of the current taxes imposed on the businesses and citizens of Du Quoin. He also reminded everyone that one does not have to declare party affiliation to vote in the primary. By requesting a non-partisan ballot, one can vote on the tax proposition only, no party affiliated candidates will appear on the ballot.

Public Comment:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hale, City Clerk