

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the April 2, 2020 Emergency Meeting**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 2nd day of April in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the emergency meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following individuals present: Mayor Alongi and City staff Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Ruth Hale. Joining by Webex teleconferencing were Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio, Bob Karnes, and Michael Ward. Also joining by Webex teleconferencing were City Staff Jeff Ashauer, and press representatives Renee Trappe and Pete Spittler.

Declarations:

The Mayor discussed the reason for the emergency meeting was to show support of local businesses by declaring a Community Financial Emergency in the City of Du Quoin. Aaron Atkins further explained that the motion was to assist businesses as they apply for financial assistance from the state and federal government due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic. He also explained that the declaration in no way prevents the Mayor from exercising his authority under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILC: 3305/11, Ch. 35 Article 2) to declare an emergency at a later date.

Motion and Vote to and approve the Declaration

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Resolutions:

A. 2020-R04-01: A Resolution to authorize Jeff Ashauer to conduct Public Hearings on Behalf of the City of Du Quoin to Provide Application Assistance to Local Businesses for the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program (Public Display). The Council approved for Public Display

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Other Business:

The Mayor notified the Commissioner's of the need for weekly Wednesday staff meetings with City Department Administrators to strategize the City's daily business processes and possible adjustments due to the Coronavirus. He has asked for a Commissioner representative to attend each meeting. It was

decided Commissioner Kirkpatrick will organize the scheduling of the Commissioner for the remainder of the weekly meetings.

Commissioners' Comments:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick thanked Jeff Ashauer for his hard work on seeking grants and loans for local business during this trying time and asked him to explain in further detail the Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program. Jeff said businesses must notify him by the end of the day on Monday if they are interested in participating. They can call him directly or send him an email.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner

Second: Commissioner

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Hale

Ruth Hale, City Clerk m