

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin**  
**Minutes of the Monday, June 8, 2020**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

**Invocation:**

Aaron Atkins gave the invocation and Mayor Alongi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:**

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following individuals attending via WebEx teleconferencing meeting the threshold for a quorum: Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Bob Karnes, Michael Ward, and Charles Genesisio. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Ruth Hale.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup> Special meeting.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:**

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Appointments:**

The Council Voted to Re-appoint Kelly Stacey to the Zoning Commission for a Two-Year Term effective July 2020.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None      **Abstained:**

The Council Voted to Re-appoint the Following Individuals to the Police and Fire Merit Board for a Two-Year Term effective July 2020: Lora Booker, James "Jim" Justice, and Steve Marek.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None      **Abstained:**

The Council Voted to Appoint the Following Individuals to the Du Quoin Park Board for a Two-Year Term effective July 2020: Meghan Dirler, Dale Spencer, and Joe Stephens.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None      **Abstained:**

The Council Took Action to Thank Tameka Armstrong for her Years of Service on the Park Board.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None      **Abstained:**

The Council Voted to Appoint the Following Individuals to the Library Board for a Two-Year Term effective July 2020: Sarah Doerner, Carol Downs, and Gail Durkota.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None      **Abstained:**

**Ordinances:**

A. 2020-O05-03: An Ordinance Establishing a License for Vending from Ice Cream Trucks. The Council voted to put the Ordinance on Public Display with amended changes regarding hours of operation (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

B. 2020-O06-01: An Ordinance Establishing a Sick Leave Bank/Share Program Policy for Employees of the City of Du Quoin (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. 2020-R06-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin, Perry County, Illinois, and BL & CW, LLC (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Other Business:**

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Genesio: Wish Mayor's mother well and prayers for a speedy recovery.

Ward: Echoed Genesio's comments regarding the Mayor's mother. He also thanked the citizens of Du Quoin and Amanda Mitchell and Nicholas Tate for doing such a great job with the march on Saturday. He thanked the Police Department as they did an excellent job. And thanked Tracey Fenton and Keenan Rice for handing out food and drinks. He said the organizers, Amanda and Nicholas deserve some kind of an award for organizing such a successful event. The outcome made him proud. He thanked everyone and asked God to bless us and he offered continued prayers to put this Coronavirus behind us.

Kirkpatrick: Wished Mayor's mother well. Thank the PD and Mike Ward for their support of the March. She has heard nothing but positive comments and seen very nice pictures and videos from the March. She discussed the recently released municipal swimming pool guidelines. They can allow ten or less swimmers at a time for swim lessons, lap swims, and swim team practice. The hope is the Perry County Health Department will provide a plan of action to the pool in the next couple of days.

Karnes: Wished Mayor's mom a speedy recovery. Du Quoin is a proud town and this march specifically highlighted how well thought of our PD is in town. Thanked everyone.

City Clerk: Thoughts and prayers for Mayor's mother for recovery and for the Mayor and his wife as they will have a long road to assist with the recovery effort. Thanked our community and the PD for the peaceful march. It was a wonderful thing to witness in Du Quoin.

Mayor: Thanked everyone for concerns regarding his mother as she has now been transferred to Du Quoin. He thanked the community for the outcome of the march, everyone did a great job. This is a conversation that all communities, no matter their size, need to have. He thanked Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Nicole Heape, and Joe Stephens for their work with the City pool. Hopefully we can go into Phase 4 in Illinois on June 26th and get kids out of the house and into the pool.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Alongi announced that the City Hall phone line (618) 542-2895 was open for public comment at 6:17 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:31 p.m.

A concerned citizen that lives on Madison Street, Aaron Wright, called to inquire why it took eight months to complete finish work on Madison Street. Commissioner Genesio responded that it was due to the weather. Mayor Alongi added that the job completion date was scheduled for mid-June and we had not surpassed that day yet. Mr. Wright stated that he did not know of the completion date and asked why that message was never relayed to him or the other residents on Madison. He expressed his frustration with Commissioner Genesio over non-response to his many messages. He also stated that he called the City four times to leave messages for him. Commissioner Genesio tried to insinuate that he never received any messages and that he didn't know there was a problem. Mr. Wright then suggested there may be a communication problem within City departments but wondered how the contractor knew about the calls if Commissioner Genesio didn't. He stated that the contractor confronted him at his front door about the phone calls. Commissioner Genesio stated he did not tell the contractor to say anything to Mr. Wright. Commissioner Genesio then stated that Mr. Wright sent disrespectful text messages over the situation. Mr. Wright said it was disrespectful and unprofessional to discuss his name with the contractor and for the contractor to approach him in such a manner. Commissioner Genesio asked Mr. Wright if the work was not satisfactory why didn't he tell the contractor. Commissioner Genesio said the work passed inspection. Mr. Wright offered the Mayor and Commissioner to view his yard and see the condition in which his yard was left. The Mayor requested Commissioner Karnes and Commissioner Genesio go together to determine what the City could do to help with Mr. Wrights yard. Mr. Wright declined and said he would fix the issue himself and did not want further assistance from the City. He apologized if he was rude to anyone and he still felt it was disrespectful the way the City handled the entire situation. The Mayor thanked him for calling in to the council meeting.

**Executive Session:**

None

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ruth Hale, City Clerk