

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Monday, September 28, 2020**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 28th day of September in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney 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: Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio, Michael Ward, and Bob Karnes. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and Deputy City Clerk Shannon Jones.

Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the open session Council minutes of the September 14th meeting.

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Treasurer's Report:

N/A

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:

A. Motion and Vote to Hire Joshua McCune as a Part-time Police Officer

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. Motion and Vote to Hire Jessi Behm as a Part-time Police Dispatcher

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Ordinances:

A. 2020-O09-02: An Ordinance Approving a Real Estate Sales Contract (Final Approval)
Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

D. 2020-O09-03: An Ordinance Amending Section 7-3-1 through 7-3-2 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Final Approval)
Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

E. 2020-O09-04: An Ordinance Authorizing an Addendum to the Labor Contract between the City of Du Quoin and the Illinois Labor Council (Final Approval)
Motion: Commissioner Genesio **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

F. 2020-O09-05: An Ordinance Regarding Trespassing on Railroad Premises (Final Approval)
Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Ward
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

G. 2020-O09-06: An Ordinance Amending Section 11-1-8 through 11-1-40 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Final Approval)
Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Resolutions:

A. 2020-R09-01: A Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Economic Development Resources, LLC (Final Approval)
Motion: Commissioner Karnes **Second:** Commissioner Genesio
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. 2020-R09-02: Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City Of Du Quoin, Perry County Illinois and Matthew W. Jackson on Behalf of the Acquisition and Redevelopment of 200 East Main Street (Public Display)
Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Karnes
Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Other Business:

Jacob Parnell Addressed the Rezoning Request for Hickory Street/Rt 51 Property.

Commissioners' Comments:

Genesio- None

Ward- Happy Birthday to Mayor. St Paul Baptist Church will hold a celebration of life for Ms. Stewart @ 2pm on Saturday Oct. 3,2020. Prayers to end this virus.

Karnes- Happy Birthday Mayor. Household Hazardous Waste collection Oct. 3, 2020 from 8AM-3PM @ DQ Middle School, East parking lot.

Kirkpatrick- Happy Birthday Mayor

Mayor- Well wishes for Ruth. Trunk or Treat having a max of 50-60 trunks line both sides of Main St. All participants handing out candy will be required to wear mask and gloves. All candy must be in plastic bags. Kids/parents will be required to stay in vehicles, ATV, Golf cart, etc... at all times.

Trick or Treating- Friday Oct. 30 & Saturday Oct. 31 by ordinance. Asking anyone that would like to hand out candy to sit in yard or on porch. Make sure to have porch light, mask and gloves on. Have all candy being handed out in plastic bags.

Ruth has been working with our insurance broker for our renewal. We have had Travelers as our carrier for about 3 years now. We have had some significant losses over this past year; Paid \$17,000 for Auto Insurance and we have had \$14,000 in claims, Work comp Paid \$56,000 had \$70,000 in claims, Property loss \$90,000 had \$41,000 in premiums. Some claims could not be helped, big property claim was the young man running through the front of our building and we could not recover any of the money. Travelers is looking @ approx. 15% increase in our premiums this year. The broker has gone back and thinks they can get that down to 12%. Premiums now are around \$184,000 we are looking at going up to around \$200,000, with 1st installment due in February. We will move forward with renewal with Travelers.

Police & Fire Pension – We have received our estimates for the year and it's an increase of \$62,000 from last year. We must do 1 of 2 things; 1) Suck it up, make cuts or take money from other sources. 2) Raise property taxes. 100% of property taxes we receive which is about \$600,000 goes directly to the Police & Fire Pension. Several years that has not paid for the Pensions. Police is funded around 54% and the Fire is funded around 47%. New state law we must be 90% funded by 2040.

Chuck Novak – I think last year Andrew, moved about \$30,000 to fund one or more of the funds. To get the money needed to fund these accounts you would need to increase property tax by approx. 15%. Property tax pays for Fire & Police Pension & the Library. The library is consistent every year around \$110,000.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner
Karnes

Second: Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Jones

Shannon Jones, Deputy City Clerk