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.

Guy- If down state pension plans would have followed IMRF years ago, no municipality would be in this predicament.

Jones – Happy Birthday Mayor.

Public Comment:

Mayor Alongi announced the meeting was open for public comment at 6:56 p.m. Public comment was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Doug Clark – EMA I received notice today we will receive funding of \$18,200 from IL EMA performance grant. It is \$1,000 less than we received last year. This grant helps cover expenses, my salary, utilities and operating fees of the department.

Bill Rosado of Maxton-Rosado Funeral home – Blessing box for homeless was one of the 1st things we did for the community. I have created a Facebook page: called Perry County Insite. On this page I have been having open conversations with local church people, community people, Perry County Counseling Center and the clothes closet. Having these conversations, we found other organizations do not know what each other do. One thing we do know is there is a need to help the homeless. I am here asking you guys to consider donating 3 parcels of land on S. Maple for us to put a transition center there. We would like to start as a warming center then when we receive more money then move to the transition center.

Aaron Atkins- State statue does not all the City to give property away. Hypothetically they could bid \$1.00 or \$10.00. There could be significant back taxes or liens etc... on some of these properties.

Mayor Alongi – Find a home you can convert to a group home. Weekend warriors at local churches and you form a not for profit and go in to buy a home. Might get with Stephanie @ housing and they might be able to partner up and figure something out.

Ward- does there need to be a supervisor at the home 24/7?

Mayor Alongi - May need to speak with Susan at the 5 star industries.

Executive Session:

Motion and Vote to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. Pursuant to Section 2 (c) (6) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the price for sale or lease of property owned by the City of Du Quoin.

Motion: Commissioner Ward Second: Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion and Vote to exit Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes Second: Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All Nays: None

Adjournment:

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

Motion: Commissioner Second: Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Karnes

Ayes: All Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Jones

Shannon Jones, Deputy City Clerk