

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin**  
**Minutes of the Monday, November 23, 2020**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 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 City Clerk Ruth Hale.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

Commissioner Jill Kirkpatrick presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2020. She reported the following:

- Governmental Funds had month ending negative earnings of \$225,750
- Tax Revenues are down \$129,916.79 compared to the end of October 2019
- The City did not receive a Property Tax payment in October

The council then engaged in a lengthy discussion on the Police and Fire Tax Pension Levies. It was ultimately decided with unanimous consensus that the City would hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 30, 2020, to display a proposed 15 percent Property Tax increase in order to provide the City with a more realistic funding model for the pensions.

The Council approved the Treasurer's Report.

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

**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:**

Motion and Vote to Hire Ryan Uhe as a Part-time Police Officer

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

Motion and Vote to Hire Alexis Lilly as a Part-time Police Dispatcher

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Public Agenda:**

**Guests:**

Daniel Schmidt, Economic Development Resources Project Manager, discussed the two Ordinances on the agenda required for the Enterprise Zone application. Jeff Ashauer expounded on the benefits of the Enterprise Zone designation and the relationship between Du Quoin Community Development Corporation and the City.

**Ordinances:**

A. 2020-O11-04: An Ordinance Amending Section 21-2-2 & 21-2-6 (A) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Final Approval)

**Motion:** Commissioner Genesio      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

B. 2020-O11-05: An Ordinance Authorizing the Extension of an Option to Lease Twelve Acres in the Du Quoin Industrial Park with Sun Vest New Energy, LLC (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

C. 2020-O11-06: An Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone in The City of Du Quoin, Illinois, The City of Pinckneyville, Illinois, The Village of St. Johns, Illinois, and Perry County, Illinois (Public Display)

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. 2020-O11-07: An Ordinance Enacting a Policy Statement Expressing a Commitment to Encourage the Development of Business Entities Owned by Minorities ,Women and Persons With Disabilities, and to Encourage the Hiring of Minority Persons, Women and Persons with Disabilities within the Perry County Enterprise Zone (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. 2020-R11-03: A Resolution Adopting an Organizational Chart for the City of Du Quoin for Information Only (Motion to Table)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. 2020-R11-04: A Resolution Waiving Bidding Pursuant to Section 1-2-43(B) for the lease of a 2018 Case 580 Super N Loader BackHoe (Public Display)

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. 2020-R11-06: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Perry County Health Department (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. 2020-R11-07: A Resolution Waiving Bidding Pursuant to Section 1-2-43(B) for the lease of a 2021 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck (Public Display)

**Motion:** Commissioner Genesio                              **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

E. 2020-R11-08: A Resolution Waiving Bidding Pursuant to Section 1-2-43(B) for the lease of a 2020 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Other Business:**

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Genesio – Thanked everyone and said they should stay safe. Reminded them to have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Ward – Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to stay safe. Thanked the citizens, the City workers and all the first responders. Reminded all to pray to end the virus.

Kirkpatrick – Echoed the same sentiments as above.

Karnes – Same as above, Happy Thanksgiving, reminded us to keep a positive attitude and we will get through this. We all have a whole lot to be thankful for.

Mayor – He expressed appreciation to everyone for their candor. It is tough for everyone at this time. He thanked the council for what they accomplished tonight. He reported that there are 85 new positive cases in Perry County. Everyone should stay safe. The City is preparing for Christmas and Santa will be available for the children on Saturday and Sunday nights. There will be a layer of protection provided courtesy of a large Plexiglas divider. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to stay safe.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Alongi announced that the City Hall phone line (618) 542-2895 was open for public comment at 7:45 p.m. Public comment was closed at 7:50 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**Motion:** Commissioner Genesio                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,



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Ruth Hale, City Clerk