

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Public Hearing, December 4, 2020

Minutes:

The Minutes of the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 4th day of December in the year 2020, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Call to Order:

Mayor Alongi called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the following individuals attending meeting the threshold for a quorum: Commissioners Jill Kirkpatrick, Charles Genesio and Bob Karnes; Commissioner Michael Ward was not present. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and Deputy City Clerk Shannon Jones.

Public Hearing Notice:

The Mayor read the following Public Hearing notice.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for The City of Du Quoin, Illinois.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Du Quoin for 2020 will be held on December 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Du Quoin City Hall, 26 S Washington Street, Du Quoin, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ruth Hale, City Clerk, 302 E Poplar Street, Du Quoin, Illinois, (618) 542-3841.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2019 were \$654,323. The proposed corporate and special purpose taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$752,471. This represents a 15% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2019 were \$0. The property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 are \$0.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2019 were \$654,323. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$752,471. This represents a 15% increase over the previous year.

Public Comment:

Mayor Alongi asked Assistant Chief Howard Baxter if anyone was waiting outside the City council chambers for public comment.

Assistant Chief Baxter opened the door looked outside and advised no one was outside waiting.

Mayor Alongi announced that the City Hall phone line (618) 542-2895 was open for public comment at 3:05 p.m. Public comment was closed at 3:10 p.m.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kirkpatrick: I agree with Chuck. We will keep reviewing the budget.

Commissioner Genesio: We do not want to tax anyone. Right now, we have no other option, everyone's back is against the wall.

Commissioner Karnes: Last thing we want to do is raise taxes, but it is out of our control.

Mayor Alongi: We have asked both unions to take a pay freeze. The PD & FD tax levy keeps going up and our sales tax keeps going down.

Adjournment:

The Public Hearing adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Jones, Deputy City Clerk