

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin**  
**Minutes of the Monday, February 22, 2021**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February in the year 2021, 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, City Clerk Ruth Hale and Treasurer Stephanie Cravens.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the February 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Public Agenda:** Water Department 2020 Operations Report. Commissioner Genesio commented on several items in the report. The Resource Tracking Sheet was a summary of daily tasks and equipment usage over the last year. Appendix B contains a schedule of water testing requirements completed by the water department on a regular basis. Attachment A is a picture of an actual water main that was repaired by the water department in 2019.

**Ordinances:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. Resolution 2021-R02-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin and CSGS, LLC (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. Resolution 2021-R02-02: A Resolution Authorizing a Business District Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin and Ewenified Properties, LLC (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2021-R02-03: A Resolution Awarding a One-time Stipend to Non-Union Employees (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2021-R02-04: A Resolution for the Emergency Condemnation of 635 N. Summers Street (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

E. Resolution 2021 R02-05: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin and the American Legion (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Other Business:** City Attorney Atkins gave a status update on the City Lake property. There are approximately 40 acres of wooded land, 10 acres of farm ground, and the lake itself. Roe abstract has indicated that they have completed paperwork on 2 parcels and the last 2 should be ready soon. It is hoped that they can be placed for sale this spring. Roe abstract have deferred to the underwriters as to whether the lake can be sold. Due to the other properties being cleared, indications are that the lake should also be insured and available for sale. The City must wait for the underwriter's decision. The Mayor asked for direction to pursue the sale of the properties. He mentioned selectively cutting timber from the 40 acres and then selling it. He would also like to proceed with an appraisal and sale the farm ground at 80 percent of the appraised value. Commissioner Kirkpatrick asked why it should not be bid instead of settling for the 80 percent. She asked if a minimum bid could be set and Aaron indicated that she was correct. The Mayor then asked for a consensus as to whether the City should proceed, and the commissioners had no objections.

The Mayor provided a copy of the February tax revenue. The revenue was up from 2020 and 2019. However, Governor Pritzker signed an order that will decrease the City's share of income tax by 10%. That equates to approximately \$63,000 based on 2020 revenue. Local Use and Cannabis tax should continue to see an increase in 2021. All in all, he indicated we should be o.k. this year where revenues are concerned. The City also received notice that the Health Insurance cost will not see an increase in the next year. This news will add to the savings.

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Genesio – Stated that the citizens have had lots of leaks from frozen pipes. Due to the weather, the City had to estimate bills and if there are any questions, please call. The City will be reading next time so please be patient.

Ward – Thanked all departments for their work through the recent weather. Thanked those involved in the warming center and acknowledged the PD and Fire for their response to a fire that was mentioned in the local newspaper.

Kirkpatrick – Thanked the departments for the great job clearing the streets. Mentioned the nice article in the paper regarding the PD and Fire. Reminded everyone that is interested, Revolution Recycling is still taking businesses and residences for the recycling routes.

Karnes – Thanked everyone for the job they did during the recent weather, especially Street and Alley. They have enough cinders left in case we have another weather incident. He also thanked the water department for their part in removing snow up town.

Mayor – Thanked all the departments for the snow removal and Denny George for hauling snow. Thanked the PD for the warming center assistance and offered congratulations to Chief Ingrams and his men for the situation in the newspaper.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Alongi announced that meeting was open for public comment at 6:35 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:35 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:35 pm.

<b>Motion:</b>	Commissioner Karnes	<b>Second:</b>	Commissioner Kirkpatrick
<b>Ayes:</b>	All	<b>Nays:</b>	None

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hale, City Clerk