

The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Monday, April 12, 2021 Meeting

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 12th day of April in the year 2021, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend Bill Wiggs of Sunfield Methodist Church 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 Genesisio, Michael Ward, and Bob Karnes. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Ruth.

Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the March 22nd meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesisio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Treasurer's Report: None

Approval of Bills to be Paid:

The Council approved payment of the bill list. Point of Interest: A report will be created to add payroll bills for Council approval by July 1st.

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Public Agenda: None

Guests:

Mr. Phillip Alvis addressed the Council. He submitted a letter expressing his appreciation for the new signage at the Du Quoin Industrial Park.

Ordinances:

A. Ordinance 2021-O04-01: An Ordinance Reinstating Raises for Union Employees (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. Ordinance 2021-O04-02: An Ordinance Reinstating Raises for Non-Union Employees (Public Display)

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. Ordinance 2021-O04-03: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23-3-3, Schedule A of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Resolutions:

A. Resolution 2021-R03-03: A Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. Resolution 2021-R03-04: A Resolution Authorizing Clarida & Ziegler Engineering Co. to Perform Engineering Services on Watermain Replacement (Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2021-R03-05: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Slainte Real Estate (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2021-R04-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Lease, 2020 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

E. Resolution 2021-R04-02: A Resolution Condemning 433 West North Street (Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

13.) Other Business:

Council discussed options for City Lake Property. Pursuing clear title may present costly at potentially One hundred thousand dollars. The cost includes surveying and engineering of many tracks that make up the City Lake. The Lake was originally obtained by the City in the 1930s and records are elusive. The City is waiting for another firm to provide an estimate which may or may not be significantly lower. Andy Rainwater, Engineer from the firm of Clarida & Zeigler addressed the council about the cost of the project. He reiterated many items that City Attorney Aaron Atkins has explained previously to the council. He stated that if his firm can get a clear description, the title company has indicated that they would provide title.

The council was then addressed by Attorney Matt Benson, who has been in contact with the City Lake Association. He indicated they are more than willing to work with the City to find a solution to the funding issue for road repair. The idea of creation of a Park District, requiring purchase of yearly boat registrations for lake residents, and implementing a daily use ticket system for casual users of the City Lake are all viable possibilities. The Mayor is going to research the ticket systems used by Rend Lake. Mr. Benson is also going to stay in contact with the Lake Association and pursue the idea of creating the Park District. However, he will eventually also need a description of the property as mentioned above. The Council will continue to weigh options for the Lake. The Council did not indicate plans for sale of the Lake would go forward at this time.

Commissioners' Comments:

None

Public Comment:

Mayor Alongi announced that meeting was open for public comment at 6:50 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Executive Session: Pursuant to 5 ILCS 126/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.

Motion and vote to enter into Executive Session at 6:56 pm.

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Motion and vote to exit Executive Session with no action reported and resume regular Council Meeting at 8:24 pm.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes

Second: Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hale

Ruth Hale, City Clerk