

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin**  
**Minutes of the Monday, April 26, 2021 Meeting**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 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, Michael Ward, and Bob Karnes. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins and City Clerk Ruth. Absent was Commissioner Charles Genesisio.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

The Council approved and held confidential the Executive Session Council minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Appointments:**

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:**

The Council approved payment of the bill list and payroll report.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Public Agenda:** None

**Guests:**

**Ordinances:**

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick  
**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

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

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Karnes  
**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 Ward                      **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick  
**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. Resolution 2021-R04-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Lease, 2021 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck (Final Approval)

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick  
**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. Resolution 2021-R04-03: A Resolution Authorizing A Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin and Du Quoin Home Lumber Company (Public Display)

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick  
**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2021-R04-04: A Resolution Condemning 413 North Division Street (Final Approval)

**Motion:** Commissioner Karnes                      **Second:** Commissioner Ward  
**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**13.) Other Business:**

The Medicine Shoppe was demolished today. The owners had structural engineers inspect the building and it was determined that a repair would be too costly. There was a TIF agreement for \$500 assistance

for the demolition and in return the owners would donate the property to the Du Quoin Community Development Corporation.

**Commissioners’ Comments:**

Ward: Asked for support for local businesses. The City lost a shoe store and it was sad to lose businesses in town. There are three new eating establishments and asked for support. Congratulated Chris Robinson on becoming a grandfather. Asked the council and community to think about the prayer that starts every meeting and hopes that we all conduct ourselves according to that prayer.

Karnes: Was inspired by Tyler Perry’s remarks at the Academy Awards to get along. Said we should all practice more love on all walks of life. Quit hating and try to get along. We can work on it even now.

Mayor: Announced that he would attend the next council meeting via Webex. Also mentioned that Aaron would be excused as well. Commissioner Kirkpatrick will run the meeting. It will be legal according to Illinois OMA guidelines.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Alongi announced that meeting was open for public comment at 6:25 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:31 p.m.

Joyce Poole addressed the council on a condemnation and violations brought on behalf of the City against her. Aaron Atkins recommended to the council not to make any comments due to pending litigation.

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to 5 ILCS 126/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:31 pm.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Hale*

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Ruth Hale, City Clerk