**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin**

**Minutes of the Monday, May 24, 2021 Meeting**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 24th day of May 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 and City Clerk Ruth.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the May 10th meeting

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

**Appointments:**

Motion and vote to reappoint Jeff Gossett and appoint Tameka Armstrong to the Police & Fire Merit Board, 3-year term

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

Motion and vote to reappoint Brandon Waller and appoint Tiffanie Beard and Adam Lewis to the Park Board, 3-year terms; and to appoint Amy Atteberry to the 2-year unexpired term of Joe Stephens

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

Motion and vote to reappoint Angie Mabrey and Jacob Emling and to appoint Noah Coleman to the Library Board, 3-year term

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

Motion and vote to reappoint Amy Wilbanks Rose and appoint Douglas Toney to the Zoning Board, 3-year term

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

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:**

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

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

**Public Agenda**:

**Guests:** Tom Crabtree, Director, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, presented on a potential Pension Bond for the City to cover the Police and Fire unfunded Pension liabilities. The State is requiring 90% funding by the year 2030. It is forecasted that the bond sale would allow the City to pass on to taxpayers a savings of over $3,000,000.

Randy DeMent, Present of the Du Quoin Fire Pension Board, spoke in support of the Pension Bond proposal. Chuck Novak, Special Project Coordinator for the City, also provided numbers to support the endeavor. The council then asked questions about the proposal, costs, and timeline for a decision.

Tom Crabtree said there would not be a charge from his organization at this time. There would be a charge from the bond rating procedure, and he would need the go ahead from the City to get that meeting scheduled. The majority of the council agreed that the proposal should go forward as soon as possible due to the potential for interest rates to rise. As a first step, a special meeting should be scheduled to determine level of funding for a potential bond.

The City will hold a special meeting May 28th at noon to determine potential level of funding, then another special meeting on June 2nd to place an Ordinance on public display, and then present the Ordinance for a final vote at the regular council meeting June 14th.

**Ordinances:**

A. Ordinance 2021-O05-01: An Ordinance Revising Article IV of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Motion and Vote to Table Until Revised)

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| **Motion:**  | Commissioner | Genesio | **Second:**  | Commissioner  | Genesio |
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| **Ayes:**  | All  |  | **Nays:** | None |  |

B. Ordinance 2021-O05-02: An Ordinance Revising Division II of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Motion and Vote to Table Until Revised)

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| **Motion:**  | Commissioner | Genesio  | **Second:**  | Commissioner  | Kirkpatrick |
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| **Ayes:**  | All  |  | **Nays:** | None |  |

**Resolutions:**

A. Resolution 2021-R05-01: A Resolution Authorizing A Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin and Building and Business Management, Inc. (Final Approval)

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

B.Resolution 2021-R05-02: A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate (Final Approval)

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

C. Resolution 2021-R05-03: A Resolution Condemning 209 North Chestnut (Final Approval)

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

D. Resolution 2021-R05-04: A Resolution Condemning 324 East Olive (Final Approval)

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| **Motion:**  | Commissioner | Karnes  | **Second:**  | Commissioner  | Genesio |
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| **Ayes:**  | All  |  | **Nays:** | None |  |

**13.) Other Business:**  None

**Commissioners’ Comments:**

Genesio: None

Kirkpatrick: None

Karnes: Wanted to mention that he had parked cars at Car Craft years ago and had the City ever considered asking for $1 a car to generate revenue?

Mayor: Mentioned that Car Craft was upcoming and the promoters were predicting record crowds – 35 to 40 thousand people on June 4, 5, and 6. At the current time, the City doesn’t think it appropriate to ask the State to divert revenue from Car Craft. Thanked all of those that have volunteered to join the boards and was especially happy to see so many young people step up to the plate. Express thanks to those stepping down from the boards for their many years of dedication and service.

Ward: Said that revenue would not be worth it if one person got hurt due to illegal behaviors from Car Craft participants. That large of a crowd cannot be handled by his force. He hopes the State Police are prepared and that there is zero tolerance for law breaking.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Alongi announced that meeting was open for public comment at 8:16 p.m. Public comment was closed at 8:16 p.m.

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

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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| **Motion:**  | Commissioner | Genesio | **Second:**  | Commissioner | Karnes |
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| **Ayes:**  | All  | **Nays:**  | None  |

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hale

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Ruth Hale, City Clerk