

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Monday, July 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 July in the year 2021, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

Reverend James Endsley, First Baptist 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 Genesio, Michael Ward, and Bob Karnes. City staff present included City Attorney Aaron Atkins, City Clerk Ruth, and City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens.

Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the June 28th meeting

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

The Council released with redactions the Executive Session Council minutes of the April 12th meeting

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

The Council released the Executive Session Council audio of the June 14th meeting

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Treasurer's Report

Sara Kary, CPA, of Rice and Sullivan addressed the Council to comment on the 2020 Financial Audit. The Council approved the 2020 Audit.

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

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

Ordinances:

A. Ordinance 2021-O05-01: An Ordinance Revising -- Ethics, Gift Ban and Conflict of Interest of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin, as Amended – Revise Article V Introduction paragraph 1 line 6 - “may” to “will” and Section 1-4-11 modify file it “with the City Clerk or County Clerk, depending on the nature of the employee’s city position” and replace with “ with the Perry County Clerk as Required by State Statute.”(Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

The Mayor commissioned City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens and City Attorney Aaron Atkins with the task of providing names of three professionals for the council within 30 days in order to make appointments to the Ethics Commission.

B. Ordinance 2021-O05-02: An Ordinance Revising Division II – Powers, Authority, and Duties of the Mayor, City Commissioners and City Departments of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Resolutions:

A. Resolution 2021-R07-01: A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Construction of Fence at War Memorial (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

13.) Other Business:

Commissioners’ Comments:

Genesio: Prayer for healing for Ron Darnell as he continues to recover.

Ward: Glad to see the Fire Chief back; thank you to the police and fire for all they do.

Kirkpatrick: Good to see Chief Durkota back.

Karnes: Seconded above. Pleaded for citizens to check into the facts regarding the vaccination and weigh the decision carefully. If you are fearful, just check into it.

Public Comment:

Mayor Alongi asked if anyone was in attendance that would like to make a comment during the public comment portion at 6:57 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:57 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 Executive Session at 6:57 pm.

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

Action resulting from Executive Session: None

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hale

Ruth Hale, City Clerk