

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the Monday, October 25, 2021 Meeting**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 2021, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

**Invocation:**

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 City Treasurer Stephanie Cravens.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the October 25<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 and payroll report.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Appointments:**

Motion and vote to accept the resignation of Betty Eastman from the Du Quoin Library Board.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Motion and vote to appoint Mary Jo Novak to fill Betty Eastman's unexpired term until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on the Du Quoin Library Board.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Motion and vote to promote Rodney Anders to Auxiliary Police Sergeant

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Aaron Atkins then swore in Rocky Anders as a new Auxiliary Police Sergeant, Jordan Nehrkorn as a new Firefighter, Reid Bastien as new Police Patrolman, and Cayle Diggins as new Police Patrolman.

**Guests**

Mr. Aaron Wright addressed the council regarding a new work program through the S.I. Collegiate Common Market. The program matches state benefit recipients with employment opportunities in order to learn new marketable skills. He would like the city to consider joining the program as a host location for some of his perry county participants. The mayor indicated that the council would take it under consideration and make a decision by the end of the November for a possible collaboration in 2022.

**Ordinances:**

A. Ordinance 2021-O10-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. Ordinance 2021-O10-02: An Ordinance Awarding Bid and Authorizing Purchase of Backhoe – awarding bid to Fabick Cat of Salem, Illinois at a cost of \$98,710.00 (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. Ordinance 2021-O10-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. Ordinance 2021-O10-04: An Ordinance Authorizing Bidding Pursuant to Section 1-2-43 (B) of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

E. Ordinance 2021-O10-06: An Ordinance Waiving Bidding Pursuant to Section 1-2-43 (B) The Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin, Office Renovation (Debate/Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. Resolution 2021-R10-02: Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Estate 427 & 433 West Park Street as amended purchase price of \$3,285 (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

B. Resolution 2021-R10-03: Resolution Awarding Bid and Authorizing Bid and Notice to Proceed (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2021-R10-04: Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Parade Permit (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2021-R10-05: Resolution Authorizing Entry into an Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Du Quoin and Clarida & Ziegler for the Delta Regional Authority Community Development Block Grant (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

E. Resolution 2021-R10-06: Resolution Authorizing Entry into an Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Du Quoin and Clarida & Ziegler for the Economic Development Administration Grant (Water Tower Project) (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

F. Resolution 2021-R10-07: Resolution Closing Certain Streets for Trunk-or-Treat (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Commissioner Comments:**

Cravens: Congratulated the gentleman sworn in at the council meeting.

Genesio: Congratulated the new officers and firefighter and promoted auxiliary sergeant.

Ward: Congratulated the newly sworn in gentlemen. Thanked some of the long-serving auxiliary officers, Mark Behm, Jan Phillips, and Dave Tyner. Asked for continued prayers for Jan Phillips.

Kirkpatrick: Congratulated the gentlemen. Also recognized Olivia Phillips on her Conference and Regional Championship in Cross-Country.

Mayor: Dittoed congratulations. Recognized the girls cross-country 4<sup>th</sup> conference championship. Reminded citizens of Thursdays Halloween parade, Fridays Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday and Sunday's trick-or-treating, and asked that they be safe.

**Public Comment:**

The Mayor called for public comment at 6:45 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:45 p.m.

**Executive Session**

The Council voted to enter executive session at 6:45 p.m.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

The Council voted to exit from the executive session at 7:04 p.m.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Action Resulting from Executive Session**

Commissioner Ward made a motion to award pay raises to the Sergeants retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021, which will be payable the first or second pay period in November.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Hale*

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Ruth Hale, City Clerk