

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Monday, November 22, 2021 Meeting**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 8th day of November 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 and City Clerk Ruth Hale.

Approval of Minutes:

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the November 8th 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

Ordinances:

A. Ordinance 2021-O11-01: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 (Debate/Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. Ordinance 2021-O11-02: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Library Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 (Debate/Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Guests:

Dave Houston, retired fire fighter from St. Louis County, presented on behalf of Backstoppers. It is an organization that assists families of first responders that are victims of tragedies in the line of duty. They currently cover 18 counties but are looking to expand to five more counties in Illinois and five in Missouri, and have chosen Perry County. There is no cost to the county to join. The organization is funded by voluntary donations. They just ask that the city supports their mission and spread awareness of the program. A county wide fund raising effort will be required with no minimum donation limit. To join, Mr. Houston asked for a letter of support from the council. The Mayor and

council emphatically agreed to support the program and sign a resolution at the next council meeting. The Mayor and Commissioner Karnes thanked Mr. Houston for his appearance and efforts on behalf of first responders.

Commissioner Comments:

Atkins: Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Genesio: Same as above.

Ward: Same as above and a thank you to Mr. Houston of Backstopper's for presenting to us and for all the good work they do for first responders.

Karnes: Happy Thanksgiving.

Kirkpatrick: Same as above.

Mayor: Christmas parade is Saturday at 6:30pm. Lighting of the tree and Blessing of the Nativity is at 6:00pm. There are 40 entries in the parade. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Public Comment:

The Mayor called for public comment at 6:16 p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:17 p.m.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 6:17 pm.

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hale

Ruth Hale, City Clerk