

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin  
Minutes of the Monday, December 13, 2021 Meeting**

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December in the year 2021, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

**Invocation:**

Jane Pritchett of the Du Quoin Ministerial Alliance gave the invocation. Mayor Alongi requested a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of those devastated by the storms in Kentucky, Arkansas, and Illinois. He then 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, and Bob Karnes. Commissioner Michael Ward attended via teleconference. 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 November 22<sup>nd</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

**Public Agenda:**

Fire Chief Dave Durkota addressed the council regarding a recent grant

Fireman Health Melton  
Fireman Jordan Crain

**Ordinances:**

A. Ordinance 2021-O11-01: An Ordinance Levying Taxes for Corporate Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 (Final Approval)

**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 (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

C. Ordinance 2021-O12-01: An Ordinance Enacting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2021-R12-01: A Resolution Authorizing Improvements to the Du Quoin Solar Park (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

E. Resolution 2021-R12-02: A Resolution Condemning 17 South Linden Street (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

F. Resolution 2021-R12-03: A Resolution in Support of Backstoppers Organization (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

G. Resolution 2021-R12-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Entry into an Agreement with Sentinel Emergency Solutions (Public Display)

**Motion:** Commissioner Ward      **Second:** Commissioner Genesio

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Commissioner Comments:**

Atkins: Wished everybody a very blessed Christmas.

Cravens: Merry Christmas to everyone. Continued prayers to the families of everyone affected by the recent storms.

Genesio: Continue to pray for the devastation down south and in Illinois. He will expand on what the fire department has done with a list of places to donate on the Perry County Emergency Management website later. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kirkpatrick: Same.

Karnes: Same. This has happened close to home and we need to continue to keep them in our prayers. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Ward: Thank all the departments and people in the community. He is proud to be a citizen of Du Quoin. They have opened their hearts to help. We are one step away from it happening to us. Thank to everyone. Pray that everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hale: Suggested to use this as a learning experience to teach our children about generosity and giving. Thank you to the Mayor and Council for the support in my role in the City. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Mayor: This is a sad situation. But our Police and Fire are working to make peoples lives better. And we also have a street and water department that have worked to make our town beautiful. And we thank them all for their work. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Thank you to the government class for showing up again today.

**Public Comment:**

The Mayor called for public comment at 6:41 p.m.

EMA Coordinator Doug Clark congratulated the Fire Department on their grant. He then announced that his department had received their annual grant that will cover over 40% of the budget. They have received the grant for over 20 years and it helps cover the expenses. The funding provides them ability to offer assistance after severe weather emergencies such as the recent tornadoes. The Mayor then asked about a siren system in the Du Quoin Fairgrounds. Doug mentioned that the state would have to be willing to work with us. The Mayor also inquired about cost. Commissioner Genesio quoted a 1994 price and said he couldn't answer to current cost. The Mayor is concerned because of all the large events in the fairgrounds and the need for notifications. He also indicated a warning system inside the event center possibly tied to the lighting of the building. He then asked Doug to reach out to the Fairgrounds Director, Josh Gross, about coordinating an effort to install sirens.

Public comment was closed at 6:46 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:47 pm.

<b>Motion:</b>	Commissioner Karnes	<b>Second:</b>	Commissioner Ward
<b>Ayes:</b>	All	<b>Nays:</b>	None

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Hale*

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Ruth Hale, City Clerk