

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Monday, February 14, 2022, Meeting**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 14th day of February in the year 2022, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

Invocation:

City Attorney Aaron Atkins gave the invocation. Mayor Alongi 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, Bob Karnes, and Michael Ward. 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 January 24th meeting.

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

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

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A. Resolution 2022-R01-04: A Resolution Authorizing purchase of a Dump Truck (Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

B. Resolution 2022-R02-01: A Resolution Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Toler's Do It Best (Public Display)

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Karnes

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2022-R02-02: A Resolution Authorizing Business District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Du Quoin American Legion (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2022-R02-03: A Resolution Modifying the Employment Contract between the City of Du Quoin and the Assistant Police Chief Contract (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

E. Ordinance 2022-O02-01: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28 of the Ordinances of the City of Du Quoin – Fishing Day Use Fee (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

F. Ordinance 2022-O02-02: An Ordinance Accepting Proposal and Authorizing Contract “As Amended” – Re-painting Water Department Dump Truck (Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Other Business:

- Jeff Ashauer addressed the council regarding pending legislation Senate bill number 2298, opposed by the IML, which would require further restrictions on the use of TIF district tax revenue. The restrictions would put Du Quoin at an extreme disadvantage due to the economic make up of our community. The legislation would also shorten the life of the TIF district from 23 to 10 years again placing our citizens at a disadvantage. Mr. Ashauer, the city’s economic development administrator, joins IML in complete opposition to Senate Bill 2298. The mayor suggested that he and Aaron craft a Resolution supporting the IML’s opposition for submission to the State Legislature for the next council meeting.

- Discussion of Potential Loitering Ordinance for District 300 (Item tabled – not discussed)

-Motion and vote to Advertise for Laborer Position Replacement in Street Department

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

Commissioner Comments:

Mayor: Thanked all of the city departments for their outstanding efforts during the recent winter storm. Many city workers worked days on end with little break, clearing roads and responding to emergency calls. He did not receive one complaint.

Over the weekend several citizens called to complain about potholes on Hickory Street. He reminded everyone that is a state highway and suggested they send complaints to IDOT. He called Senator Terri Bryant and asked for assistance. She immediately contacted IDOT and a crew was sent to complete

some temporary patchwork. This summer they plan to add a 1" overlay to help alleviate the issue until the 2024 resurfacing project. Since it is a state highway, the city is not allowed to touch it for repair. He knew of four people with busted tires or bent rims already. Coach Karnes agreed that the city cannot make repairs to a state road.

Atkins: Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone.

Cravens: Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone.

Genesio: Happy Valentine’s Day. Congratulations to the Indianettes. He stated that he lives adjacent to Hickory and he has had cracks in his foundation and walls from Semi’s hitting potholes on Hickory Street. He knows better than a lot of others the problems with that street.

Ward: Congratulations to the Indianettes.

Kirkpatrick: Congratulations to the Indianettes and Happy Valentines Day.

Karnes: Congratulations to the Indianettes and Happy Valentines Day.

Public Comment:

Public comment was opened at 6:55 pm. There was no public comment.

Jerome Jackson addressed the council regarding flooding in his basement. He feels it is a city sewer drainage issue. Commissioner Genesio mentioned that he was informed from an engineer that drainage elevations were changed when the housing high rise was built, and they do not know why. They are checking into the matter. He then offered a backflow prevention valve and informed him that he would need to hire a licensed plumber to install. It would require him to monitor and maintain to keep it functioning correctly. Commissioner Karnes stated that he had spoken to Mr. Jackson previously regarding drainage onto his property. The drainage was run-off from the vacant lumber store property. Since it was private property, the city could only work on the ditch they maintained but would consult with the city attorney on the matter. The mayor offered to put Mr. Jackson in touch with someone that had recently installed a back-flow prevention device to discuss the benefits.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes

Second: Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hale, City Clerk