

**The City Council of the City of Du Quoin
Minutes of the Monday, February 28, 2022, Meeting**

Minutes:

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 28th 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 February 14th 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

Proclamations:

Attorney Aaron Atkins read a proclamation in Honor of the 2021-2022 Du Quoin High School Indianettes. Commissioner Karnes then presented the Indianettes with individual medals while Mayor Alongi read each team member and coaches name prior to their picture being taken by the local newspaper.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

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

Motion: Commissioner Kirkpatrick **Second:** Karnes

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

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

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2022-R02-03: A Resolution Modifying the Employment Contract between the City of Du Quoin and the Assistant Police Chief Contract (Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

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

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

Ayes: Kirkpatrick, Ward, Karnes, Alongi **Nays:** Genesio

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

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

F. Resolution 2022-R02-07: A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2298 (Final Approval)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

G. Ordinance 2022-O02-03: An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property (Debate/Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

H. Resolution 2022-R02-04: A Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Lawnmower from Porter Outdoor Power Equipment (Debate/Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

I. Ordinance 2022-O02-04: An Ordinance to Solicit Bids for Addition on Street Department Shed (Debate/Public Display)

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

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

J. Resolution 2022-R02-05: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Ward **Second:** Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Ayes: All **Nays:** None

K. Resolution 2022-R02-06: A Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Fund-raising Roadblock Permit (Final Approval)

Motion: Commissioner Karnes

Second: Commissioner Ward

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Other Business:

Commissioner Comments:

Atkins: Gave credit to Jeff Ashauer for drafting the Resolution opposing Senate Bill 2298 which affected TIF district financing. He also discussed Brandon Poiter's approach to the city regarding the City Lake appraisal. At that time a discussion ensued as to whether the city should proceed with the appraisal at a possible cost of forty to fifty thousand dollars. It was decided that Mr. Poiter should send a proposal that distributed the project over a few years for costing purposes and then the council would make a decision as to the benefit of pursuing the legal description and potential title insurance.

Cravens: Congratulations to the Indianettes.

Genesio: Keep the people in Ukraine in your prayers. Stated that we had an item on the agenda for a replacement for Mr. Peradotto on the agenda and it had to be taken off. He would like to have the consideration a special meeting. He was asked if the plant operator is retiring or not because there is nothing official from him. He said is all predicated on how long it takes for acclimation of the plant. He does not intend to stay here another year. He wants to retire. He would technically become the Responsible Operator in Charge, right now our intent would be to hire him as the Assistant Superintendent. The mayor then asked about having a contractor giving us an RFP. Chuck said he does not want to do that. The council decided not to hold a special meeting but to wait until the next council meeting to address the issue.

Ward: Congratulations to the Indianettes. Condolences to Phil Provar's family and Garrett Mathis's family. He also would like the council to consider using some of the ARPA funds for bonuses for the PD and Fire that worked through the pandemic. He would also like to look at the possibility of starting a fund for the homeless for the very cold nights to find them a place to stay.

Kirkpatrick: Thank you, for what Mike said. And condolences to those families and congratulations to the Indianettes.

Karnes: Congratulations to the Indianettes. Condolences to those families. and World Peace. Compliments to our Street people, ice is more difficult than snow and I was amazed at our roads. They did a wonderful job.

Mayor: Stated he is one hundred percent behind Mike, cautioned him that we have 2 unions and we don't know how giving bonuses to one would work without doing for the other. That is something that we have to look into. He instructed the city clerk to look into what other communities are doing for bonuses and maybe have a 2-person committee to come up with a plan for what we can do.

The mayor then spoke about Hickory Street. It said that Senator Terri Bryant has been in contact with IDOT and they will be moving up the project to resurface the road. ET Simmonds has to get materials to get the project going. The city also has a grant we are working on to fix water lines under the road that must be fixed prior to the resurfacing. So there are a couple things that need to get going for this to come together.

Public Comment:

Public comment was opened at 7:10 pm.

Joyce Poole addressed the council with concerns over the property jointly owned with the city that is designated for cleanup. Mayor Alongi allotted her two weeks to remove her items before the cleanup would commence and advised her to contact Judge Campanella if she wished to contest the court order.

Public comment was closed at 7:16 pm.

Adjournment:

The City Council adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Motion: Commissioner Karnes

Second: Commissioner Genesio

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hale, City Clerk