

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

**Minutes:**

The Minutes of the City Council of the City of Du Quoin, County of Perry, held on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 2021, said meeting held in the Council Chambers of the Du Quoin City Hall.

**Invocation:**

City Attorney 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. City staff present included City Clerk Ruth. Individuals attending remotely included City Attorney Aaron Atkins. Commissioner Bob Karnes was not in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Council approved the Open Session Council minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Treasurer's Report:**

City Clerk Ruth Hale presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2021. She reported the following:

- Governmental Funds had negative earnings of \$81,476 to date in 2021
- Proprietary Funds had a positive change of \$51,403 to date in 2021
- Tax Revenues are up \$84,584 compared to the end of February 2021

The Mayor then addressed the council regarding tax revenues. He explained the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and its effect on the economy in relation to inflation rates. Factoring in CPI data from the last two years, he concluded that the City will still be behind target on 2021 revenues versus expenditures even at the current pace. The City will remain cautious in regard to the financial picture as the impact of the global pandemic on the rest of 2021 remains unpredictable.

The Council approved the Treasurer's Report.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**Approval of Bills to be Paid:**

The Council approved payment of the bill list.

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Public Agenda:**

**Guests:**

**Ordinances:**

A. Ordinance 2021-O03-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Extension of an Approved Real Estate Sales Contract (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

**Resolutions:**

A. Resolution 2021 R03-01: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Du Quoin and Would you Rathert, LLC (Final Approval)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

B. Resolution 2021-R03-03: A Resolution of Support and Commitment of Local Funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

C. Resolution 2021-R03-04: A Resolution Authorizing Clarida & Ziegler Engineering Co. to Perform Engineering Services on Watermain Replacement as amended (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All      **Nays:** None

D. Resolution 2021-R03-05: A Resolution Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Du Quoin and Slainte Real Estate (Public Display)

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

**13.) Other Business:**

**Commissioners' Comments:**

Genesio – Things seem to be getting better. People are getting vaccinated.

Hale – Family is finally able to visit after a year and there seems to be a lot of that happening, be safe. Happy Birthday to Mark Hale.

Mayor – Had a conversation with Representative Jerry Costello regarding the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. Costello is committed to the fairgrounds and understand the impact events have on the local economies. The State is also committed and hopes to bring more regional events to the grounds. They will model the MLB's plan of action for dealing with crowds. The City appreciates that Rep. Costello "gets it" and will partner with the State in anyway to get events at the fairgrounds.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Alongi announced that meeting was open for public comment at 6:31p.m. Public comment was closed at 6:32 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

The City Council adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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

**Ayes:** All    **Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted,

*Ruth Hale*

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Ruth Hale, City Clerk