

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FEBRUARY 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bill Sherman.

ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Chris Ellsworth, Becca White and Myra Gonzalez. Also in attendance were 17 Guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mayor Bill Sherman.

INVOCATION was given by Mayor Bill Sherman.

AGENDA Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM 1/10 REGULAR MEETING Motion made by Myra Gonzalez, seconded by Jane Baine to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT Approved and filed for Audit

BILL SUMMARY Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COURT REPORT Board approved report and filed for audit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT Police Report was presented to the Board by Chief Jonathan White.

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN REVIEW – PIPER GLEN Plat 4: Mayor Bill Sherman made a statement apologizing for dropping the ball to Schuber Mitchell, Planning and Zoning and to the Board. He went on to say that the City Engineers were left out when they should have been involved. He offered to refund the filing fee and engineering fees to Schuber Mitchell. He asked the Board if it would be okay to waive the 60 days if the city engineers could review the plans by the March meeting. City Attorney Mike Talley spoke stating that he spoke to the Mayor and to Schuber Mitchell and the check is to be held by the city and that the preliminary plat will be stricken from the meeting tonight and send back to Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning will then at their March 7, 2022 meeting recommend for approval the preliminary plan and then the preliminary plat.

Motion made by Myra Gonzalez, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to strike from the agenda the Preliminary Site Plan Review. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL 22-02 215.040.A.15 NUISANCES ENUMERATED – TREES OVER RIGHT-OF-WAY

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez, to strike Bill 22-02 from the agenda. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL 22-03: CITY PARK - NAME Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to place Bill 22-03 on first reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to place Bill 22-03 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept the second and final reading of Bill 22-03 and assign it Ordinance #483. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSE Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the business licenses as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON CITY MATTERS Alderman Jane Baine asked about accounting list and the escrow accounts started by the last administration for Terrace Green and Celebration Church and just wanted to see if they have been closed out yet.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE Alderman Becca White recused herself as discussion began. Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that he considered this an important move since the city is now in a strong financial situation. Alderman Myra Gonzalez stated that she approves the increase to cover the dependent insurance. Alderman Jane Baine stated she approves the payment of dependent insurance for full time employees.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to offer family health insurance coverage to full-time employees beginning March 1, 2022. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Becca White returned to the meeting.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the insurance carrier for the next year to be Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ALDERMAN INTERACTION Alderman Jane Baine asked if the Public Comments could be moved to a request only status. Meaning that people would need to submit a request to be placed on the agenda. This would give the Board a heads up on what people were wanting to speak on so that they would have some time to do some research. Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that he felt we should leave it the way it is. Alderman Myra Gonzalez stated that the time limits should be enforced.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he is expecting a report on manholes that need to be raised but he has been waiting for this report for two months. Alderman Chris Ellsworth suggested that we check with Allgeier Martin for suggestions on who might be able to help us with this issue. Mayor Sherman went on to say that there were 9 to 12 risers that needed to be fixed. Alderman Chris Ellsworth replied by saying to get all of them fixed and use the city's recovery funds to cover the expense.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kerry Devine 314 Morgan Court asked the Board what new businesses were home based businesses and she was told that there were two, Head in the Clouds Designs, and Sweet Wallpapering. She also stated that we need code enforcement.

Gary Heilbrun, 4015 E. 25th stated that he felt there is a problem with Katherine and Nola, the lot is too small and zoned R-3. He is concerned that there is not a viable way to get to the sewer, that is not built the way GIS and sewer maps show as it was not put in correctly. That the city has in its records contracts with Gary Colson concerning this issue.

Rick Gamboa 4005 E. 20th asked if the P&Z could get information/applications as soon as they come in.

Sara Ellsworth, 1004 S. Duquesne asked about the 16th and 25th Street drainage project. She was told that the city does not know what repairs it entails or when exactly they will begin.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES Alderman Becca White stated that the PD activities committee meeting was cancelled due to weather. Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that the Planning and Zoning meeting dealt with several things with the Preliminary Plat from Schuber Mitchell.

Rick Gamboa from the Park Committee stated that a 50/50 grant has been submitted and will be awarded in September. If we get this awarded to the city it will be used for playground equipment, splash pad, pavilion, benches and restroom.

RESOLUTION 22-01: LWCF GRANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Motion by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to strike from the agenda to be redrafted and placed on the next meeting agenda as amended resolution 22-01. Voting in favor were Baine, White, Gonzalez and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JANE BAINE TO THE PD ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE Mayor Bill Sherman appointed Jane Baine to the PD Activities Committee.

Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to appoint Jane Baine to the PD Activities Committee for a 2 year appointment. Voting in favor were Baine, White, Gonzalez and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY None

There was no further business, a motion was made by Becca White, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.