

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
AUGUST 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

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

**ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Becca White, Myra Gonzalez, and Mayor Bill Sherman. Also in attendance were 8 Guests.

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

**INVOCATION** was read by Mayor Bill Sherman.

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

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION** There was a quilt presented to retired Police Chief Tommy Kitch. This quilt had signed blocks from his retirement party and was completed by Mickey Sherman and presented to Tommy Kitch by newly elected Police Chief Jonathan White and Mayor Bill Sherman.

**CANDICE CULBERTSON – GLOBE LIFE** Ms. Culbertson talked to the Board about becoming part of the franchise and allowing employees to join if they choose to. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez for the city to sign the franchise paperwork to offer coverage to the employees should they choose to. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM 7/19 REGULAR MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve meeting minutes as amended. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Approved and filed for Audit

**BILL SUMMARY** Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, 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. He asked the Board to consider promoting Corporal Brian Wenberg to Sergeant with a pay raise to \$19.00 per hour beginning with the next pay period.

Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment to move Corporal Brian Wenberg to Sergeant with a pay raise of \$19.00 per hour beginning with the next pay period.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the Mayors' appointment of Brian Wenberg to the position of Sergeant with a pay raise of \$19.00 per hour beginning with the next pay period. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL 21-16: DUQUESNE CITY PARK RULES** Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez, to place amended Bill 21-16 on first reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to place amended Bill 21-16 on second reading by title only.

City Attorney stated that he wanted the record to show that these are new prohibitions for the most part and the Fireworks were excluded from this ordinance but it could be included on the signs that go in the park.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to accept the second and final reading of amended Bill 21-16 and assign it Ordinance #471. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gonzalez.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSE APPROVALS** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the Business Licenses as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PHONE SYSTEM QUOTES** The Board agreed to table this topic due to the fact that the City is under contract with Mediacom until May 2022.

**UPDATE ON CITY MATTERS** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that one pump for each lift station has been ordered.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Alderman Jane Baine asked about the safety features on the city computer system. Alderman Jane Baine also brought it to the attention of the Board that there have been a couple of whistles installed down on south Duquesne and just wondered if we had any paperwork on them.

Mayor Bill Sherman showed some pictures to the Board of some storm water issues that need to be addressed soon, one at 20<sup>th</sup> and Katherine and one at 16<sup>th</sup> and Duquesne.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Arnold Terry, 1705 Melissa Terry Lane spoke to the Board thanking the Mayor for getting on the culvert issue in a very timely manner and that working with this Mayor and Board has been a breath of fresh air.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MEMORIAL PARK FUND** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that the opening of the Trail bids had taken place and that the winner was G & G Construction with a base bid of \$98,800.00 for a 5 foot trail. Mayor Bill Sherman stated that all the bids came in higher than initially planned on due to the increase cost of building materials. The base bids are for a 5 foot wide trail and the alternate bids are for the 8 foot wide trail. The lowest that came in for the 8 foot was \$129,500.00 with G & G Construction.

Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to accept the bid of \$98,800.00 for the 5 foot trail. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he had received three resignation letters. The first from Barbara Welch resigning from the Park Committee. The second from Barbara Welch resigning from the Board of Adjustments. The third being from Gary Heilbrun resigning as Street Commissioner, Public Works Commissioner and Police Commissioner. The Mayor went on to say that he would assume the positions of Police Commissioner, Street Commissioner and Public Works Commissioner until the new ordinances were accepted at the end of September.

Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to accept the resignation letters from Barbara Welch and Gary Heilbrun. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY:** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he has been approached about starting up the MAPS service again so he is looking into various options and if they are possible.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME** The next Board meeting will be September 13, 2021 at 6PM.

There was no further business, a motion was made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, White, and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.