

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OCTOBER 11, 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, Chris Ellsworth, Myra Gonzalez, Becca White and Mayor Bill Sherman. Also in attendance were 7 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 Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to approve the amended agenda as presented to add Bill 21-23 following the PD Police Report. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**KELLY BEETS – MIRMA PRESENTATION** Mr. Beets with MIRMA presented a Risk Grant award in the amount of \$3, 375 to the police department for the purpose of purchasing a new dash camera for the new patrol car. Chief Jonathan White received the grant presentation from Mr. Beets.

**MINUTES FROM 9/13 REGULAR MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM 9/30 SPECIAL MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez 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 Myra Gonzalez, 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. He told the Board that that the state bids for cars just came in. The LEST grant comes up the first part of the year. He told the Board that a new dash camera costs \$10,000 which includes installation. The grant that MIRMA gave them will cover a little over \$3,000 of that.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to authorize the Chief to purchase a new dash camera with the city paying the difference after the Risk Grant up to \$7,000. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL 21-23: AMENDING PARK RULES ORDINANCE** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth, to place amended Bill 21-23 on first reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to place amended Bill 21-23 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to accept the second and final reading of amended Bill 21-23 and assign it Ordinance #478. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Board to allow motorized vehicles in the Park for Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2021 from 6-8PM. Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the allowance of motorized vehicles in the Park for the Trunk or treat event on October 28, 2021. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**PURCHASE OF TWO ADDITIONAL PUMPS** Mayor asked the Board for permission to purchase the second set of pumps for the lift stations. Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the purchase of 2 pumps not to exceed \$15,000 for the lift stations. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON CITY MATTERS** Alderman Chris Ellsworth asked about the letters for the Park sign. Rick Gamboa stated that he has the sign package to get the Park sign changed.

Terrace Green was given an additional 90 days to get their punch list complete.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Mayor spoke to the Board about adding a citizen to the email group that gets Board packets. The Board felt that adding a non-member of the Board to the email group needs to have a line drawn in allowing this. Alderman Becca White stated she believes no additional names should be added. It was stated that the response to requests needs to be given within 3 days stating the length of time that it will take to provide the information taking in the amount of time that it will take for the proper redaction process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Rick Gamboa, 4005 East 20<sup>th</sup> St. asked about the Planning and Zoning having access to the MML newsletter. He also stated that the Board of Adjustments Committee actually has five members, Donny Allen, Jane Baine, Rick Gamboa, Kerry Divine, and Denny White.

Gary Heilbrun, 4015 E. 25<sup>th</sup> St. asked why the agendas to the last planning and zoning and the last council meeting had not been placed on the website. City Clerk Melody Cundiff stated that it had been an oversight this month but it would be resolved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Becca White stated that the Activities Committee will have the Trunk or Treat on October 28, 2021 from 6-8pm in the Park area. She stated that we have had some candy donated as well as Allgeier Martin supplying hot dogs, and Culligan supplying water bottles. She went on to ask about partnering with the City to help promote a positive relationship with the community. City Attorney Mike Talley stated that the city money cannot be used for give aways but it can be used for a public purpose promoting good relations. Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to provide \$500 to the PD Activities Committee to promote the positive relationship between the community and the city police department. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that the Planning and Zoning had met in October and had some general discussions. He went on to say that Mayor Bill Sherman stated that on meetings when they had no other business to conduct that he would provide them with some webinars to participate in for training.

Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of attorney Doug Miller as special prosecutor covering an upcoming court case where City Prosecutor Mike Talley has a conflict of interest. This request was provided to the Mayor in written form by City Prosecutor Mike Talley. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the Mayor's appointment of Doug Miller as special prosecutor. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was no further business, a motion was made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, Ellsworth, White and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.