

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
NOVEMBER 20, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Gary Heilbrun.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Rebecca White, Chris Ellsworth, and Gary Heilbrun. Rick Gamboa was present by Facetime connection. Officer Jonathan White, Chief Tommy Kitch, City Attorney Mike Talley, and 3 other guests were present.

AGENDA

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

BILL 20-42: STATE OF EMERGENCY

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth, to place Bill 20-42 on first reading by title only.

Discussion: Alderman Jane Baine asked if the City of Joplin and other municipalities had passed this and stated her concern was if this was necessary measures. Alderman Rick Gamboa stated his concerns were if all of these items listed were necessary and used and stated he would like to have it reviews and reapproved at each meeting. He went on to state that he feels this does not need to affect employee hours as there is no reason to cut hours and as stated in E the wording reduce means to cut hours. Alderman Becca White stated she feels we don't need to enact this at this time. Alderman Jane Baine went on to say that the Governors State of Emergency has been extended and that should cover the City of Duquesne because we don't want to curtail any business at this time of year. Alderman Becca White stated that before she would begin to agree to approve this she would want several items taken off. City Attorney Mike Talley brought up that there was some concerns that the Mayor had that made him feel this was necessary at this time and asked if the Mayor would share those concerns to the Board. The Mayor simply stated that he was concerned that we don't have a level to protect the people in the building as there is currently no way to protect anyone in City Hall. Alderman Becca White suggested that we have a policy written up for how to handle people and employees when it comes to COVID-19 at this time instead of passing this ordinance again. Alderman Jane Baine asked if there was talk about cancelling court and she was told that the Supreme Court handles that and at this time there is no plans of cancelling anything. Alderman Rick Gamboa stated he is fine with the bill as is with taking out E, F, H and S in Section 3. Alderman Jane Baine stated that she was in agreement with that. Alderman Becca White and Rick Gamboa stated that the phrase "while on duty" needs to be added to I.

Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to amend Bill 20-42 by changing the 90 days to state at the next regular Board of Alderman meeting in Section 1, strike E, F, H, and S in Section 3, add the addition to I to add "while on duty" at the end of the sentence in Section 3, and to strike Section 2 all together and renumber all sections. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to place amended Bill 20-42 by title only and move to second reading of amended Bill 20-42 by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept the second reading of amended Bill 20-42 and move to the third reading of amended Bill 20-42 by title only.

Alderman Becca White asked the Mayor if he would work up a list of policies for admission in to the building, etc. to present at the next regular Board of Alderman meeting before the Board would renew this ordinance again.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept the third and final reading of amended Bill 20-42 and assign it Ordinance #453. Ayes: Aldermen Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BILL 20-43: MASK MANDATE

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth, to place Bill 20-43 on first reading by title only.

Alderman Becca White stated that she does not feel a mask mandate is necessary at this time since we did not do anything like this before when we first passed the state of emergency. Alderman Jane Baine stated she liked the idea of a mask mandate. City Attorney Mike Talley stated that it was correct that we can mandate masks at city hall just like businesses can mandate masks in their facilities.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept the first reading of Bill 20-43 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 20-43 by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 20-43 and assign it Ordinance #454. Voting in favor was Baine.. Nays: White and Ellsworth. Motion failed.

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, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.