

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
JULY 18, 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, Myra Gonzalez Chris Ellsworth and Becca White. Also in attendance were 7 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 amended agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Rezoning Application: 3737 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Opened at 6:02pm

Public Comments: Mayor Sherman spoke to the fact that due to an error in the past we were unable to produce the proper documentation. However it was brought to our attention that an ordinance was passed in 2015.

Public Hearing closed at 6:03pm

**MINUTES FROM 6/13 REGULAR MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, and White. Ellsworth abstained from voting because he was not at the meeting. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Approved and filed for Audit

**BILL SUMMARY** Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth and White. 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.

**BILL 22-05: LIBERTY RATE INCREASE:** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to place Bill 22-05 on first reading by title only.

City Attorney Mike Talley stated that Liberty passed a rate increase of more than 7%. Missouri passed a statute that any city receiving a franchise fee must reduce their franchise fee unless an ordinance stating the reduction will not be done. Liberty will need to be notified with a certified copy of the ordinance and minutes from the meeting.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to place Bill 22-05 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to accept the second and final reading of Bill 22-05 and assign it Ordinance #486. Voting in favor were Baine, White, Ellsworth and Gonzalez. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Alderman Jane Baine asked about the lift station repairs and Mayor Sherman told them that we were still waiting on warranty approvals. Alderman Baine also asked if there was a way that a wish list could be worked up for the purpose of the federal funds. It was discussed about having a work session to work this up. City Attorney stated that Joplin had done this and felt it would be a good idea for Duquesne.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Alderman Baine stated that Joplin is dealing with panhandlers and wonders if the city should not be addressing this issue as well.

The Council decided to schedule a work session with the representative from LAGERS so that he could explain further what LAGERS is all about.

The Council discussed the Cyber Insurance coverage proposal and they requested additional proposals with additional coverage amounts.

Alderman Ellsworth stated that he had a suggestion for the Park Committee about having deposit stations at the entrances to the park for the purpose of depositing dog droppings. He was informed that this is part of the next grant.

Alderman Baine made a statement the trees are looking great. Mayor Sherman mentioned that we have a citizen who has volunteered money and work to plant some bigger trees. He went on to say that he feels we should hold off on this until we get some more done in the Park once we know if we got the next grant or not.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION ON SHORT TERM RENTALS:** The public hearing has been published and is scheduled to the August meetings of Planning and Zoning and Council. City Attorney Mike Talley stated that it is modeled as closely to Joplin's as possible. He went on to say that upon request undeveloped and M1 areas were removed from the bill. He also stated that during or even after the public hearing reduction to the bill can be done but additions cannot be done. It was suggested that an SOP be developed for this application as well.

**UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Rick Gamboa from the Park Committee stated that they did not have a meeting in July as there was nothing on the agenda. Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that at Planning and Zoning the rezoning was discussed.

**OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that the tree bids for the Memorial Park came in and the lowest bid was \$3,300.00. Mayor Sherman made the recommendation to award the bid to Nelson Enterprises.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Becca White to approve the Mayors recommendation and award the bid the Nelson Enterprises. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, White and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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, Gonzalez, Ellsworth and White. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.