

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
DECEMBER 13, 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, Becca White, Myra Gonzalez, and Mayor Bill Sherman. Also in attendance were 21 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 Myra Gonzalez to approve the amended agenda to include Rick Gamboa discussion on new park grant to fall after approval of minutes. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Rezoning Application: 4404 E. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Opened at 6:03pm

Public Comments: Lisa Daugherty 2151 Clark Court asked City Attorney Mike Talley about the 185 feet requirement for public hearing notices. She stated that notices were not sent to all involved and therefore would like to have this tabled until January so that notices could be sent out to everyone involved. She also stated that she feels that publications should go into the Joplin Globe instead of the Jasper County Citizen. Ashley Harrell 4320 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> stated that she feels Schuber Mitchell has gone above and beyond in fixing her issues and feels this would be a good thing for the community. Rick Gamboa 4005 E. 20<sup>th</sup> asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission would need to hear this issue again at their January meeting. Terry Mitchell with Schuber Mitchell thanked the city for what they are doing and stated that they are willing to postpone the rezoning until January because they want to follow the city's rules and regulations. City Attorney Mike Talley stated that he feels it best to have the public notice published again and that notices be sent back out for the Planning and Zoning and Board of Alderman to hear this again at their January meetings.

Public Hearing closed at 6:31pm

**MINUTES FROM 11/8 REGULAR MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve meeting minutes as amended. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Approved and filed for Audit

**BILL SUMMARY** Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Becca White to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez 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. He stated that Officer Ritter is coming back as a part-time officer. They have two applications for full-time officers that they are currently looking at. He is working on getting the LEST grant turned in this month.

**RICK GAMBOA – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LWCF GRANT:** Rick Gamboa spoke to the Board and stated that phase one of the grant is in the process of getting started. He presented the Board with figures for the LWCF grant and asked the Board for approval so that Harry S Truman can get started work on getting this grant submitted by the deadline.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the city's share of the LWCF grant up to \$210,000.00. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL 21-27: REZONING 4404 E. 20<sup>TH</sup> ST. FROM R-1 TO R-4PD**

Motion made by Myra Gonzalez, seconded by Becca White to table Bill 21-27 until the January meeting. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE ON CITY MATTERS** Mayor Bill Sherman stated to the Board that the pumps have been installed, and the generators have been serviced.

**PROPOSED STORM WATER REPAIR BIDS:** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he had two bids for the repairs, one from Nelson Enterprises for \$2200 and the other from H2O for \$2460.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the bid for \$2200 from Nelson Enterprises. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON NEW PHONE SYSTEM:** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that we have been experiencing issues with calls not going through or cutting out. He feels it is time to upgrade the system.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Becca White to approve the quote from Pearson Kelly and request a contract from them for approval. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Alderman Jane Baine mentioned that Joplin Special Road District was out doing some work on 13<sup>th</sup> Street lately. Alderman Baine also recommended that we get a service contract for the generators to have them serviced once a year.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that there are trees at 10<sup>th</sup> and VanWinkle that are in the Right A Way and he has been asked to have them removed by the owners of the property. It was decided by the Board to get bids on what it would cost for removal then approach the owners with the quotes and the ordinance stating that it is the responsibility of the property owners for upkeep of the right a way and go from there.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he received a bid on the concrete pad removal in the park area from the company that is currently working on the walking trail. He went on to state that this is a stand-alone project and can be done while the company is here. Alderman Becca White stated that there is two slabs

up there and one is not structurally sound and needs to be removed. The other one can be used as a basketball court.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to accept the proposal to clean up the cement pad contingent upon approval of Harry S Truman. Voting in favor were Baine, Gonzalez, White and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Kerry Devine 314 Morgan Court asked the Board about private businesses in residential areas being limited to twelve students at a time. She also stated that it is nice to see new names on the various committees and she feels there needs to be guidelines in writing for the non-residents that are on these committees. She stated that the Cresswell trash dump is still an issue she feels.

Ernie Trumbley, 2011 Addis Peace stated that he feels that Public Notices need to be placed in papers with high visibility. He also stated that he feels there needs to be clarification on easements and right a ways.

Gary Heilbrun, 4015 E. 25<sup>th</sup> stated that he feels that packets that are requested should not have to be paid for. He also made mention that he feels people need to remember that even past city officials deserve respect.

Lisa Daugherty, 2151 Clark Court stated that she spoke with the Mayor about being verbally attacked by someone on one of the city committees and stated she requested that it be addressed. She also brought up that she had been reading through the city ordinances and that she feels it is not proper to increase a city officials salary and then lower it. She also asked about the status on the sewer bonds.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 21-03: Amendment #8 to Employee Handbook** Motion made by Myra Gonzalez, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept Resolution 21-03 as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, Gonzalez and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**CLOSE THE PREPAY COURT ACCOUNT** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to close the Prepay account as it is no longer being used with the new system. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF DENNY WHITE TO THE PARK COMMITTEE** Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Denny White to the Park Committee. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to approve the appointment of Denny White to the Park Committee. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SHERRY LAWRENCE TO THE PARK COMMITTEE** Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Sherry Lawrence to the Park Committee. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the appointment of Sherry Lawrence to the Park Committee. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SHERRY LAWRENCE TO THE PD ACTIVITIES FUND COMMITTEE** Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Sherry Lawrence to the PD Activities Fund Committee. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the appointment of Sherry Lawrence to the PD

Activities Fund Committee. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SHERRY LAWRENCE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Sherry Lawrence to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the appointment of Sherry Lawrence to the Planning and Zoning Commission.. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he received three resignation letters for the PD Activities Fund Committee, one from Melody Cundiff, one from Mickey Sherman and one from Chris Ellsworth. Chris Ellsworth also request that he be removed from being a signer on the Activities Fund account.

Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Jane Baine to replace Chris Ellsworth as signer on the PD Activities Fund account. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to approve the appointment of Jane Baine as signer on the PD Activities Fund Account.. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY** Nothing

There was no further business, a motion was made by Jane Baine, seconded by Myra Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, Ellsworth, Gonzalez and White. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.