Duquesne Quarterly News

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What has our Mayor been up to.....

Besides running the day to day business issues of the City since his election, Mayor Bill Sherman has been going through training courses and to date here is what he has completed:

- Certified Storm water Inspector
- SEMA Tools of Floodplain Management
- MGI Certificate of Completion
- Writing Proper Floodplain Development Permits
- FEMA Incident Command System
- SEMA NPIP Substantial Damage

Thanks to everyone that came to the 1st Annual Holiday Ornament Day. We had a good turnout for our first year and look forward to next year.

Thanks for everyone that took part in our Holiday Lights Competition this year.

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The city clerk is one of the oldest PUBLIC professions. As a direct employee of the City Council, records management is one of the core duties of the Clerk's Office. In addition the city clerk coordinates the City Council agenda and ensures accurate records of the Council's actions are kept.

The city clerk is also considered the Secretary of the Corporation. As such the clerk is responsible for affixing the City Seal to various legal documents, including all Council approved legislation.

One of the most important functions of the Clerk's office is the interaction with the citizens. The Clerk's office is committed to ensuring that the records of the City are kept in such a way that they are easily located and readily accessible to anyone that might wish to obtain them.

Clerks are also responsible for other things such as finance, human resources, billing, Boards and Commissions, elections, and licensing just to name a few.



BOARD OF ALDERMEN

MAYOR Bill Sherman 2023

ALDERMEN

<u>Ward 1</u> Chris Ellsworth 2023 (President of the Board)

Becca White 2022

<u>Ward 2</u> Jane Baine 2022

Myra Gonzalez 2023



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The 16th and 25th St. Storm Water Drainage Improvements

This Grant project has now been completed. This Grant, which was applied for in 2019, was a small grant and the location for its application was determined through engineering involvement and with the approval of City Council. It is good to see some progress being made.

DUQUESNE MEMORIAL PARK

The Park has long been a dream of our City. The land was aquired during the term of former Mayor Denny White and the dedicated advocacy of former Alderman Barbara Welch brought an artists conception from which the design stems. A big thanks is due to both of them.

A committee was put together in 2016 where ideas were put into place and continued until the City received the RTP grant with the assistance of Harry S Truman Coordinating Council. The grant was issued on October 1, 2020. The first phase was the completion of the walking trail completed in February 2022 measures 0.22 miles long.

The committee is awaiting the news of a possible second grant to help with the pavillion, playground and possible splash pad. They have also received individual donations. If you are interested in donating, a donation form can be found on the city website <u>www.duquesnemo.org</u> under forms and applications.



If you have issues or questions about what is going on in the City, please call or come in to City Hall to talk with us.

SPRING CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

Please note that our City Wide Garage Sale this spring is scheduled for Saturday May 7, 2022. On this date there is no requirement for a rummage sale permit.



STORM WATER REPORT

We will be holding a series of Public Hearings/Public Meetings to gather input from our citizens relating to Storm Water issues in our city. On Thursday April 28th we will have the first meeting at City Hall, 1501 S. Duquesne Rd. between 5:30 and 7PM. Information collected will be used to assist engineers in creating our Storm Water Master Plan. This plan will help us establish areas of priority for future projects, and citizen input is both needed and appreciated.

WEEDS & HIGH GRASS

All persons owning or occupying any lot or tract of land in the City shall keep weeds and high grass cut and/or removed on such property. This includes the right-of-way area between the property line and any adjacent street, roadway or alley.

Whenever such weeds or high grass shall attain the height of 12 inches, it shall be deemed a public nuisance, and deemed a misdemeanor.

Any undeveloped parcel of land consisting of 1 acre or more, any growth of weeds or high grass in excess of 12 inches shall be deemed a nuisance only on the 15 foot wide strip or strips of such parcel which borders upon any public roadway or which borders any parcel of ground which has a residence located on such parcel.

Any such parcel of undeveloped ground which has an established fence bordering such public roadway, any growth or weeds or high grass in excess of 12 inches shall be deemed a nuisance only between such established fence and such public roadway.

PLANNING & ZONING

Ray Brown, Chair 12/10/2023

> Donny Allen, Vice Chair 10/14/2023

Kerry Divine 44/12/2024

Chris Ellsworth Board Representative 12/31/2023

> Rick Gamboa 4/24/2024

Gary Jackson 12/31/2023

Tom Johnston 12/31/2023

Denny White 9/13/2025

Sherry Lawrence 12/13/2025



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