

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MARCH 14, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Bill Sherman.

Mayor Bill Sherman asked for a moment of silence for the two Joplin Police Department officers that lost their lives. Corporal Ben Cooper on March 8, 2022 and Officer Jake Reed on March 11, 2022.

ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Chris Ellsworth, and Becca White. Also in attendance were 11 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 Jane Baine to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM 2/14 REGULAR MEETING Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM 3/4 SPECIAL MEETING Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT Approved and filed for Audit

BILL SUMMARY Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Jane Baine to approve adding the invoice presented to the Board before the meeting for payment of the new patrol car that was being delivered on March 15th. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Becca White to approve the bills for payment as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, 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.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON CITY MATTERS Alderman Jane Baine stated that she noticed the tire shop on 13th Street has closed up. Alderman Baine also stated that she noticed the demo of homes behind Garmans and just wanted to check to make sure that they have all the proper permits to do so. She was assured that they have turned in everything that they are needing.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that H2O has been by to pick up the new float systems to installation.

GENERAL LIABILITY AND WORKMANS COMP INSURANCE Mayor Bill Sherman told the Board that MIRMA will need to know by the end of March if we want to stay with them or not. He went on to state that their service is good and they provide legal representation. The Board requested that we get a preliminary quote from MIRMA as well as Midwest Risk for a comparison and that they would hold a Special Meeting at the end of the month to decide which way to go.

ALDERMAN INTERACTION Alderman Jane Baine stated she was wondering about the order of importance on the additional items that are to be placed in the Park with the new grant that we have applied for.

Alderman Becca White stated her disappointment that the City was holding Court on the same day as the funeral for one of the fallen Joplin police officers

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that the northside of 16th Street needs to be looked at for Storm Water issues. He went on to say that G & G Construction said that could come back and do some erosion control on that side for about \$200. Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that he feels the additional \$200 to place an erosion blanket there is well worth it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kerry Devine 314 Morgan Court asked the Board to start a discussion on Airbnbs.

Rhonda Martinez, 4028 E. 25th St. spoke to the Board about the culvert pipe that runs under the road at 25th and Meadow Lane. She went on to explain that the water does not pass through the pipe and therefore backs up onto their property. She asked the Board if that area could be considered as a possible stormwater project in the future.

Ed Shey, 1711 S. Duquesne spoke to the Board about his water issue on his property. He stated that the pipe that goes under 20th up by the round a bout empties along the property line and then emptied and washes his yard and backs up over Duquesne Road during heavy rains. This is causing a lot of damage to his property and he would like for the City to come up with a solution.

Rick Gamboa 4005 E. 20th asked about the light pole at the round a bout and wondered what the status was on it. He also asked about the status on the manhole covers and Mayor Sherman stated that he has started ordering them. Mr. Gamboa went on to ask the Board about the status of fire hydrants and applications that should be posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that at the last Planning and Zoning meeting a discussion on additional training was brought up. He went on to say that the commission decided that at the next meeting they would have a work session at 6pm and then the regular meeting at 7pm. Alderman Ellsworth asked City Attorney if he would attend the work session to assist with some of the training.

Alderman Ellsworth then asked the Board to hire someone to work up a new Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he had contacted Gerritt Brinks with Harry S. Truman and that Gerritt told him that the ones that they know of are several months out. Alderman Ellsworth made the request to go ahead and get the bids going.

RESOLUTION 22-01: LWCF GRANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE Motion by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to pass Resolution 22-01. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-02: AMENDMENT #9 TO HANDBOOK – HEALTH INSURANCE Motion by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to pass Resolution 22-02. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY None

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, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.