

DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMAN
OCTOBER 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Alderman was called to order at 6:10 PM by Mayor Bill Sherman.

ROLL CALL

Answer roll call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Becca White, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. There were 9 guests in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Mayor Bill Sherman.

INVOCATION

Invocational prayer was given by Mayor Bill Sherman.

AGENDA

Amendments requested:

Add September 26, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Add October 10, 2022 Closed Meeting Minutes

Add Mike Talley invoice to Bill Summary

Remove Bill 22-15: Schuber Mitchell Easements

Remove Vote to go into closed session

Motion made by Baine, seconded by White to approve an amended agenda. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Request made by White to include request of missing Amazon receipts from Bill Summary. Receipts have since been received.

Motion made by Baine, seconded by White to approve an amended meeting minutes. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

Motion made by White, seconded by Baine to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2022

Motion made by Baine, seconded by White to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM CLOSED MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2022

Motion made by White, seconded by Ellsworth to approve meeting minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report was approved and filed for audit.

BILL SUMMARY

Motion made by White, seconded by Baine to pay the pre-paid bills as well as the additional invoice presented by Attorney Mike Talley. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COURT REPORT

Court report was approved and filed for audit.

PD MONTHLY REPORT

Police report was presented by Chief White.

SCHUBER MITCHELL EASEMENTS – JACOB LETT

Lett was not present to present.

BILL 22-13 – OFFENCES CONCERNING PUBLIC PEACE

Motion made by Baine, seconded by Ellsworth to place Bill 22-13 on first reading by title only.

Attorney Mike Talley clarified that this Bill was requested by Sgt. Wenberg. This Bill will allow false reporting that cause fear of danger to be enforced.

Motion made by Baine, seconded by Ellsworth to accept first reading of Bill 22-13 and move to a second and final reading of Bill 22-13 by title only.

Attorney Mike Talley stated that we are able to read Bill 22-13 by title only as a result of it being posted publicly prior to the meeting.

Motion made by Baine, seconded by Ellsworth to accept second and final reading of Bill 22-13 and assign it Ordinance #494. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

BILL 22-14 – TITLE II CHAPTER 215 NUISANCES

Attorney Mike Talley stated that a brief page two of Bill 22-14 is missing from the packet and public posting. It was requested that Bill 22-14 be removed from tonight's meeting and presented at the next meeting with both pages posted and presented.

Motion made by White, seconded by Ellsworth to remove Bill 22-14 from agenda. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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BUSINESS LICENCES

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that Black Dog Lodge was operating this short-term rental prior to an ordinance being approved at a prior meeting. The owners have come forward with a desire to correct and conform with the Short-Term rental ordinance. A public hearing is being posted and prepared for the Planning and Zoning committee.

Motion made by White, seconded by Baine to accept the presented business licenses. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Bill Sherman informed the Board that the new monitoring system has been installed in the lift stations.

White asked if the Board intended on making any changes to the building codes as a result of the solar presentation presented last month. It was stated by Attorney Mike Talley that a change in the building codes would take a substantial amount of time to complete. T

White asked if there was any further update following the Liberty Connect presentation presented last month. It was stated that we do not have a contract with Mediacom. Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he would reach out to Liberty Connect to generate a contract and would provide that information to Attorney Mike Talley and the Board.

ALDERMAN INTERACTION

Baine stated that she was looking forward to Treats on the Trail.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

White expressed the excitement on behalf of the PD Activities Committee for the Treats on the Trail on October 29, 2022 from 3-5PM.

Rick Gamboa presented on behalf of the Duquesne Memorial Park Committee. Gamboa expressed that they are still waiting to hear from Harry S. Truman about approval or rejection of the grant. Gamboa stated a desire to have everything prepared ahead of time allowing the project to begin upon approval, if received. Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he would follow up with the city engineers to make sure they did not need anything else at this time or have any questions.

Mayor Bill Sherman received an application for Sonya L. White for the Board of Adjustments. Motion made by Baine, seconded by White to accept Mayor Bill Sherman's appointment of Sonya L. White as a member of the Board of Adjustments for a five-year term. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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BIDS FOR NEW SIGN

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he has not received any bids for the sign.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that we need to update signers on the City of Duquesne credit cards.

Motion made by White, seconded by Baine to make Mayor Bill Sherman a signer on the City of Duquesne Credit cards and remove out-of-date signers. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Bill Sherman asked if the Board wanted to allow city employees to continue to contribute to Voya if they desire. Ellsworth requested that we discontinue the match made by the City of Duquesne effective December when the City begins contributing to Lagers. It was determined that Mayor Bill Sherman would contact Voya for clarification.

Motion made by White, seconded by Ellsworth to discontinue any match made by the City of Duquesne to Voya as of the last pay period in November. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated the need for a hiring board for the position of City Clerk. Attorney Mike Talley stated that only one council member would be able to be present to prevent a quorum. Mayor Bill Sherman requested that the hiring board be made up of the Mayor, Chief White and an Alderman. Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he would like to advertise the opening for the position of City Clerk. The board agreed that the Mayor should advertise this position.

Motion made by Ellsworth, seconded by White to appoint Flo Dempsey, Janet Stemn and Mayor Bill Sherman as acting Clerks. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2022 at 6:00PM.

ADJOURN

There was no further business. Motion made by White, seconded by Ellsworth to adjourn. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.