

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
NOVEMBER 8, 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 and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent was Myra Gonzalez. Also in attendance were 8 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 Chris Ellsworth to approve agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM 10/11 REGULAR MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine seconded by Becca White to approve meeting minutes as amended. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Approved and filed for Audit

**BILL SUMMARY** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve the payment of the bills 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. He asked for an appointment of Blake Ritter as a Reserve Officer. He went on to say that he is still fully trained and current.

Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Blake Ritter as Reserve Officer effective 11/8/2021 with physical and drug test approval.

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the appointment of Blake Ritter as Reserve Officer effective 11/8/2021 with physical and drug test approval. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**ALLGEIER MARTIN WORK AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER MASTER PLAN**

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that he has spoken with Allgeier Martin about a storm water master plan. It is a tool that gives the city a guideline. He did state that the plan does not include any engineering fees for specific projects. He also shared that DNR looks more favorably at anyone that has a master plan when looking into specific projects.

**BILL 21-24: USER CHARGE RATES 2021** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to place Bill 21-24 on first reading by title only.

City Attorney Mike Talley stated that he has contacted the city assistant attorney for the City of Joplin about Bryan Beauford who has brought the City of Duquesne into the lawsuit against the City of Joplin because his 4 duplexes and house that he rents are within the City of Duquesne. Mr. Talley went on to say that the Joplin sewer rates are scheduled to raise for the next five years which started in 2020. Mr.

Talley discovered that we were behind on passing an ordinance for the increasing rates and that is why this ordinance has been brought up to Council to get us up to date.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to place Bill 21-24 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to accept the second and final reading of Bill 21-24 and assign it Ordinance #479. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL 21-25: USER CHARGE RATES 2022** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to place Bill 21-25 on first reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to place Bill 21-25 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth, to accept the second and final reading of Bill 21-25 and assign it Ordinance #480. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BILL 21-26: DUQUESNE STORMWATER MASTER PLAN** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to place Bill 21-26 on first reading by title only.

The time frame of drafting the plan to get it in the hands of the city will be approximately six months.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to place Bill 21-26 on second reading by title only.

Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White, to accept the second and final reading of Bill 21-26 and assign it Ordinance #481. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**BUSINESS LICENSE** Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Becca White 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** Mayor shared that the installation of the new pumps is currently taking place and they are looking at getting risers for the manholes in the area of the lift stations. The Mayor also shared that he is talking with the CAT technicians to set up annual service for the generators at the city and the lift stations. He also shared that the city is still waiting on Blevins to finish the punch list on the streets.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that the light at the round a bout do not point up at the flag like they should and those need to be corrected.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that the culvert at 20<sup>th</sup> and Katherine is in need of repairs and he has asked Nelson Enterprises to work up a bid to get this corrected.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Rick Gamboa, 4005 East 20<sup>th</sup> St. asked about the MML newsletter registration. City Clerk, Melody Cundiff told him to check his spam folder and that if it was not there to let her know and she would get him re-registered.

Gary Heilbrun, 4015 E. 25<sup>th</sup> St. asked about the requirements for people on the Park and DQPD activities committee to be residents. He was informed that for those two committees it is not a requirement. He also asked about the 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 25<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage project. He wondered If it had been dropped and the Mayor told him no, that the City was waiting on clearance from DNR and the Core of Engineers.

Kerry Divine, 314 Morgan Court asked about the packet redaction issue that was discussed at the last meeting. She was told that everyone needs to put in a Sunshine Request and the City Clerk has 72 business hours to respond. She would need to be more specific in her request and only request non-redactable information if she did not want to be billed and she would not receive that information until after the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **APPOINTMENT OF JESSICA GIRARD TO THE PARK COMMITTEE AND THE ACTIVITIES**

**COMMITTEE** Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Jessica Girard to the Park Committee and the Activities Committee contingent upon residency confirmation. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve the appointment of Jessica Girard to the Park Committee and the Activities Committee. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

##### **APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH KIM-ITO TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Mayor Bill Sherman made the appointment of Deborah Kim-Ito to the Building Board of Appeals Committee. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the appointment of Deborah Kim-Ito to the Building Board of Appeals Committee. Voting in favor were Baine, Ellsworth, and White. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Rick Gamboa stated the next Park Committee meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. He went on to say the Pre-Construction Meeting met and the trail will start on November 15 to be complete by the end of January 2022.

Mayor Bill Sherman stated that there were only three people at the Planning and Zoning meeting so nothing happened.

Alderman Becca White stated that the Trunk or Treat was a success and the committee was now working on a Holiday Ornament Day for December 4, 2021 from 10am – 12N and Holiday Lights Competition.

**OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY** Mayor Bill Sherman received a gift card and thank you note from a resident and he turned it over to the City Clerk to be used on city business.

Chief Jonathan White spoke to the Board about changing the carry over amount on vacation from 40 hours to 60 hours with a cash payout of anything over 60 hours after the last paycheck of the year.

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 7:53 p.m.