

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 11, 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/President of the Board Chris Ellsworth.

ROLL CALL Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Becca White, Rick Gamboa, and Chris Ellsworth. Also in attendance was 6 Guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United States of America was led by Mayor/President of the Board Chris Ellsworth.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Melody Cundiff.

AGENDA Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

STREET RESURFACING: Mayor/President of the Board Chris Ellsworth stated that the 5 year plan was chosen at a previous meeting and it was approved that the bids begin for Chip and Seal. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Rick Gamboa to approve the 5 year plan with Chip and Seal but to bid all three options. Bids to start as soon as possible with Allegeier Martin securing the bids. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM 12/14/2020 REGULAR MEETING: Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 14, 2020 as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES FROM 12/14/2020 CLOSED MEETING: Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to approve the closed meeting minutes from December 14, 2020 as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Approved and filed for Audit

BILL SUMMARY: Motion made by Becca White seconded by Jane Baine to approve payment of the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COURT REPORT: December Court Report was presented. Board approved report and filed for audit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Police Report was presented to the Board by Chief Tommy Kitch. Chief reported that he has filed for the LEST grant requesting \$35,000. In that amount \$26,000 was stated to go toward a new patrol car. He stated we would know the first Tuesday of February what we will be awarded. Sergeant Jonathan White spoke to the Board about a new printer for the Police Department. He stated that we had a repairman come in to repair the machine and it was going to cost more to repair it then to get a new printer. Upon checking with Pearson-Kelly a new printer could be added to our maintenance plan and the total would be around \$3,000. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Rick Gamboa to approve the spending not to exceed \$3,000 for the purchase of a new printer for the Police Department. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays; None. Motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS: Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Becca White to approve the Business License Renewals as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 453 EXTENSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY: Bill Sherman, 825 S. Duquesne spoke to the Board after being asked to clarify some things by Alderman Rick Gamboa. Mr. Sherman stated that after he looked at the pandemic plan along with the strikes that had been made to the State of Emergency he found that the pandemic plan gave back to the Mayor the power that the Council took away from him the previous month with the strikes to the state of emergency Ordinance 453. Alderman Jane Baine asked why we did not receive the flow chart as part of the pandemic plan. Alderman Becca White asked why we feel it is necessary that we extend it at this point. Mayor/President of the Board Chris Ellsworth replied that with the current situation and what has happened in the city that it is more important than before, that we should at least extend to the next meeting. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to extend the current state of emergency until the February 8, 2021 meeting at which time it will be considered for extension another thirty days. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays; None. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON CITY MATTERS: Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN INTERACTION: Alderman Jane Baine asked when we might get the revised job description.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW PARK GRANT: Gerritt Brinks with Harry S. Truman spoke to the Board about filing the LWCG which is a phase two grant for the Memorial Park. This is a 50/50 match grant. The proposed budget is 214,049.00 with the city's portion being 107,024.50. Mr. Brinks went on to explain that this will cover the pavilion of course as well as the playground and the turf as well as administrative fees. This is the highest possible number that this could go but does not mean that it will be this high. Mayor/President of the Board Chris Ellsworth asked that if we are able to gain donations can those donations be applied to the city's match. Mr. Brinks stated absolutely and money that the city collects in donations can be used as part of the city's half. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Rick Gamboa to proceed and approve the commitment from the city for the \$107,024.50. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 21-01: Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Becca White to approve Resolution 21-01. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UPDATE OF COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES Nothing to report.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY Nothing to report.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME The February meeting will be February 8, 2021 at 6pm. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Jane Baine to approve the date and time of the February meeting. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was no further business, a motion was made by Becca White, seconded by Rick Gamboa to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, White, and Gamboa. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.