

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 8, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mayor Bill Sherman.

ROLL CALL: Answer roll call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Becca White, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Myra Gonzalez. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, police chief, city clerk and 6 guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION: The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Mayor Bill Sherman followed by invocation prayer given by Mayor Bill Sherman.

Agenda: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Jane, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: December 11 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Closed Minutes: December 11 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chris, to approve closed minutes #1 (litigation) and closed minutes #2 (personnel). Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: December report approved and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$10,214.67; Sewer & Wastewater: \$504.20; Street: \$2,280.48. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Jane, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Approved and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief White gave report on department status.

Bill 23-24 S&S Computers Website Agreement: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 23-24 on first reading by title only. No discussion.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 23-24 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 23-24 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 23-24 and assign it Ordinance #523. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Business License: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Chris, to approve license applications and renewals as modified to include applications received today. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Old Business: City needed to assign email address for new officer. VistaPrint wanted to charge reactivation fee. Chief agreed to contact Scott with S&S Computers to see if he could do it.

Mayor reviewed Stormwater Plan, which was in 21-26 permit cycle.

Aldermen Interaction: Jane mentioned Joplin Globe article, wherein Joplin's wish list included widen Duquesne Road to 4 lanes.

Public Comments: none.

New Business: none.

Update of Commissions & Committees: Mayor gave update for P&Z Commission. P&Z should complete review of zoning codes and would not need to conduct monthly work sessions after next meeting. Commission discussed floodplain ordinances. By ordinance, City Clerk was floodplain manager. Any manmade change required permit, but currently, city did not charge for permit. P&Z recommended city consider setting fee for permits. Next P&Z meeting was set for February 5 with Work Session at 6 PM, followed by Regular Session at 7 PM.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Mayor distributed revised job description for code enforcement officer. Joplin has International Property Management Code certified employee that could issue citations. Mayor would like position to be flexible and part-time to start. He stated he had one interested individual who was currently with 911 Dispatch.

Schedule Next Meeting: Next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 12, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for February 5 with Work Session at 6 PM, followed by Regular Session at 7 PM. No more work sessions should need to be regularly scheduled.

As there was no further business, motion made by Becca, seconded by Chris, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.