

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 12, 2026 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order: The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Bill Sherman.

Roll Call: Answer roll call was Aldermen Jane Baine, Myra Gonzalez, Becca White, Todd Stone and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: none. City Attorney Mike Talley, Chief White, city clerk and 12 guests were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance and 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 Todd, seconded by Becca, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Rezone 1207 Orr Avenue from R-1 to R-4: Mayor opened hearing at 6:02PM. Dwayne Boone, 1103 Orr, asked what was planned use for property. Developer planned five single-family units with two facing 13th St and three facing Orr. Trevor Frerer with Retire Young LLC showed layout of proposed houses.

As there were no other comments, public hearing closed at 6:08PM.

Approve Minutes: November 13 Special Meeting with Closed Session: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve Special Meeting minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve Closed Session minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: December 8 Regular Meeting with Closed Session: Motion made by Todd, seconded by Myra, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to approve Closed Session minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report received and filed for audit. SMB \$250,000 CD that matured last month was used to purchased \$242,000 CD with Guarantee Bank, interest earned and \$8,000 CD balance remained in General Funds.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$24,365.64; Memorial Park: \$19,695.60; Sewer & Wastewater \$1,691.65; Storm Water/Park Fund: \$555.75; and Street Fund \$4,526.25. General Funds will be to pay RE Smith for Draw 1 for park restroom. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief gave report on department status. Tommy Kitch would return as part-time officer for 20 to 30 hours each week. Chief asked Board to approve paying top hourly wage rate,

as outlined 2026 Budget. Motion made by Myra, seconded by Jane, to pay Tommy Kitch \$19.99 per hour.

Amanda Gaches – 1107 Woodland Ave (630 Auto) Discuss Application: Original license had been granted for mobile auto repair service only. It has been reported that she was conducting repairs at her location. She stated property had always had business of some sort at this location. After some discussion, Board told her to bring proof that she had annual business license since original was granted. City would review its records for same.

Bill 26-01 Rezone 1207 Orr Avenue from R-1 to R-4: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 26-01 on first reading by title only. There needed to be correction to legal description to correct lot number in parentheses from (27) to (17). Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to place Corrected Bill 26-01 on first reading by title only. P&Z recommended engineering survey and stormwater review before final approval. Owner submitted site plan with three lots 68' x 200' and two lots 100' x 100.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Corrected Bill 26-01 by title only and move to second reading of Corrected Bill 25-16 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second reading of Corrected Bill 26-01 by title only and move to third and final reading of Corrected Bill 25-16 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Corrected Bill 26-01 and assign it Ordinance 559. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Business License: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to approve all license applications. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Old Business: Stephens Boulevard Project Change Order: not available.

Aldermen Interaction: Park restroom walls were up with door framed. Jane mentioned Joplin was developing program to put budget online and wondered if Board should consider same. Fire hydrants were scheduled and would cost \$6,910 each, city would pay for one and MAWC would pay for second.

Mayor said, in an effort to reduce solid waste, he would be installing cardboard recycling bin. Region M grant might reimburse city for cost. Two recycling events were scheduled May and October's second Saturday.

Business at 27th & Kenser installed keyed gate and fence to prevent illegal dumping.

Public Comments: Kerry Divine, 314 Morgan Court, asked about letters that went to Piper Glen residents.

Lindsey Plumberg, 316 Walnut Ridge, asked if Joplin Youth group could do "boot" drive at 13th & Duquesne for fundraising for fishing team. Chief would let her know. Celebration Church was sponsoring chili feed on February 28 with silent auction and invited Council to attend.

Consider Vote to Go into Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) relating to leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. Motion made by Todd,

seconded by Jane, to go into closed session. By roll call, those in favor: Jane Baine, Becca White, Todd Stone. At 7:26 Council adjourned and went into closed session.

At 9:44 Council returned to open session. After brief recess, Mayor announced no vote or action was taken.

New Business: none.

Update of Commissions & Committees: Next P&Z scheduled Work Session for February 2 at 6 PM with Regular Meeting at 7 PM.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: none.

Schedule Next Meeting: Council Meeting scheduled for February 9 at 6 PM.

As there was no further business, motion made by Todd, seconded by Becca, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.