

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 13, 2025 – 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 were Aldermen Jane Baine, Myra Gonzalez, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Becca White. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, police chief, city clerk and 7 guests.

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 Chris, seconded by Jane, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: December 10 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Myra, seconded by Jane, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: December 31 Special Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$27,268.93. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief White gave report on department status. LEST Grant request was submitted requesting new firearms with optics, two new computers and two body armors. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to approve up to \$2,000 to purchase two body armors and one carrier. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Business License: Motion made by Myra, seconded by Chris, to approve license applications and renewals. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Alex Lane – Final Site Plan for 10th & Duquesne: At its January 6 meeting, P&Z recommended approval of site plan provided stamped copy of engineer's survey was submitted. Wayne Stevenson with GB Engineering was present to answer questions and explain stormwater plan. Land Disturbance permit was on file. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to grant conditional approval final site plan. (Stormwater portion of plans were to be approved by OWN.)

Old Business: Website development bids: Since last month's meeting, Mayor spoke with Municipal Impact (MI) that offered lowest price with 10-day turnaround quote. Oronogo, Webb City, Diamond and Hallsville all use MI for their website source. MI, branch of Immense Impact LLC, offers 2-week free trial with 30-day money back guarantee. Mayor spoke with clerk at Oronogo who said her site was easy to use and highly recommended company. As long as quote was under \$3,000, city did not need to advertise for bids and council could approve purchase.

Motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to approve MI proposal up to \$3,000 with city retaining domain rights.

Aldermen Interaction: Mayor said floodplain ordinance needed to be updated to be compliant with new regulations. City attorney was working on formalizing revised ordinance.

Park Bids: City needed to have precise set of plans for park restroom for bidding process. Mayor will meet with GB Engineering and have them draft restroom plans.

Public Comments: Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20th, asked if city had form for citizen complaints for code violations or what city's procedure was. Mike Talley said complaints were filed with PD who has authority to issue citations. Rick volunteered to obtain quotes for park trees, etc.

Kerry Devine, 314 Morgan Court, expressed concerns about businesses in residential areas. She said The Violent Gentleman was violating parking restrictions and Body by Ahmed was still in business. Sam Hickey, 405 E 13th, was storing equipment and dumpsters on his property.

New Business: Anthem BlueCross / BlueShield Health Insurance Renewal: Motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to continue with current plan. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Update of Commissions & Committees: none.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: none

Schedule Next Meeting: Due to scheduling conflict, next Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for February 3, at 6 PM for Work Session and 7 PM for Regular Session.

As there was no further business, motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.