

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FEBRUARY 9, 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 and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Todd Stone. City Attorney Mike Talley, Chief White, city clerk and 4 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 Becca, seconded by Myra, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: January 12 Regular Meeting with Closed Session: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Financial Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$9,958.32 and Street Fund \$5,171.00. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief gave report on department status. Joplin project of Stephens Boulevard was scheduled to start in March, which would impact Duquesne Road and 20th Street during construction.

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.

Business License: Amanda Gaches, who addressed the Board last month about renewing her business license, 630 Auto, at 1107 Woodland Avenue, was not present. The business has not been licensed since original license was issued in August 2023 and would have expired that December. Therefore, license was denied and was not part of businesses / contractors on agenda. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to approve all license applications. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Old Business: Small Arrow Engineering Update on Roundabout Project: Firm conducted two traffic studies at 20th & Duquesne roundabout. One when school was in session and one when it was not in session. They plan to have full report ready shortly to present to Board with

options and cost estimates. Mayor mentioned that if regular agenda was full, special meeting might be needed, as presentation could take more than one hour to make.

Aldermen Interaction: Mayor announced Stormwater Audit, which is due by end of February, was filed in January. State said city needed General Operations & Maintenance Manual. Manual needed to be completed by end of June. Mayor was also working on completing MS4 permit renewal.

Jane asked about snow removal on park's walking trail. Attorney recommended we discuss liability coverage with city's insurance carrier.

Public Comments: Kerry Divine, 314 Morgan Court, brought up NextGen sign that was moved to owner's residence when business was relocated there as homebased business. She also said that owners of The Violent Gentleman had moved and business appeared to be closed.

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. At 6:43 Council adjourned and went into closed session. Mayor asked chief to join session.

At 7:08 Council returned to open session. Mayor announced closed session was to discuss potential real estate purchase, but no vote or action was taken. After brief recess, Board continued with regular meeting at 7:11.

New Business: Sherry Lawrence's position on P&Z expired December 2025. Mayor had spoken with her and she agreed to stay on commission. Mayor asked for Board's approval to reappoint her to 4-year term, expiring December 2029. Motion made by Myra, seconded by Becca, to approve reappointment. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Update of Commissions & Committees: Rick Gamboa said attorney told P&Z that RSMo required city of have Board of Adjustments, which required five members. Mayor and city attorney would discuss appointee requirements. Next P&Z scheduled Work Session for March 2 at 6 PM with Regular Meeting at 7 PM.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Mayor handed out quotes for backup pump for Cresswell (Knoll) lift station for two vendors. CEMCO had been asked for estimate to repair pump but said it could not be repaired. CEMCO's quote was for \$8,972.40 and Enviro-Line was for \$7,895. Mayor asked for approval to purchase backup pump from Enviro-Line for \$7,895. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to approve purchase. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

As there was no further business, motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.