

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MARCH 9, 2026 – 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 was Aldermen Jane Baine, Becca White, Todd Stone and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Myra Gonzalez. City Attorney Mike Talley, Chief White, city clerk and 7 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 Todd, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: February 9 Regular Meeting with Closed Session: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried. After minor correction to closed minutes, motion made by Jane, seconded by Todd, to approve amended Closed Session minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$10,769.71; Memorial Park: \$45,459.70; Sewer and Wastewater Fund: \$7,895.00 and Street Fund \$6,189.00. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief gave report on department status. Chief received notification LEST grant had been approved for \$30,000 toward purchase of new police vehicle.

David Johnson – TransPro Report on Joplin Transportation Study: Tony Robine, Joplin Transportation manager and David Johnson with TransPro Consulting made presentation on forming area-wide transportation district to include Joplin Trolley services to neighboring communities, including Duquesne. Sales tax would need to be passed to fund

John Bolte & Troy Dunlap - Small Arrow Engineering Update on Roundabout Project: They gave presentation on traffic studies conducted at 20th and Duquesne roundabout, options to expand roundabout and potential costs.

After short break, Board resumed meeting at 8:52PM.

Bill 26-02 Amend Chapter 211 Add Section 211.490 Prohibit Interference with 1st Responder: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 26-02 on first reading by title only. Offender could be charged by officer with misdemeanor.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 26-02 by title only and move to second reading of Bill 25-16 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 26-02 and assign it Ordinance 560. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bill 26-03 Amend Chapter 211 Add Section 211.1280 Prohibit Unlawfully Entry into Motor Vehicle: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 26-03 on first reading by title only. Officer could charge someone for attempting to gain illegal entry into motor vehicle.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 26-03 by title only and move to second reading of Bill 25-16 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 26-03 and assign it Ordinance 561. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Business License: Amanda Gaches did not appear. Her mobile auto repair service had not had business license since original was issued in August 2023. No license would be issued.

Motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to approve renewal and new license applications as listed. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Old Business: none.

Aldermen Interaction: Jane asked if park restroom would be done by March 31 deadline. Mayor said, as of today, RE Smith Construction thought project would be completed by then.

Mayor had attended MML Legislative Session and reported state was attempting to defund state waste management district. Region M represents City of Duquesne. There was also a push to eliminate food sales tax but cities can ask to be exempt from measure. Mayor has ordered cardboard recycling bin that can recycle newspapers and junk mail as well as cardboard for \$300 for one year. He was also seeking bids to pave / repair city parking lot.

Steve Nelson was scheduled to gravel park parking lot next week. Two shrubs have been purchased and will be planted before March 31 grant deadline. According to Olivia Spencer with Truman Council, area with storm shelter must be removed from park's legal description. Mayor has contacted Stewart & Neece Land Surveying Company about updating legal description. They agreed to do project for \$1,500. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Todd, to approve and authorize project for \$1,500. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Jane asked for update on Amanda Gaches. Police Department was watching property.

Public Comments: none.

New Business: none.

Update of Commissions & Committees: No Park Committee was scheduled. Next P&Z scheduled Work Session for April 6 at 6 PM with Regular Meeting at 7 PM.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: none.

Schedule Next Meeting: Council Meeting scheduled for April 13 at 6 PM.

As there was no further business, motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.