

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MARCH 11, 2024 – 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, Becca White, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Myra Gonzalez. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, police chief, city clerk and 12 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: Mayor requested Drive-Thru Coffee Shop be added to agenda as Other Business Deemed Necessary. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Becca, to approve modified agenda. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: February 12 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: January report approved and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: City has received FY23 Audit Report for Mense CPA. Pest X Solutions' invoice for annual vegetation was for vegetation control at lift stations. Missouri Unclaimed Property was for Aflac returned premiums and was refunded to employee. Motorola was to replace wrong flash card received earlier. Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$19,555.50; Sewer & Wastewater: \$324.92; Street: \$2,927.00. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Becca, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief White gave report on department status. City should receive LEST grant award letter on or about March 1. Tentative amount awarded was \$20,325.78.

Jake Moore – 2012 Highlander Drive – Clarification on 10th Street: His surveyor has located pens on property. Mayor said it has been determined that 10th Street was city street. However, its location was still to be determined. Mayor had contacted engineering firm to resolve question. Jake wanted to proceed with lot split and rezoning from R-1 to R-3.

Bill 24-02 OWN Inc Agreement for Stephens Blvd Drainage Project: Project would remove and replace drainage structure. Project would be eligible for payment by ARPA funds. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 24-02 on first reading by title only. No discussion.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 24-01 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 24-02 by title only. Board recommended "assumptions" on page 4 be deleted.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 24-02 and assign it Ordinance 525. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bill 24-03 Agreement with HSTCC to Prepare Comprehensive Plan: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 24-03 on first reading by title only. Estimated time to complete

project was nine months. HSTCC would conduct one public hearing, complete public survey and host and facilitate three in-person meetings. Half of contract would be due when agreement was executed and balance upon completion.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 24-03 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 24-03 by title only. Board recommended "assumptions" on page 4 be deleted.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 24-03 and assign it Ordinance 526. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: none

Aldermen Interaction: Chris was concerned about Joplin's capital improvement plans that included Davis Boulevard and traffic impact on Duquesne during construction. Although city had posted no trucks, Joplin planned to use Duquesne Road as detour route.

Mayor and Mickie attended MML Legislative Conference and he met with Representative Jill Carter. There might be State Revolving Fund monies available.

Public Comments: Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20th, Kerry Devine and his positions on P&Z expire in April. Tom Johnston resigned from commission.

Chief said email agreement set to expire on March 25. After that, each email address would cost city \$20 per email address each month.

New Business: none.

Update of Commissions & Committees: Rick Gamboa gave P&Z update and recommendations. Commission recommended paving requirements be added to Building Permit SOP.

Park Update: Recently awarded grant allowed for 25% overrun or \$91,000. Overrun would also increase city's matching funds from \$210,000 up to \$227,875. Bids were opened March 4. There were bids on splashpad, playground equipment and pavilion. City would need to run utilities to park that would count towards city's matching funds requirement. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Chris, to accept Park Committee's recommendation and award contracts. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

P&Z recommended Board approve Lee Nguyen's site plan for Drive-Thru Coffee Shop. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Becca, to approve site plan. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Other Business Deemed Necessary:

Schedule Next Meeting: Next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 8, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for April 1, at 6 PM.

Chief brought several temporary tags that had been removed from vehicles during recent stops.

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 8:03 PM.