

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 14, 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 was Aldermen Jane Baine, Myra Gonzalez, Becca White, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: none. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, police chief, city clerk and 9 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 Becca, seconded by Myra, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: March 20 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Chris, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sewer Funds – Other has \$0.03 balance that will be credited and amended report was received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$27,967.31, Memorial Park: \$9,726.92 and Street: \$912.37 Motion made by Chris, seconded by Becca, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: SMC report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief White gave report on department status. FLOCK cameras have already been used to recover stolen vehicles. Chief said TEC seemed to be only local vendor that would be able to install “panic buttons” and Chief was waiting for quote. He announced that PD Clerk submitted her resignation.

Announce Certified Election Results: Certified results had not been received prior to meeting. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, strike all election related items from agenda and place on special meeting to be determined later during meeting. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Resolution 25-01 to Adopt Comprehensive Plan, 2025: P&Z Commission voted to unanimously adopt plan. Motion made by Myra, seconded by Becca, to adopt Resolution 25-01. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bill 25-04 Agreement for Small Arrow Engineering to Update 5-Year Street Maintenance Plan: John Bolte and his partner, Troy Dunlap, were present to answer questions. Both men had worked for MoDOT. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 25-04 on first reading by title only. John suggested city try to piggyback off Joplin Special Road District’s annual contract, if such an agreement could be reached. Plan, not to exceed \$14,400.00, would rate city’s approximately 17 miles of roads from worst to best with recommendations for repair and maintenance schedule.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 25-04 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 25-04 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 25-04 and assign it Ordinance 546. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: MS4 Updated Outfall Map: MS4 Permit Section 4.3.A required map to be periodically updated. New updated map now with three (3) outfalls.

Aldermen Interaction: Becca would like to see park opened back up. She volunteered to install construction fence around splashpad with Chief White's help. She also asked to get sound system repaired and microphones replaced. She said she would have Administrative Assistant's job description ready for next meeting.

Jane asked if splashpad had any warranty and who was responsible for parking lot cleanup. CARDS had removed trash containers and lot had been cleaned. Also, what were next steps since resident had not complied with vacate order?

Amend Agenda to Add Preliminary Site Plan: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to amend agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Preliminary site plan for Glory Village was presented. Lot 7 would be used to construct Community Center. Land Disturbance Permit would be applied for once project was approved. Project was partnering with SHINE for gated community for disabled individuals and provide work opportunities. P&Z unanimously recommended Board approve plan.

Wayne Stephenson with GB Engineering presented Bill with park restroom plan today. Project would be ready for bidding.

Public Comments: Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20th, asked if P&Z was responsible to obtain street maintenance plan. Mayor said commission had recommended it, but Board was responsible to obtain it. Rick submitted Property Owner Violation statement for property at 4015 E 13th Street with picture.

Barbara Wade, 507 Morgan Court, submitted Property Owner Violation statement and said The Violent Gentleman at 605 Walnut Ridge continued to have multiple cars parking on both sides of street and obstructing traffic and were open 7 days a week.

Kerry Devine, 314 Morgan Court, submitted Municipal Code Non-Compliance Report about 314 Morgan Court using single family residence for rental.

New Business: none

Update of Commissions & Committees: none

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Cresswell pump had been picked up for repair estimate. New pump estimated cost from Enviroline was \$7,004. Mayor asked Board to purchase new pump. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chris, to approve purchase and installation costs up to \$8,500. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Schedule Next Meeting: Special Meeting for election results was scheduled for April 17 at 6 PM and regular meeting for May 12 at 6PM. P&Z's next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 6 PM.

Park Fence: Nelson Enterprises said fence prices had risen by 20%. Board agreed to change order to reflect that increase.

As there was no further business, motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.