

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MAY 13, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:03 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 3 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 Jane, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: April 8 Regular Meeting:** Motion made by Becca, seconded by Chris, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: April 16 Special Meeting:** Motion made by Chris, seconded by Becca, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** April report approved and filed for audit.

**Bill Summary:** Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$16,087.35; Street: \$650. Axon invoice was for new police truck camera. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Chris, 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. Stalker radar quote from June 2023 had gone up by about 10%. Radar software needed to be updated. Motion to approve up to \$16,000 for 4 radar units was made by Chris, seconded by Jane. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Chris also wanted to thank police officers for their hard work clearing streets and checking on residents after May 6 tornado.

**Business License:** City Clerk asked to include Ponchos Lawn application that was received on Saturday, May 11. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve license applications and renewals. Yea: Baine, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Mayor had not received update from surveyor on 10<sup>th</sup> Street project or estimate to install water and sewer lines to city park.

**Aldermen Interaction:** ARPA funds were designated for revenue replacement and could be used towards tree debris cleanup from May 6 incident. Mayor was checking with Joplin to try to piggy-back off its cleanup contract to keep Duquesne expenses lower.

**Public Comments:** Forest Park Baptist Church had volunteers with Baptist Disaster Relief Team in area to help with cleanup.

**New Business:** Chris asked if after May 2011 tornado city received bill for replacement poles. No.

**Update of Commissions & Committees:** none

**Other Business Deemed Necessary:** none

**Schedule Next Meeting:** Next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 10, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for June 3, at 6 PM.

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 6:49 PM.