

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
JUNE 10, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:02 PM by President of the Board Chris Ellsworth.

**Roll Call:** Answering roll call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Myra Gonzalez, Becca White, Chris Ellsworth. Absent: Mayor Bill Sherman. 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 Chris Ellsworth, followed by invocation prayer given by Becca White.

**Amended Agenda:** Because matter needed immediate action and information for debris removal was not received until today, twenty-four-hour notice was not possible. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: May Regular Meeting:** Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

**Bill Summary:** Board asked Chief to check into two-tier pricing with Zip car cash fees of \$20 and \$25. City Attorney pointed out MIRMA check for \$124,500 for settlement agreement that included release from further litigation. Also, minutes taken during two closed sessions pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) relating to legal actions were now part of open records. Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$163,980.99; Memorial Park: \$1,855.35; Storm Water Park: \$1,789. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Jane, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Court Report:** There were old cases still in InCode, old court recording software, which cannot be dismissed and continue use of software was needed. Received and filed for audit.

**Police Report:** Chief White gave report on department status.

**Bill 24-10 Joplin Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement for Debris Removal:** Since there was no federal or state financial assistance available for May storm cleanup, City was entering into joint agreement with Joplin to remove storm debris. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to place Bill 24-10 on first reading by title only. Agreement did not limit or estimate cleanup costs, but Chris estimated \$25,000 or less would cover Duquesne's share for cleanup within city's limits based on Joplin's amount of cleanup and its estimated cost. City received agreement today, preventing 24-hour agenda notice.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to accept the first reading of Bill 24-10 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 24-10 by title only. Asbell will do debris removal and was expected to start this week. City will be able to review list of locations charged to city prior to approving bill.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 24-10 and assign it Ordinance 533. 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.

**Amanda Hampton with Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC) – Comprehensive Plan Update:** She had met with P&Z for their suggestions and comments. Some of commission's suggestions included listing locations of publicly available storm shelters, higher educational opportunities in area, transportation and communication options, information on city park amenities and as well as other items. She will be developing citizen survey for review.

**Old Business:** Update on 10<sup>th</sup> Street Project: Surveyor had completed survey of roadway.

Water & Sewer Lines to City Park: Missouri American Water has run line from 15<sup>th</sup> Place to north line of city park, across city's vacant lot. No further update from OWN engineers for drawings for sewer and water lines within park.

Stephens Boulevard Stormwater Update: Drawings have been received.

**Aldermen Interaction:** Becca questioned use of Jasper County Sanitation (JCS) for city hall trash service. JCS requires trash to be bagged and cardboard to be flattened, no yard debris, dead animals or other items prohibited by law be placed in dumpster. PD officers often pick up road debris that would not be bagged. Because JCS required trash to be bagged before placing in dumpster, PD was under the impression someone would have to climb into dumpster to bag any loose items and trash was manually removed from dumpster. Neither impressions were correct. JCS manually removes trash bags from portable trash cans.

**Public Comments:** none.

**New Business:** Joplin Agreement for Cleanup Storm Debris: Asbell Trucking would make one pass only. Anything too heavy for their equipment would not be picked up. Debris must be at property edge, as they were unable go onto property.

Duenweg Fire Department (DFD) Recommendation for 2 Fire Hydrants: P&Z had contracted DFD for next recommended locations: 10<sup>th</sup> & Rex and 16<sup>th</sup> & Katherine. Chief said Rex location was outside city limits. Location should be 13<sup>th</sup> & Rex. Board will further discuss additional fire hydrants at July meeting.

**Update of Commissions & Committees:** none

**Other Business Deemed Necessary:** none

**Schedule Next Meeting:** There will be rezoning Public Hearing on Monday, July 15, at 6 PM. Next Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 18, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for July 1, at 6 PM.

Because business meeting will be held much later than usual, motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to authorize payment of standard monthly bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.