

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AUGUST 15, 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, Myra Gonzalez, Becca White, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: none. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, police chief, city clerk and 16 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.

Public Hearing to Rezone 1001 S Duquesne from R-3 to R-4: Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 PM. Property owner, Alex Lane, answered questions and explained his plans for property. He planned four quadplex units, each with one bedroom and one bathroom, approximately 530 square feet. Sixteen units would have one year lease for 2 adults with up to one child or 1 adult with up to 2 children. Units would be VA eligible. P&Z held its public hearing on August 5 and it recommended approval. As there was no further discussion, public hearing closed at 6:11 PM.

Approve Minutes: July 18 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Chris, seconded by Jane, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: July report received and filed for audit. CDs due to mature would be rolled over into new CDs.

Bill Summary: MPR bill for \$714.90 balance was due after Workers Compensation audit. Concern by some Board members about trash restrictions by current provider: Bill explained restrictions were in place because of landfill requirements. Small Arrow Engineering's bill for 10th Street right-of-way survey was city's responsibility because street placement needed to be established. City of Joplin's bill for \$22,147.00 was for storm debris removal and saved city money by piggybacking off Joplin's contract. Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$49,277.27; Memorial Park: \$1,000.00; Sewer & Wastewater: \$135.50; Street: \$2,356.38. 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: Although Sheriff's Retirement Fund fee can no longer be included in court costs, offenses that were written when it was required but were adjudicated were still subject to fee. Received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief White gave report on department status. Increased traffic on 20th was due to Prosperity Road closure. Department received Letters of Accommodation. Officer Meador had received one and he and Sergeant Wenberg had received another one.

CARDS Representative & Service Discussion: Sam McCann, Operations Supervisor for area, addressed Council. Due to large number of complaints City had received about its pickup service, Mayor asked someone from CARDS to attend meeting. He had met with Sam earlier to discuss

matter. Sam said staffing problems should be alleviated with increased personnel. CARDS was in process of removing dumpsters from its clearing site at 830 Katherine. He explained sometimes pickup at individual location(s) was not possible if can was too close to mailbox or other obstruction as 3-foot circle around trash container was needed for automated pickup, which company was now using. He was supposed to be notified by employee so homeowner could be notified why trash was not picked up and company would attempt to pick up within 48 hours.

Sara Ellsworth commented on sporadic service – being skipped 2 to 3 weeks. Denny White commented on difficulty getting someone to answer or being placed on hold for long periods when someone did answer phone call. Amanda Doubet said she had not had her trash picked up for 4 to 5 weeks. She was told by CARDS she could not use her existing can. She got new one and trash was still not being picked up regularly. Lois Largent, owner of property at 12th & Woodland, said that location was missed 3 consecutive weeks. Based on CARDS efforts as outlined by Sam McCann, Council would not take any actions for now.

Amanda Doubet – Noise Ordinance: Amanda Doubet, 1376 S Duquesne Road, had spoken to pastor and other members Celebration Church at 1302 S Duquesne Road about noise level of concerts it's been holding and continues to hold. Her house sits directly south of church and music can be clearly heard in her bedroom that sits on southside of her home. She has spoken to Chief White about noise levels. She offered Council copies of area noise ordinance and asked Council to consider passing noise ordinance that could be applied to this situation. There was another concert, Men's Day, scheduled for September 8. Becca White said she would speak with that pastor.

iWorQ Systems Zoom Meeting: Representative Ben Freeman gave web presentation on Permits, Code Enforcement and Licenses. Its web-based system would be accessible from cellphone, tablet or laptop for usage outside offices. It would take about 60 days to go live.

As parcel-based system, information on any property in system was tied to address and not property owner. Pictures of violations (i.e.: weeds, etc.) could be downloaded and stored for historical information. License module would generate and send email renewal information automatically. Forms and fields can be customized to meet city's needs. City would be able to make some changes, but iWorQ would be available to assist at no additional cost.

All data was owned by city and would be given to city if contract was ended. It was cloud-based program, hosted by Amazon Web Services (AWS), that stores data. Data conversion was included in proposal cost.

Interface with city's website option was available for additional cost for online portal of \$1,000 annually. Payment Processing module was also available for online payment and could be added later. Additional annual cost would be \$1,500 per year. Transaction fee was paid by user.

Instead of its usual 3-year agreement requirement, iWorQ agreed to year-by-year contract.

Bill 24-07 Rezone 1001 S Duquesne Road from R-3 to R-4: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chris, to place Bill 24-11 on first reading by title only. Bill 24-11 was read by title only. P&Z held its public hearing on August 5 and recommended rezoning application approval. Site plan would need to be approved before building permit could be approved, but rezoning would be effective immediately.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept first reading of Bill 24-11 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 24-11 by title only. Bill 24-11 was read by title only for second and final time. No further discussion.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept second and final reading of Bill 24-11 by title only and assign it Ordinance 534. 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: HSTCC submitted revised park grant. No bids to build restroom facility to date. Since water and electricity must be run to park, it had been recommended to add 5'x12' mechanical room to restroom plans. Mayor had contacted several contractors to obtain bids. Bids were between \$66,299 and \$113,333 for 12'x12' concrete block building with stainless steel appliances. Revision would increase grant to \$359,000 and increase city's match to \$187,000.

Splash pad was scheduled to ship September 20. Shelter and playground equipment ship in October. Construction must be completed by March 31, 2026. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to authorize Mayor to approve HSTCC to prepare bid pack for restroom.

Comprehensive Plan: Postcards inviting citizens to P&Z Work Session at 6PM on September 5 were at printers and would be sent out.

Aldermen Interaction: Becca asked what options city's current noise ordinance has and for copies of sample ordinances left by Amanda Doubet earlier in meeting be sent to all Council members. Mayor said he would email copies.

Jane mentioned Joplin started new five-year sewer rate study.

Public Comments: Kerry Devine, 314 Morgan Court, sprinkler system waived with low volume occupancy.

Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20th Street, asked about status of website being developed by S&S Computers. City would pay for services at delivery. Becca recommended deadline for completion be issued. If not completed, then seek bids for another developer.

New Business: Becca reminded everyone that "Treats on the Trails" would not be held this year.

Update of Commissions & Committees: none

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Mayor asked Kerry Devine to approach dais. She had given check to Mayor for blinds damage by election workers. Charlie Davis had already agreed to reimburse city for blind replacement.

Schedule Next Meeting: Next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 9, at 6 PM. Budget Work Session September 23 and Special Meeting to amend old and pass new budget, September 30 at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for September 5, with Work Session at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM.

As there was no further business, motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.