

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 9, 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 Mayor Bill Sherman.

Roll Call: Answer roll call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Myra Gonzalez, Chris Ellsworth and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Becca White. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, police chief, city clerk and 15 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 Jane, seconded by Chris, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Rezone 3813 Cresswell from R-1 to R-4: Mayor opened public hearing at 6:05. Ben Leavens, 210 S Duquesne, was wanting to build Glory Village, small gated-community with 2-bedroom, 2-bath units. There would be central community center, but no garages or carports. P&Z held its public hearing on ~~November~~ September 2 and recommended approval of application. No comments from public present, Mayor closed public hearing at 6:10.

Use of Property at 4785 E 20th – Jessica Vervair: Shyla Williams, 8701 State Line Road, Seneca, appeared for Ms. Vervair. Ms. Vervair was interested in property if she could construct shelter and house her horses on property. Ordinance required ½ acre per horse. Five-acre parcel could house her 5 horses. Section 205 Animal Regulations required permit that was to be reviewed annually. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Myra, to approve permit. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: August 15 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: City Clerk stated interest earned by CDs goes to funding source. (i.e.: CD purchased with Street Funds, Street Funds would receive interest. August report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$13,601.42; Memorial Park: \$3,484; Storm Water Park: \$5,063.25; Street: \$378.48. Two OWN Inc invoices were for ongoing engineering projects. Joe Machens Ford check was for new vehicle scheduled for delivery this week. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chris, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief White had been called away from meeting. Motion made by Chris, seconded by Jane, to table report until Chief returned. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Bill 24-12: Rezone 3813 Cresswell from R-1 to R-4: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to place Bill 24-12 on first reading by title only. No discussion.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chris, to accept the first reading of Bill 24-12 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 24-12 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Chris, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 24-12 and assign it Ordinance 535. Yea: Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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

Old Business: Agreement with iWorQ Systems: Two proposals were presented. However, one was one-year contract, as agreed, but second one was three-year contract. Mayor and City Clerk said they planned on meeting other possible vendors at Missouri Municipal League conference.

Noise Ordinance: Given recent complaints city had received about loud concerts in their neighborhoods, city decided to review current noise ordinance. Board requested city attorney draft sample ordinance section for review with copy of Kansas City ordinance as template. Mayor has purchased 2 handheld decibel meters so PD could calibrate level of noise.

PD Report: Chief returned to meeting. Chief White gave report on department status. New vehicle currently in Columbia and delivery was expected this week. NRoute would install needed equipment as soon as vehicle arrived. Question about Comer's Wrecker's bill on Bill Summary was caused by miscommunication with Comer employees.

Comprehensive Plan: P&Z reviewed first 10 pages and plan to give changes to Amanda Hampton with Harry S Truman Coordinating Council when review process was completed.

Aldermen Interaction: Jane commented on tall weeds at 1001 S Duquesne road. Ordinance required at least 10-feet from road must be maintained. Mayor agreed to notify landowner, Alex Lane. Chris asked about large burn pile at 1010 S Duquesne Road. Chief said department had mailed letter to owner.

Public Comments: Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20th, asked about website update.

Isiah Bowen, 520 Knoll Drive, (between Walnut Ridge and Duquesne Road) said road was crumbling and in disrepair. He asked if City had any plans to resurface. His children (Noah 7 and Ezra 5 like to ride bikes, etc.) Mayor said city has 5-year road maintenance plan that was based on greatest need and traffic usage. No major repairs or resurfacing projects were currently planned.

Dennis Doubet, 1376 S Duquesne, was concerned about next concert scheduled at church for October 2. As he had arrived late, Mayor explained steps city was pursuing to update noise ordinance to address such situations and that 2 decibel meters had been purchased to measure noise levels.

New Business: none.

Update of Commissions & Committees: none

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Amanda Hampton was taking over park project from Olivia Spencer who was going on maternity leave. Bid request for waterlines had not been sent. Lack of waterlines impacts other projects.

Schedule Next Meeting: Next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for October 7, with Work Session at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM.

As there was no further business, motion made by Chris, seconded by Jane, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.