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**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 14, 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 8 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.

Revised Agenda: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Jane, approve agenda as presented. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: September 9 Regular Meeting: Correct P&Z Public Hearing date to September 2. Motion made by Myra, seconded by Jane, to approve amended minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve September 23 Budget Work Session and September 30 Special Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: September report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$10,818.82. Motion made by Myra, seconded by Chris, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Received and filed for audit.

Police Report: . Chief White gave report on department status. New vehicle was delivered and was currently being outfitted.

Officer Pete Box – Influx of Illegal Immigrants into Area: There was a rumor that Joplin area would receive 10,000 illegal immigrants. Senator Jill Carter had open meeting recently that Mayor Sherman and Officer Box attended, wherein, she stated that she was not able to confirm such migration plans. Officer Box stated he had attended police squad meeting it was said such migration was expected. Joplin does not have sufficient number of hotel rooms to such influx. There were already 300 new migrant students, with additional 200 expected. Lane Roberts has denied report of massive migration. Senator Carter said Missouri Governor has constitutional authority and power to enforce laws to prohibit such influx. Officer Box ended by suggesting everyone consider stocking up on nonperishable goods.

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

Old Business: Proposed Noise Ordinance: Three versions were presented. After discussion, Board preferred version 2 with deletion of section 9 “Refuse and Recycling Vehicles” and add “except in

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emergency situations” to subparagraph 2 for power tools. (NOTE: Becca left at 6:53PM during discussion.) Mike Talley will make recommended changes for next meeting.

Aldermen Interaction: Park overrun for \$1,000. Play By Design ran into old footings during installation of shelter. Bids for open park projects were scheduled for this Wednesday at 10AM. Chris has posted park updates on Facebook and received lots of comments. Software for licenses and permits was still pending.

Public Comments: Kerry Devine, 314 Morgan Court, expressed concern about second gym in her neighborhood.

Caroline Perigo, 4460 E 26th Street, said several neighbors had approached her about rumor of 10,000 illegal immigrants being brought into area. She had arrived late and missed Officer Box's presentation. Board gave quick summary of earlier discussion. She asked if informational meeting could be scheduled. Board would consider it.

New Business: none.

Update of Commissions & Committees: none

Other Business Deemed Necessary: none.

Schedule Next Meeting: Next Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 11, at 6 PM. P&Z's next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 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, Gonzalez, Ellsworth. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.