**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bill Sherman.

**ROLL CALL** Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Becca White, and Chris Ellsworth. Also in attendance were 11 Guests.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** to the United States of America was led by Mayor Bill Sherman.

**INVOCATION** was given by Mayor Bill Sherman.

**AGENDA** Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve the agenda as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**MINUTES FROM 8/8 REGULAR MEETING** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve meeting minutes as amended. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** Approved and filed for Audit

**BILL SUMMARY** Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, seconded by Becca White to approve the bills as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**COURT REPORT** Board approved report and filed for audit.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT** Police Report was presented to the Board by Chief Jonathan White.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CYBER INSURANCE:** Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to authorize the purchase of the new cyber insurance for the next fiscal year. Voting in favor were Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**ALDERMAN INTERACTION** Alderman Baine asked about the CDBG closeout and was told that if was being finalized. She also inquired about LAGERS and was told that the initial evaluation had been done and we were working on the next steps to get it processed.

Mayor Bill Sherman spoke to the Board about receiving calls from citizens for the MAPS program and he wants to provide this service again. The Board members requested a new rate schedule to make a decision. Alderman White feels there are other options for transportation. Mayor Bill Sherman stated that they bill the city per ride for each rider as one flat fee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Andrea with Power Sync Solar:** She spoke to the Board about the city’s solar panel regulations of 2 ft. from all edges being very limiting. She went on to say that surrounding cities don’t require such regulations. City Attorney Mike Talley asked her to provide the codes from the other cities she was speaking of.

**UPDATE ON COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES** Alderman White stated that the Treats on the Trail will be October 29th 3-5pm in the park and the rain date will be October 30th.

Rick Gamboa stated that Planning and Zoning are continuing their education with work sessions and at their regular meeting there were no issues.

Rick Gamboa stated that there was no meeting and the next meeting will be October 6th at 6pm where the plan is to spec out what we want in the Park with the next grant if we get it.

**HIRING OF OFFICER CHRISTOPHER MORRIS:** Mayor Bill Sherman appointed the hiring of Christopher Morris at the rate of $20 per hour starting Monday September 19th with a 90 probationary period. Motion made by Jane Baine, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to accept the appointment to hire Christopher Morris. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF SONYA WHITE TO PARK COMMITTEE:** Mayor Bill Sherman appointed Sonya White to the Park Committee for a term of 2 years. Motion made by Becca White, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to approve the appointment of Sonya White to the Park Committee. Voting in favor were Baine, White and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY** Mayor Bill Sherman spoke to the Board about considering budgeting for a new truck for the city. He went on to say he is looking for a low mileage vehicle between 20,000 and 30,000. Alderman White asked about an option to push/plow trucks and asked for us to check MO Dot. Alderman Ellsworth suggested only looking at 4-wheel drive trucks.

Alderman Ellsworth asked that we revisit the idea of getting a new sign for the city. We will need to get three bids and the City Clerk will provide those to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Bill Sherman also stated that he is considering doing a Coffee and Donuts event once a month. Alderman Baine and Ellsworth liked that idea.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be October 13th at 6PM.

There was no further business, a motion was made by Becca White, seconded by Chris Ellsworth to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, White, and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.