

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MAY 11, 2026 – 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 was Aldermen Jane Baine, Myra Gonzalez, Becca White, and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Todd Stone. City Attorney Mike Talley, Chief White, city clerk and 14 guests were also present.

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 Myra, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: April 13 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$17,015.61, Memorial Park: \$50,780.95; Storm Water / Park Fund: \$1,987.65 and Street Fund \$1,328.16. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief gave report on department status. No update on delivery date for new PD vehicle. Chief asked for Board approval to outfit new vehicle for up to \$34,000 so he can schedule it with Nroute 360. Motion made by Myra, seconded by Jane, to approve up to \$34,000 to equip new vehicle. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried. Board requested Chief obtain quote to add security camera(s) to park. Splashpad was scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Sam Hickey Site Plan Review: P&Z reviewed plan and recommended approval pending approved stormwater plan and waiver of paving requirement for 5 years after final approval. Sam planned to construct 50'x120' metal shop building at 1808 S Duquesne Road to store equipment and would not be for general public. Motion made by Jane to approve site plan pending approved stormwater plan and grant 5-year paving waiver. Due to no second, Jane withdrew her motion. After some discussion, Mr. Hickey agreed to pave parking area after building was constructed. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to approve site plan pending approved stormwater plan. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

MS4 Permit Renewal Meeting: Meeting opened at 7:05 PM. Mayor explained as part of permit process, city was required to hold stormwater public meetings and he had asked several residents to address Council with property issues after recent heavy rains.

- Ted “Joe” Woodmansee, 407 Knoll, provided several videos showing drainage issues at his location and explained several things he had done to try and fix problems. However, he felt problems were caused by his neighbors’ properties. Google Earth showed his property was bowled shape and he got drainage from all sides. He wondered if crowning roadway and ditch improvements would resolve matter. City’s Stormwater Master Plan, which was developed to assign priorities to stormwater issues but Knoll was not included in plan.
- Devin Dalton, 3820 E 10th, said last 2.5” rainfall caused puddling and running flow of water down his driveway. He wondered if larger culvert was needed to handle such rainfall.
- Kristi McGowen, 1500 Ryan Road, said they had built retaining wall around part of their property on Kimberley and Ryan. She reported several whistles were collapsed/crushed or filled with debris. She also said her neighbor, Emily Berendt (3608 E 16th – corner of 16th & Ryan Lane) has similar problems.
- Jackie Seneker asked what MS4 was and if there might be any grants available to help with costs to make improvements. Mayor explained MS4 permit had to be renewed every 5 years.
- Mayor had met with resident in Blake Addition. Last heavy rain got into home’s crawlspace and garage. Large culvert (44” to 48”) cannot handle heavy rains and area around culvert was eroding. Mayor commented that Stormwater Master Plan had suggested that to correct stormwater issues in Blake Addition, one property would have to be condemned and used to handle drainage for neighborhood. Hearing closed at 8:05 PM.

Board decided to hold another community meeting to further discuss stormwater problems on Friday, May 29, from 5-7PM. Becca would create and place flier on Facebook.

Bill 26-04 Agreement: Hicklin Asphalt to Repair City Hall Parking Lot for \$35,575: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Myra, to place Bill 26-04 on first reading by title only. Repairs would include adding apron up to shop building, remove and replace areas on south side and back, and fill cracks. Mayor advertised and sought additional bids but received only one from Hicklin.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 26-04 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 26-04 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 26-04 and assign it Ordinance #562. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none.

Business License: Motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to approve renewal and new license applications as listed. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Old Business: Update on Memorial Park: Restroom still not completed. RE Smith had been notified that penalty was in effect, starting April 1, as project was supposed to be completed by March 31.

Aldermen Interaction: Jane asked if Hicklin Asphalt might be interested in repairing potholes. Mayor said he sought bids to paint storm shelter. He received two. Dan’s Painting bid for \$800 was lowest and accepted. He could have job completed by May 30. City Hall plumbing issue has

been repaired. Broken pipe was repaired and installation of cleanout box was completed. “No Littering” signs have been ordered. Mayor waiting on Total Electronics Contracting (TEC) to address sound system issue. Mayor contracted Stewart Neece about revised legal description for park to remove storm shelter from park. No word from Nelson Enterprises about installation of handicap parking spaces. Small Arrow Engineering has recused itself from roundabout project and seeking grant funding on behalf of city.

Public Comments: Kerry Divine, 314 Morgan Court, asked about large building being constructed on Duquesne Road. She thought it appeared larger and taller than existing house. It was not. She also asked about Mobile Mechanics at 1219 S Duquesne Road.

Ashley Harrell, 4320 E 23rd, asked about basin inspection in Piper Glen. Mayor said it failed and was responsibility of Piper Glen HOA.

New Business: Mayor read Rick Gamboa letter of resignation for Park Committee and Planning & Zoning Commission, effective immediately. Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was scheduled for May 22 at 4PM.

Update of Commissions & Committees: P&Z scheduled next meeting for June 1 with Work Session at 6PM, followed by Regular Meeting at 7PM.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: Board had received copy of proposed Master Service Agreement for OWN Engineering.

Schedule Next Meeting: Council Meeting scheduled for June 8 at 6 PM.

As there was no further business, motion made by Becca, seconded by Myra, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.