

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JULY 13, 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, Becca White, Todd Stone and Mayor Bill Sherman. Absent: Myra Gonzalez. 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 Todd, seconded by Becca, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing to Rezone 3850 E 20th from Undeveloped to C-2 and R-4: At 6:02 hearing was opened. Chris Wynn, CJW Engineering (5051 S National, Springfield MO) and developer, Mike Cronkhite, Westward Land Co (1526 S Enterprise Avenue, Springfield MO) were present to answer questions. Proposed R-4 area would be for single family homes. Lot sizes would range from 5,500 sq/ft to 9,000 sq/ft. They would leave 6-foot sidewalk easement along Duquesne Road. Developer would install utilities including streetlights and required streets. City of Joplin said current sewer system would be able to handle estimated 136 homes. Streets would have 50-foot rights-of-way with 31-foot paved surfaces. Fire hydrants would be placed every 300 feet. Planned side yard would be only be 6 feet, as opposed to city's required 10 feet. Detention basin and sidewalks built inside development would be maintained by HOA.

Lot Split application was not yet approved and would need to be approved prior to rezoning. Planning & Zoning held its public hearing on July 6. Commission recommended adding street access on 20th Street and recommended approval of rezoning requests. As there was no further comment, at 7:14 hearing closed.

Approve Minutes: June 8 Regular Meeting: Motion made by Jane, seconded by Todd, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: June 11 Special Meeting: Special meeting was held to approve Silent Salute fireworks application that was received on Wednesday. Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Bill Summary: Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$16,877.02; Memorial Park: \$4,205.48; and Street Fund: \$75.00. S&S Computers for annual email addresses was for 7 addresses @ \$4.50 for 12 months. Millennial Security had to repair park restroom door handle that kept coming off when trying to exit restroom. Motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to accept Bill Summary and pay outstanding bills. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Court Report: Report received and filed for audit.

Police Report: Chief gave report on department status. Joplin road project, which would impact road traffic, was slated to begin this month.

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

Old Business: DAT Chicken site plan review was submitted to OWN engineering on Friday.

Update on Memorial Park: There has been no response from RE Smith about dead sod or imposed penalty. There were also concerns about restroom floor drain. Pile of chat on park parking area was reserved for settlement of handicap parking space.

Aldermen Interaction: Trees overhanging onto roadway and obstructing views. Mayor asked chief to make list with location and he would hire contractor to remove obstructions.

Planning and Zoning has requested joint meeting City Council to discuss sign ordinance that Council had sent back to P&Z for revision. No possible dates were discussed.

Mayor asked about updating building permit fees since these have been unchanged since adoption in 2009. No decision was made.

Public Comments: Ashely Harrell, 4320 E 23rd,

Caleb Lewis, 4422 University Circle, asked if city had considered posting available positions on InDeed or Handshake websites.

New Business: Donnie Greenlee has submitted his resignation from P&Z because he was moving outside city.

Update of Commissions & Committees: P&Z scheduled next meeting for August 3 Regular Meeting only at 6PM.

Other Business Deemed Necessary: none.

Schedule Next Meeting: Council Meeting scheduled for August 10 at 6 PM.

As there was no further business, motion made by Todd, seconded by Becca, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.