

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
DECEMBER 8, 2025 – 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 7 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 Becca seconded by Todd, to approve agenda. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: November 10 Regular Meeting:** Motion made by Becca, seconded by Jane, to approve minutes. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Approve Minutes: November 13 Special Meeting with Closed Session:** Postponed to December meeting.

**Financial Report:** Report received and filed for audit.

**Bill Summary:** Outstanding bills for General Funds: \$8,131.27; Memorial Park: \$210.10 and Storm Water/Park Fund: \$2,897.75. Motion made by Jane, 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:** Report on department status was presented and received. Part-time officer was set to start in January. Chief planned to apply for about \$30,000 LEST grant for 2026. Awarded amounts would be released in February 2026.

**Troy Dunlap with Small Arrow Engineering to Discuss Agreement:** Troy reviewed scope of proposed 20<sup>th</sup> and Duquesne roundabout upgrade. Firm would perform traffic studies, submit preliminary design and opinion of anticipated construction costs for sum not to exceed \$17,500. Sixty to 90 days was estimated time to complete.

**Bill 25-16 Small Arrow Engineering Agreement to for Roundabout Study & Upgrade for \$17,500:** Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to place Bill 25-16 on first reading by title only. No discussion.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the first reading of Bill 25-16 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 25-16 by title only.

Motion made by Jane, seconded by Becca, to accept the second and final reading by title only of Bill 25-16 and assign it Ordinance 558. Yea: Baine, Gonzalez, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Business License:** Motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to approve all license applications. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Old Business: Stephens Boulevard Project Change Order:** not available

**Aldermen Interaction:** Stormwater Issues: Board discussed possibility of public hearing for residents to submit suggestions or input in mid-January. Chief said during last heavy rain event, 20<sup>th</sup> (westbound at Casey's and near Pax-Air) and some private properties on Ryan and Johnson had water over roads.

Becca asked about fire hydrant installations recommended by P&Z. Mayor would contact MAWC.

Transient Proposed Ordinance that was drafted from Joplin's ordinance was held for future consideration.

**Public Comments:** Rick Gamboa, 4005 E 20<sup>th</sup> Street, asked P&Z to be sent copy of roundabout study as soon received by city. He asked about possible squatters' ordinance similar to Joplin's.

Kerry Divine, 314 Morgan Court, asked if citizens would be notified about transient ordinance. She also asked about 10<sup>th</sup> Street development and if there was bidding for roundabout project.

**Consider Vote to Go into Closed Session** Pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) relating to leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor. Motion made by Todd, seconded by Jane, to go into closed session. By roll call, those in favor: Jane Baine, Becca White, Todd Stone. At 7:31 Council adjourned and went into closed session.

At 9:04 Council went back into open session and announced no motion made or vote was taken.

**New Business:** Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield Renewal: Motion made by Todd, seconded by Jane, to keep current health insurance package. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Update of Commissions & Committees:** Next P&Z scheduled Work Session for January 5 at 6PM with Regular Meeting at 7PM.

**Other Business Deemed Necessary:** Two sections of fencing would be removed for restroom construction. RE Smith would replace fencing once project was completed.

**Schedule Next Meeting:** Council Meeting scheduled for January 12

As there was no further business, motion made by Becca, seconded by Todd, to adjourn. Yea: Baine, White, Stone. Nay: none. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.