

**DUQUESNE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting for the Duquesne Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Heilbrun.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Aldermen Jane Baine, Barbara Welch, Adam Hogan, Chris Ellsworth and Gary Heilbrun. Also in attendance was City Attorney Mike Talley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to the United State of America was led by Mayor Gary Heilbrun.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Melody Cundiff.

AGENDA

Motion made by Adam Hogan, second by Barbara Welch to approve the amended agenda to include inserting Bill 19-18 and changing New Business License with Alcohol Sales to Business License with Alcohol Sales Renewal. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Barbara Welch to approve the August 12th minutes as presented. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Flo Dempsey and Rebecca White spoke to the Board about having a Trunk of Treat event on October 26th from 5 – 7 p.m. at the City Hall where the police cars as well as others would be decorated and the police officers would be available to meet with the kids. Flo Dempsey went on to tell the Board that the Police Department has some funds that they have collected throughout the years that they would like to donate to this cause. Rebecca White went on to tell them that there will be flyers going home with the children at the schools to let them know about the event. Police Chief Kitch stated that he will take care of all the parking issues. The Board gave their approval to move ahead with plans for the Trunk or Treat.

SPIRE ROAD CUTS

Ryan Conley with Spire spoke to the Board stating that the work at 10th and Peters would then go down to Katherine then over to Duquesne and 10th and Woodland ending at Belle Locke. Ryan stated that they are currently on phase #1 and would soon be moving to phase #2 but overall they were looking at a completion in January weather permitting. He went on to tell the Board that they are hoping to stay out of Duquesne Road as much as possible. Alderman Chris Ellsworth stated that there are multiple places from previous repairs that are still cold fill, that the proper paving has never been done. Mike Fornelli with Spire then spoke to the Board letting them know that they will be off the road based on the right a way as much as possible. Alderman Welch asked how the concrete would work with the surface on Duquesne Road being different. Mayor Gary Heilbrun let them know that the City will be contacting the city engineers to look at the plans. Ryan Conley went on to tell the Board that there would be no service interruption and that they would avoid disturbing as much concrete as they could. Mayor Heilbrun asked if there were any other roads that Spire would be branching out to and Mr. Conley replied no that the streets you see in the drawings are the streets that they will be dealing with. Rick Gamboa asked about the city sewer lines and Mr. Conley stated that they have pre and post inspection camera footage on everything that they do to avoid disturbing or damaging the sewer lines.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET SUMMARY

Approved and filed for Audit

BILL SUMMARY

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, second by Adam Hogan to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COURT REPORT

August Court Report was presented. Board approved report and filed for audit.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Police Chief Kitch presented to the Board of Aldermen.

BILL 19-18: CHAPTER 610: MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS

After a discussion among the Board a motion was made by Barbara Welch, second by Adam Hogan to table Bill 19-18 until the next meeting. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays:

None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, second by Adam Hogan to approve the new Business Licenses as listed on the agenda. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL WITH ALCOHOL SALES

Motion made by Jane Baine, second by Chris Ellsworth to approve the Business License with Alcohol Sales Renewal as listed on the agenda. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:**ZONING ORDINANCE DISCUSSION**

Alderman Welch asked again about the Garage, Parking and Storage portion that is listed in the proposed Bill. She was given the explanation that this is an editorial assistance for publication purposes. Mayor Heilbrun brought up the fact that the blood relation question has been brought up. City Attorney Mike Talley stated that as it is it can be read to exclude grandparents and believes that they should be included. It was suggested that we rephrase it to say two individual people plus their blood relatives and/or offspring, (also included are children of adoption, foster, and children under guardianship) having a relationship which is functionally equivalent to a family. It was also asked about a definition for "boarding house" within the ordinance. It was decided that on the last paragraph we would delete the part that states about a rooming house. It was also brought up that the time frame issue has not been resolved.

UPDATE OF CITY MATTERS

Nothing to report.

ALDERMAN INTERACTION

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Gamboa, 4005 E. 20th spoke to the Board about a sales tax increase that would be tagged for Storm Water and Recreational Park Maintenance. He stated that a public hearing could be held for a .125

percent tax increase that would last for 10 years and he asked that an ordinance be worked up to have it put on the April 2020 ballot. He stated that this is important to remember that this is not a property tax. Alderman Welch stated that by putting it on the ballot the worst thing that could happen would be that the voters turn it down. Aldermen Ellsworth, Hogan, Baine and Welch did not have a issue with putting it on the ballot. City Attorney Mike Talley stated he will work up an ordinance for this issue. Rick Gamboa went on to ask about the Joplin Special Road District putting up city signs. Mayor Gary Heilbrun stated that it is the County that is in charge of 20th Street. He would like to see the Police Department increasing the enforcement of truck requirements.

NEW BUSINESS:

PURCHASING OF ADDITIONAL CD

Mayor Gary Heilbrun asked the Board to consider allowing him to purchase an additional CD with city funds. He stated that in order to do this requires that the Board minutes must state that the Mayor has been given the Boards approval. It was suggested that for the next meeting he have a list of locations and rates and the Board tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

STORM WATER COSTS

The Board decided to table this discussion until the next meeting after further information was gathered from the City Engineers. Mayor Heilbrun explained to the Board that this grant is a matching funds grant for up to \$80,000. They provide a 1-11/2% loan for the \$80,000. We would have 3 years to use the funds once the city receives the funds. Our deadline is November 30th to get everything in.

ACCEPTANCE OF DAVID WEAVER LETTER

A motion was made by Chris Ellsworth, second by Adam Hogan to accept the letter and went on to say that his last day would be September 30th. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UPDATE OF COMMISIONS AND COMMITTEES

Chris Ellsworth reported that the P & Z Commission did not meet in September as there was no business on the agenda.

Barbara Welch reported that the Park Committee met August 19th and that Rick Gamboa has worked up a letter that they would like to have sent out to the businesses in the city for donations to the Park. She also announced that we have a new member to the committee, Rebecca White. She went on to ask the Board for permission to use \$200 dollars for postage to send out the letters. Motion made by Chris Ellsworth, second by Jane Baine to approve using \$200 of city funds towards postage to mail out Park donation letters. Voting in favor were Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF BUDGET SESSIONS

A Work Session will be held on September 17, 2019 at 5 p.m. A Special Meeting will be held September 27, 2019 at 5 p.m.

There was no further business, a motion was made by Chris Ellsworth, second by Adam Hogan to adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor was Baine, Welch, Hogan and Ellsworth. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.