

City Council for City of Duquesne met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2012, at City Hall.

Mayor Denny White called meeting to order. David Weaver gave invocation.

Roll call was taken. Mayor Denny White, Aldermen Dale Daniels, Frank Herron, George Reeve, Lisa Daugherty were present. Absent: none. City Attorney Mike Talley, Police Chief Kitch, David Weaver and 36 visitors were also present.

Agenda: Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Frank Herron, to approve agenda. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 14 Regular Meeting were presented. No changes or corrections, minutes were approved as presented.

Financial report for January was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, report was approved and filed for audit.

Court report for January was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, report was approved.

Appoint Judge to Two-Year Term: Mayor recommended Board approve re-appointing Judge Mark Elliston to another 2-year term as City's Municipal Judge. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by George Reeve, to approve recommendation and re-appoint Judge Elliston. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Home Sweet Homes USA Inc: Doug Wickstrom, President, and two associates distributed information about type of houses built. Houses under consideration would appraise between \$100,000 to \$125,000 and be handicapped accessible. Board explained Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (HSTCC) was appointed as administrator and would be responsible for reviewing application.

Business License Renewal: Summary of 40 businesses requesting license renewals was presented. Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to approve renewals. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Steve Gobel (2202 Sunshine Drive) owns property at Bunny Lane and Ryan Road. He expressed concerns about Katherine Estates project.

Tony Storie (502 Bunny Lane) had submitted request for records and wanted to know when he could expect those records. Clerk stated she planned to have documents ready by week's end.

Roger Bone (2501 Freeport) asked if copy of zoning map was available. Board said map is kept in city offices.

Old Business: Updates on City Matters: Street Repair Bids: Bid opening is scheduled for 2 PM, Wednesday, February 6. Bids will be for patching roads, as directed by FEMA, from tornado damage and, second option, asphalt overlay. Also included, is upgrade of 20th & Katherine intersection. Bids will be opened, read out loud and taken by Allgeier Martin representative for bid tabulation. Tabulation report and recommendation will be provided to Board for its consideration.

Attorney Memorandum: Restrictions on Use or Annexation of Property in Sunshine Drive vicinity was presented and explained by City Attorney Mike Talley. No reference was made in 1993 restrictions to annexation.

Letter from Barnum, Pennick, Barton (dated February 1, 2013): Mike Talley recommended that City respond to letter to clarify that Alderman Daugherty was not acting on behalf of, or at the request of, City when she made contact with Missouri Highway Patrol, but that she was acting only as a private citizen. Following further discussion, Mayor directed that Mr. Talley make recommended response, and no Board of Aldermen member disagreed with this direction. Mr. Talley also recommended that City notify insurance agent(s) of possible pending legal action.

University Circle Floodplain Study: Allgeier Martin & Associates (AMA) submitted proposal for \$19,800 to complete hydraulic/hydrological analysis of area to see if any or all of lots could be removed from floodplain designation. Cinda Sweet (3711 E 13th) had spoken with Chris Erisman with AMA who said there were no guarantees study would allow any properties to be removed. She felt like money would be better spent on roads and University Circle landowners should pay for study.

Robert Downey (4226 University Circle) said Shawn Turner had built houses in both University Circle and Tall Grass Estates, had Anderson Engineering do similar study and was successful with getting Tall Grass properties FEMA certified and removed from floodplain status.

Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Frank Herron, to approve AMA proposal and have attorney draft necessary ordinance. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve. Nays: none. Abstain: Alderman Daugherty. Motion carried.

Unused Sewer Funds: Three options: 1) Blake Addition; 2) Summit Drive line; or 3) 7th Street south to 20th Street by Kenser Road. Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to have Allgeier Martin design lines and prepare bid documents for Blake Addition. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mediacom Phone & Internet Proposal: Clerk was unable to get AT&T to supply comparative proposal, despite multiple attempts to obtain proposal. Mediacom will also provide cable, at no additional charge. Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Lisa Daugherty, to approve Mediacom's proposal and switch city telephone service. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

New Business: Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Kitch presented report. New patrol car has been ordered and should be delivered mid-March to late April. Department has applied for LEST (law enforcement sales tax) grant with Jasper County Sheriff Department. Chief should now if approved by February 15.

2013 Health Insurance: There was 1.12% increase in premiums, per age bracket with current coverage. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by George Reeve, to approve continuation of current coverage with Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bill Summary: January outstanding bills of \$17,413.89; and \$629.57 for Sewer and Wastewater Fund were presented. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by George Reeve, to pay outstanding bills as presented. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Streetlight at 26th & Sunshine: Empire checked about pre-tornado light at intersection. There was not one there before tornado. To add light at that intersection, it would cost about \$12 per month. Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to approve additional streetlight at location. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Offer to Plant Trees along Roads Leading to Roundabout at 20th & Duquesne: Ric Mayer, Missouri Department of Conservation, had proposed his department to provide and plant trees along 20th & Duquesne approaching roundabout. Board declined offer as there are still future plans to widen both roads.

Next Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting: Commission met just prior to Council meeting and set its next meeting for March 4 at 6 PM.

William Shumate asked about burnt house at 4041 E 25th. Board stated landowners have settled with insurance company and now in process having structure removed. David Weaver wanted to clarify City was found to be without fault with cause of fire. Statements had been made suggesting WIB workers, who had been burning in area just prior to fire, might be to blame. Fire Marshall has determined fire started inside structure.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Dale Daniels, seconded by George Reeve, to adjourn meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 8:30 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Terry Ingram, City Clerk