

City Council for City of Duquesne met in Special Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014, at City Hall.

Acting President of Board of Aldermen Roger Bone called meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. Aldermen Frank Herron, Barbara Welch, Roger Bone, Lisa Daugherty were present. Absent: Mayor Denny White. City Attorney Mike Talley and 18 visitors were also present.

Agenda: Motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Frank Herron, to approve agenda. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Determination of Mayor White's Status: Roger stated he spoke with Mayor on Tuesday morning. Mayor stated he would not resign and he had no further comment.

After lengthy discussion, motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Barbara Welch, to direct 2-person committee consisting of Aldermen Herron and Daugherty, to interview independent investigators and make recommendation to Board. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion continued about some Board members' concern over current situation and Mayor's failure to attend and preside at Board meetings and his refusal to communicate with Acting President of Board. City Attorney agreed to speak with Mayor and his attorney about Mayor's need to communicate with Board.

Motion made by Lisa Daugherty to relieve Mayor of his day-to-day responsibilities until his health permitted him to attend and preside at Board meetings. Discussion followed. It was asked whether or not Mayor would have to comply with Board's decision if motion passed and if Board decided to suspend Mayor's authority to handle day-to-day activities. City Attorney said he had never encountered situation like that, but Mayor would probably be under no obligation to comply with that motion and could continue conducting day-to-day business if he chose to do so – and that appeared to be Mayor's intent. If that were to occur, City Attorney stated that this Board would essentially be telling City Clerk that Mayor had no authority while Mayor continued to exercise that authority, and that would place City Clerk in impossible situation. Whose orders should City Clerk follow? – It would bring City to virtual halt. Lisa Daugherty's motion failed for lack of second.

Barbara questioned number of signatures required on checks and who was authorized to sign checks on behalf of City. Two signatures are required for City checks. Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Clerk are authorized. She asked City

Attorney to see if that was common practice and to check with Missouri State Auditor's website. City Attorney agreed to do so and report back.

Consider Vote to Go into Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3: Mayor Pro-Tem deferred item to October 14 meeting as David Weaver, City's HR person was not in attendance.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Frank Herron, seconded by Lisa Daugherty, to adjourn meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Welch, Bone, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 7:00 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Terry Ingram, City Clerk