

Final
Regular Meeting

July 13, 2015

Board of Aldermen opened Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 13, 2015.
Mayor Lisa Daugherty called meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present were Aldermen Chris Ellsworth, Gary Heilbrun, Barbara Welch, and Roger Bone. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Lisa Daugherty, City Attorney Mike Talley, David Weaver and approximately 19 guests.

Agenda: Motion made by Alderman Welch, seconded by Alderman Heilbrun, to approve agenda. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Title IV: Land Use, Chapter 404: Zoning Regulations, Section 404.030: Off-Street Parking and Loading Spaces
Chapter 405: Miscellaneous Land Use Regulations, By Repealing Section 405.011: Setback Variances

The Planning and Zoning Commission voted to not recommend this bill. They had concerns about it being hard to understand. Council discussed ways to make it easier to understand and decided to table it until next month.

Public Comments: Rick Gamboa 4005 E. 20th

Mr. Gamboa wanted to know if the bills were for the public hearing. Answer was yes they are.

Public hearing was adjourned and rescheduled for August 10th at 7:05.

Hearing is closed at 7:19 PM.

Minutes: Motion made by Alderman Bone, seconded by Alderman Welch to table minutes from the June 8th special and closed meetings. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Welch, seconded by Alderman Bone to approve minutes from the June 8th regular meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Bone, seconded by Alderman Heilbrun to approve amended minutes from the June 23rd special meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial Report & Budget Summary: June financial report was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, report was approved and filed for audit.

Court Report: June court report was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, report was approved and filed for audit.

Bill 15-08 Title IV: Land Use, Chapter 404: Zoning Regulations, Section 404.030: Off-Street Parking and Loading Spaces
Chapter 405: Miscellaneous Land Use Regulations, By Repealing Section 405.011: Setback Variances

Motion made by Alderman Bone, seconded by Alderman Welch to table Bill No. 15-08. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Update on City Matters: The city is still on track with the street funding grant.

CDBG housing has 6 applicants.

Duquesne School was bought by the Joplin School Board for \$100.00 and it will not be donated to the City of Duquesne. The School Board is willing to take proposals to buy the school from them. The school was always a separate entity from Duquesne Village. David Weaver is trying to secure grant money for an early childhood development center to be placed there by MSSU.

Update on flags in the ditches. Duquesne Rd is a matter of concern for the street project. Allgeier Martin was putting the flags up so they could perform a survey and get an idea on how to fix the problem.

Public Comments: George Reeves 4460 E 26th St.

Mr. Reeves made a statement that several commercial properties are being put up for sale because they have been asked to pave their lots. The response from the council is that the public hearings were about the paving issue and if the ordinance should be amended or enforced. Mr. Reeves also wanted to know if the audit was done. The answer was that it is finished.

Cinda Sweet 3711 E. 13th

Ms. Sweet had concerns about The House property. The community might want to know who is living there. Alderman Ellsworth stated that it is across the street from his house and he has had no problems with anyone.

New Business:

There has been a distinct odor around town. Alderman Heilbrun has found that Jasper Foods has open tanks that they dump into. When he spoke with a representative for Jasper Foods they explained to him that they are treating the smell. Although they only treat the tanks in the summer. This is an ongoing issue that the city will continue to monitor.

Approval to open new bank account for CDBG road funds.

Motion made by Alderman Welch, seconded by Alderman Heilbrun to open a new bank account for CDBG road funds. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Daugherty mentions that there is a document for CDBG that requires 4 signatures that are not signers on the checks. She asks Alderman Heilbrun and Alderman Ellsworth if they could sign the document. The other 2 signers will be the City Clerk, Gina Taylor and the Court Clerk Stephanie Ayres.

Bill Summary:

Motion made by Alderman Welch, seconded by Alderman Bone to pay bills. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Bone, seconded by Alderman Ellsworth to prepay Empire, Anthem and WEX when due before the council meeting.

Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Bone and seconded by Alderman Welch to hire Samuel Box as a new officer for the City of Duquesne at \$14.00 per hour, on a 90 day probation pending physical tests. Ayes: Alderman Welch, Heilbrun, Bone and Ellsworth Nays: none. Motion carried.

Reports of Special Boards, Committees & City Officers:

Alderman Bone asked Chief Kitch if Duquesne has a pursuit policy. Chief Kitch gave Alderman Bone the police policy handbook. Chief Kitch stated that officers need to decide if they should pursuit and can go to Range Line without a supervisor's permission. The Chief also mentioned that his officers do not respond to Joplin calls unless they are requested.

Mayor Daugherty would like to get a recommendation from the P&Z to unfreeze the lot splits in the EDR area. The council discussed possible perimeters for this so that a bill can be written and submitted to the P&Z.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Alderman Bone, seconded by Alderman Welch to adjourn. Ayes: Aldermen Ellsworth, Welch, Bone, Heilbrun. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 8:18 PM, meeting adjourned.

Gina Taylor
Duquesne City Clerk