

City Council for City of Duquesne met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 14, 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 32 visitors were also present.

Agenda: Mayor requested Joplin Police Chief Lane Roberts be placed after Court Report and strike disposal of WIB equipment from agenda. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by George Reeve, to approve agenda as modified. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Minutes from December 10 Regular and December 12 Special Meeting were presented. No changes or corrections, minutes were approved as presented.

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

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

Joplin Police Chief Lane Roberts: Consolidation of dispatch services with City of Joplin and JASCO: City of Duquesne is already part of Joplin's system and would be consolidated, if it happens, but contract would be between City of Joplin and JASCO. Consolidation decreases overall cost, would enhance quality of service, eliminate need for call relays and improve officer safety. Elimination of current fragmented system would allow dispatch to know who was dispatched to location from all sources (i.e.: police, fire, EMTs). There has not been any cost or technical discussion, to date, only conceptual plan drafted by Chief Roberts. Two elected persons, elected at-large from participating departments, fire, police, etc., would serve on oversight Board. If approved, it could take 8 months to 1 year to implement.

Bill 13-01 Clarify Legal Description to Vacate 15<sup>th</sup> Street West of Katherine: Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to read Bill 13-01 by title only. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Bill 13-01 was read by title only. Roadway description was not used in original vacation. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by George Reeve, to accept first reading of Bill 13-01 by title only and move to second and final reading of Bill 13-01 by title only. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve. Nays: Alderman Daugherty. Motion carried.

Bill 13-01 was read second and final time by title only. Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to accept second and final reading of Bill 13-01 by title only and adopt as Ordinance 212. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve. Nays: Alderman Daugherty. Motion carried.

Business License Renewal: Summary of 19 businesses requesting license renewals was presented. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Lisa Daugherty, to approve renewals. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Diana Willard (4010 Belle Locke) asked if vacated 15<sup>th</sup> Street was intended for fire access. Board said no.

John Parsons (4765 E 20<sup>th</sup>): Annexed recently said he did not want to be annexed. He had spoken with Police Chief Kitch and David Weaver about some recent vandalism. It was explained that his property was outside city limits and annexation would be necessary for department to assist with any such calls. He stated he only gave permission to come onto his property to cleanup tornado tree damage. When asked if he was given any promises, he stated no. Board stated annexation had already been filed with County Recorder and petition was duly notarized by City Clerk.

Gina Morgan (811 Patterson, Joplin) expressed her concerns over recent comments about low-income housing projects. Duquesne resident prior to May 2011 tornado, she reminded Board members that "Fair Housing Act of 1968", prohibits housing discrimination based on, among other things, income and City could be setting itself up for potential HUD lawsuit. She was instructed to direct her comments, questions or concerns to either Alderman Daugherty or Debbie Giddens, who was present, as they had made these comments.

Jolene Sapp (4410 E 25<sup>th</sup>) said she understood everyone needs somewhere to live, but she's concerned about increased crime.

Cinda Sweet (3711 E 13<sup>th</sup>) said homeowners should also have rights to say what type of zoning is in their neighborhood. She expressed concerns about drain on fire department and infrastructure strains with large increase of people in small area.

Consider Vote to Go into Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3: Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Frank Herron, to go into closed session to discuss personnel issue(s). Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 7:55 PM, Board entered closed session.

At 8:15 PM, Board returned to open session. Vote taken during closed session is attached and part of regular minutes.

Old Business: Updates on City Matters: As of January 2, 2013, City started participating in National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP), which would allow residents in Duquesne to acquire flood insurance at federally-backed reduced rate. Board was presented with Allgeier Martin's proposal to do hydraulic/hydrological

analysis of University Circle. Board tabled discussion to February meeting to allow them time to review proposal.

Unused Sewer Funds: Unused ARRA (federal) Sewer Funds (\$80,000 - \$85,000) will be forfeited if not used by summer (approximately). There are also additional 50% grant matching funds available. Several project options are available.

Mediacom Proposal to Combine Internet/Cable Service with City Telephone Service: Alderman Daugherty asked about comparison bid from phone carrier. Matter tabled for phone bid.

Road Repair Status: David Weaver said advertisement for bids to repair roads with two different options: patch vs. overlay. If cost to upgrade to overlay is reasonable, City could apply for improved project status with FEMA.

New Business: Police Department Monthly Report: Chief Kitch presented report. On December 23, patrol car 814 was involved in minor wreck is out of service. Chief asked for approval to purchase new police vehicle to replace 811. D-1, previously used as WIB disaster manager vehicle and 811, along with WIB equipment and tools donated to city after end of WIB laborers, could be sold to pay for most of cost. Motion made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to approve purchase and use proceeds from two vehicles and WIB items to help fund cost. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Set February Council Date: Mayor will be out of town week of February 11 and would not be available for normally scheduled second Monday. After discussion of possible dates, motion made by Frank Herron, seconded by Dale Daniels, to schedule February meeting for 7PM, Monday, February 4. Planning & Zoning will need to meet at 6PM that night.

Bill Summary: December outstanding bills of \$16,352.52; and \$272.72 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.

CDBG Disaster Project: Brian Ross, with Harry S Truman Coordinating Council (project's administrator), told David Weaver he had been contacted by Home Sweet Home, 501-3c organization, who is interested in applying for some of these funds. Nothing has been approved.

As there was no further business, motion was made by George Reeve, seconded by Dale Daniels, to adjourn meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Reeve, Daugherty. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 9:05 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Terry Ingram, City Clerk