

City Council for City of Duquesne met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014, 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, Lisa Daugherty, Roger Bone were present. Absent: none. City Attorney Mike Talley, Police Chief Kitch and 13 visitors were also present.

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

Minutes from February 10 Regular and February 20 Special Meeting were presented. Lisa requested her request for Budget Summary be added to February 10 minutes and "constituents" be added to opposition to lot split in February 20 minutes. With that correction, minutes were approved.

Financial report for February was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Frank Herron, to approve report and file for audit. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Court report for February was presented. As there were no changes or corrections, motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Dale Daniels, to approve report and file for audit. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Business License Renewal Summary: Four renewals were presented. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Frank Herron, to approve renewal summary. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Ray Schell, Chairman of Rex Precinct, addressed Board. Only 26% of eligible voters voted in 2013 April election and only 56% voted in November general election. March 12 was deadline to register to vote for April 8 election.

Board of Adjustments: Motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Roger Bone, to recess regular meeting and open Board of Adjustments meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried. Board opened at 7:16 PM. Derek Gander, 1221 Woodland, asked for 8-1/2 inch back adjustment for new building. City Attorney Talley explained reasons to grant or deny request. As request did not cause City any problems and denial would place unnecessary hardship on landowner, motion was made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Lisa Daugherty, to grant

request. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried and variance granted. As there was no further business, motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Frank Herron to adjourn Board of Adjustments and reopen regular meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried and Board returned to regular session at 7:23 PM.

Consider Vote to Go into Closed Session Pursuant to RSMo 610.021.3: Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Frank Herron, to go into closed session for personnel issues pursuant to RSMO 610.021.3. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried. Board adjourned into closed session at 7:25 PM.

At 7:35 PM Board reconvened open session and Mayor reported Board discussed personnel issues in closed session but no vote was taken during closed session.

Hiring Board Recommendation: Police Chief Kitch, representing Hiring Board, consisting of Police Chief, Mayor and Alderman Herron, stated Officer Chad Karr had been interviewed and he recommended hiring Karr as full time officer for \$13.50 per hour during 90-day probation to increase to \$14.25 after probation. Mayor appointed Karr and asked for Board's consent and approval with conditions stated by Chief Kitch. Motion made by Frank Herron, seconded by Roger Bone, to grant consent and approval to hire Karr as full time officer with 90-probationary rate of \$13.50 per hour and \$14.25 after probation, effective immediately. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chief also recommended hiring Pablo Ortiz as part-time officer at \$10.50 per hour for 20 to 30 hours per week. Mayor appointed Officer Ortiz as part-time officer and asked Board for its consent and approval. Motion made by Frank Herron, seconded by Lisa Daugherty, to grant consent and approval to hire Ortiz as part-time officer for \$10.50 for 20 to 30 hours per week, effective immediately. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Old Business: Select outside Auditor for FY13 Audit: City Attorney Talley suggested Board develop professional bid list for professional services like auditor, engineer, etc., to use for bidding purposes when Board wants to seek bids. Motion made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Frank Herron, to use Mense Churchwell & Mense for FY13 audit. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried.

David Weaver stated City's contact for FEMA reimbursement has changed and David attempted to contact replacement, but had not heard from him yet. City attorney's bill included CDBG legal fees that were also shown separately for possible reimbursement with CDBG funds. Cost of storm shelter relocation was already reimbursed by grant funds. Formal request was filed for 13th & Duquesne school property and was up for school board's consideration. Sewage backup on University Circle parking lot was traced to driveway repair at Festival Mexican Restaurant across street. Joplin Public Works Department removed concrete blockage.

New Business: Police Department Monthly Report: One Watchguard video system and 4 tasers, were ordered and received (equipment part of LEST grant). Remaining grant items pending. Cost to upgrade laptops and office computers estimated at \$500.

Microphones and Soundboards: Alderman Daugherty said several audience members had complained about inability to hear Board members or speakers and echo problems. David Weaver was asked about potential cost to add enough microphones for all Board members and one for podium and soundboards for echo issue. He estimated cost \$5,000 - \$9,000 if current system could not be upgraded to accommodate additional microphones. Motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Roger Bone, to obtain estimates for next meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Abstain: Alderman Daniels. Motion carried. Lisa agreed to obtain estimates.

Bill Summary: February outstanding bills of \$25,480.64 and Sewer \$12,754.83 were presented. Motion made by Lisa Daugherty, seconded by Dale Daniels, to pay outstanding bills. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried. Frank Herron asked if City could recoup its deductible from lawsuit expense paid last month. City Attorney Talley stated City could not because each party was responsible for their own expenses.

City of Carterville Annexation Notification: As required by statute, Carterville must notify all entities within 5-mile radius of its intent to annex roadway. No action needed.

As there was no further business, motion was made by Dale Daniels, seconded by Lisa Daugherty, to adjourn meeting. Ayes: Aldermen Daniels, Herron, Daugherty, Bone. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 8:25 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Terry Ingram, City Clerk