

City of Duquesne Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

****Meeting held in person and remotely using Zoom**

Call to Order: Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

- **Present:**
 - Councilperson Washington
 - Councilperson Adams
 - Councilperson Artem
 - Councilperson Brownfield
 - Mayor Adams
- **Others Present:**
 - City Manager Douglas Sample
- **Excused:**
 - None

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

- None

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the July 2, 2024, consent agenda, which includes minutes for the May 28, June 4, and June 25 meetings of 2024, and the bill list for July 2 and June.
- **Motion:** Councilperson Washington
- **Second:** Councilperson Arnum
- **Motion carried:** 5-0

New Business:

- **Rainbow Kitchen Grant:**
 - Mayor Adams received an email from Matt Bolden regarding a grant opportunity for the Mon Valley. A letter needs to be signed and reviewed by the council.
- **New Evangelical Ministries Back-to-School Event:**
 - Request for August 17th from 1-4 PM for their back-to-school function.
- **Bountiful Blessings Program:**
 - Held every first and third Tuesday of the month at New Evangelical Ministries from 5-7 PM, providing home staples to the community.
- **EOS Meet and Greet:**

- A meeting with EOS representatives is scheduled for August 1st. Community listening session will be held on the same day.

Committee Reports:

- **Public Works Report by Councilperson Washington:**
 - No report.
- **Water Department Report by Councilperson Adams:**
 - Discussed day-to-day operations, CDX account updates, and CCR information.
- **Community and Economic Development Report by Councilperson Brownfield:**
 - Discussion on the parade and Senator Brewster's involvement.
- **Finance Report by Councilperson Artem:**
 - Reviewed bank statements and signed checks for July bills.
- **Treasurer's Report by Ms. Straw:**
 - Reported \$1.4 million collected in city taxes to date, approximately 70% of the total billed.
- **Engineer's Report by Laura Branthoover:**
 - Updates on 2022 LSA project, 2023 GEDTF project, and Multimodal Transportation Fund program.
- **Solicitor's Report:**
 - No additional items to report.
- **City Manager's Report by Mr. Sample:**
 - No further report.

Police Department Report by Chief Shaw:

- May 2024: 573 calls of service.
- June 2024: 645 calls of service.
- Request for a new used vehicle for the police department.
- Update on Officer Spangler's condition after injury.

Old Business:

- None

Community Announcements:

- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Open House with EOS on July 23rd.
 - Community listening session with EOS on August 1st.
 - Duquesne Children's Business Fair on July 27th.
 - Community Day Parade on August 3rd.

Public Comments:

- **James Williams (603 Richford):**

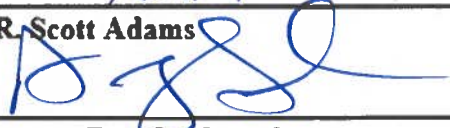
- Thanks to Doug Sample for addressing street and curb issues.
- **Eric Madsen (617 Ridgeford):**
 - Raised concerns about parking enforcement and streetlight repairs.
- **Bill Kasich (305 South 3rd Street):**
 - Addressed blight in the city and the need for Act 152 funding.
- **Joe Lita (816 Grand Avenue):**
 - Concerned about slow progress on demolitions and funding.
- **Sylvia Dedrick (13-31 South 7th):**
 - Requested not to demolish her building.
- **Pat Blewett:**
 - Inquired about plans for Duquesne Plaza, offered a bench donation, suggested council involvement in Community Day, and requested park maintenance.

Adjournment:

- **Motion to adjourn:** Councilperson Washington
- **Second:** Councilperson Brownfield
- **Motion carried:** 5-0
- **Adjourned at:** 7:20 PM



Mayor R. Scott Adams



City Manager Douglas Sample