

City of Duquesne
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30 pm

Meeting being held in person and remotely using ZOOM:

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Meeting was called to order by Mayor Adams at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Adams called for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Manager Sample called the roll.

Present: Councilperson Washington. Councilperson Adams, Councilperson Artim, and Mayor Adams

Others Present: City Manager Douglas Sample and Solicitor Myron Sainovich

Absent: Councilperson Caldwell

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Adams read the attached Proclamation Honoring the late Lee "Spanky" Zabelsky

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Bradon Forbes, District Director for Congresswoman Summer Lee introduced himself to Council and offered assistance whenever needed to the City

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – November 14,2023 and November 28, 2023
- b. Bill List – December 5, 2023

Mayor Adams asked for a **motion to approve the December 5, 2023 Consent Agenda.**

First: Councilperson Adams **Second:** Councilperson Washington

Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams*

- a. Accept resignation of Officer Marcus Brommell

Mayor Adams asked for a **motion to accept the resignation of Officer Richard Dell.**

First: Mayor Adams **Second:** Councilperson Adams

Motion carried 4-0

2. *Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington*

3. *Water Dept. – Report by Councilperson Aaron Adams*

- a. Solid Waste Contract – one (1) bid(s) was received for the Solid Waste Contract. The low bidder is Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill, LLC (County Hauling) in the amount of \$300 per unit per year for the Base Bid B – three times weekly with a maximum of 10 bags per trash plus 1 bulk item per unit per week.

Councilperson Adams asked for a **motion to award Bid Option B for the 2023 Solid Waste Contract to Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill, LLC.**

First: Councilperson Adams **Second:** Councilperson Artim

Motion carried 4-0

4. *Community & Economic Development – Report by Manager Douglas Sample*

- a. Civic Plus Website Proposal

Councilperson Artim asked for a **motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Civic Plus to provide website services to the City at a cost NTE \$5,895.00 annually.**

First: Councilperson Artim **Second:** Councilperson Washington

Motion carried 4-0

5. *Accounts & Finances. – Report by Councilperson Derek Artim*

- a. 2024 Budget Review (posted on website)

- b. Ordinances – 2nd and 3rd Readings at December 19, 2023 Council Meeting
 - i. 2024-02 Budget (posted on website)
 - ii. 2024-03 Tax Millage – no increase (posted on website)
 - iii. 2024-04 Water Fee – 5% increase \$10.40 per 1000 (posted on website)
- c. Resolutions
 - i. 2024 Wage Resolution (posted on website)
 - ii. 2024 Fee Resolution (posted on website)

6. Treasurer Dept. – Report by Maureen Strahl

7. Solicitor – Report by Myron Sainovich

8. City Manager – Report by Douglas Sample

9. Police Dept. – Report by Chief Shaw (absent)

10. Fire Dept. – Report by Chief Frank Cobb (absent)

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Upcoming Council Meeting – Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM.**

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Thomas Molanick – asked about the Earned Income Tax rate. Mr. Sample stated that the since the City is no longer under Act 47 it must abide by the Commonwealth's rate of 1% divided evenly between the School and City.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Adams said that Council will be holding an Executive Session following the meeting regarding a labor contract. No action will be taken.

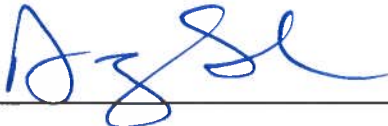
Mayor Adams asked for a **motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM**

First: Councilperson Washington **Second:** Councilperson Artim

MOTION carried 4-0



R. Scott Adams, Mayor



Douglas Sample, City Manager