

**CITY OF DUQUESNE**  
**TUESDAY, December 21, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING/MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**OPENING PRAYER – George Newsome**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilperson Caldwell - Present

Councilperson Adams - Present

Councilperson Washington - Present

Councilperson Henderson-Murphy - Present

Mayor Nesby - Not Present

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of October 19,2021 Minutes
2. Approval for Budget Meeting Minutes: 11/16/2021: 11/30/2021: 12/09/2021: 12/30/2021
3. December Bill List – 2021.

Motion was made by Councilperson Adams to approve December Consent Agenda including October 19,2021 Minutes; Budget Meeting Minutes; and December Bill List with any necessary corrections and Seconded by Councilperson Washington.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

1. Not Present

**PUBLIC WORKS**

1. Mike Kurta Public Workers Director reported the following:
  - a. Last month held a meeting with turnpike and PennDOT concerning clean up along 837 from Kennywood to the bridge.
  - b. The new water project for the city is continuing
  - c. Keeping up with trash and preparing for winter including putting salt boxes in places within the city.
  - d. Preparing vehicles for salt dispensing and looking in to making vehicle purchase to help with snow removal.

**WATER DEPARTMENT**

1. Written Report submitted
2. Keeping up with monitoring water project upgrade via Advanced Controls which will affect water upgrade for the entire city.
3. Refiled paperwork for new water permit with Frank D.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

1. Written Report submitted by Glenn Engineering.
2. Waiting for slide to arrive for Polish Hill playground.
3. Waiting for hydrants to be ordered for completion of H2O project
4. Applying for grant to replace one of the city's water pumps
5. Concentrating on attracting new business for 2022 (possible grocery store)

## **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE**

1. Councilperson Henderson-Murphy made a motion and was seconded by Councilperson Caldwell to adopt Ordinance 2021-6 appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City Government set forth during the year 2021.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)
2. Councilperson Henderson-Murphy made a motion and was seconded by Councilperson Caldwell to adopt Resolution 2021-8 adopting the wages for non-union employees for the year 2022.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)
3. Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy and seconded by Councilperson Washington to adopt Resolution 2021-9 adopting the fee schedule for the year 2022.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)
4. Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy and seconded by Councilperson Adams to adopt Resolution 2021-10 authorizing the issuance of a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$530,000.00.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)
5. Motion was made by Henderson-Murphy and seconded by Councilperson Washington to adopt Resolution 2021-4 for no changes to Tax Mileage from last year.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)
6. Motion was made by Councilperson Adams and seconded by Councilperson Washington to adopt Resolution 2021-5 no rate changes for EIT.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)

## **TREASURER**

1. Report Attached

## **CONTROLLER**

1. No report

## **SOLICITOR**

1. Stated that he would provide updates during Executive Session

## **CITY MANAGER**

1. No Report.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Interim Police Chief Kerra Vance
2. Motion was made by Councilperson Adams and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy to ratify vote to make conditional offer to new potential officers for employment and extend hiring process.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)
3. Council requests summary of resumes for new officers including positive and negative histories upon hire through probation period.

## **ACT 47 COORDINATOR**

1. Assisted with 2022 budget
2. Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy and seconded by Councilperson Washington to accept the 18-month extension and exist plan for Act 47.  
(Motion was passed 4/0)

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. In process of applying for grant in combination with three communities that will enable City to obtain \$500,000.00 to be used for 20 air packs on fire trucks.

## **POLICE CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD**

1. Debra Chaffin (see attached report, if not attached was not provided)

\*\*\*Members of the Duquesne City Council will meet in Executive Session (if needed)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Debra Chaffin – Wants committee to continue and plans on meeting with new Mayor after he is sworn in.*

*Stephen Sikora – Thanked city for hard work. Continued to express concerns about 422 Commonwealth Avenue and city's response to addressing vacant properties.*

*Tom M. – Congratulated Councilperson Washington on obtaining so many votes as a write-in candidate. When question came up he pointed out the school board would need to be involved in any decisions to relieve any tax burdens.*

*Myron S. – pointed out that the city can at any time dissolve corporate status of any company.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilperson Washington and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy to adjourn the meeting.

(Motion was passed 4/0)

*R. Scott Adams*

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**Mayor/Vice-President**

*Kelly J. Robertson*

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**City Manager**