

CITY OF DUQUESNE
TUESDAY, June 22, 2021
6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING/MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONES)
MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OPENING PRAYER – Timothy Caldwell
ROLL CALL

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COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Motion was made by Councilperson Adams to authorize the SRCOG to award the CITF Demolition Project to low bidder Myers Excavating for \$136,300.00 and seconded by Councilperson Caldwell.
(Motion passed 4/0)
2. Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy to award the 2021 Fire Hydrant Replacement Project to Creative Enterprises for \$107,500.00 and seconded by Councilperson Caldwell.
(Motion passed 4/0)

3. Motion was made by Councilperson Washington to authorize Solicitor Sanovich to prepare an amendment to Ordinance No. 6-1997 adding language to require pet owners to pick up waste from their animals and seconded by Councilperson Adams.
(Motion passed 4/0)
4. Motion was made by Councilperson Washington to award the replacement of a storm inlet at 814 Clonmel Street to Lawson Excavating for \$7500.00 and seconded by Councilperson Caldwell.
(Motion passed 4/0)

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

1. Overall finances of the city are better than this time last year.
2. Anticipating payment for Covid-19 Relief Funds in future.
3. Motion was made by Councilperson Washington to block of Ferndale Street on July 21, 2021 for Memorial Celebration and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy.
(Motion passed 4/0)

TREASURER

1. Report Attached

CONTROLLER

1. No report

SOLICITOR

1. Motion was made by Councilperson Caldwell to adopt Resolution 3 to give the City of Duquesne the power to list residences as dangerous/nuisances and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy.
(Motion passed 4/0)

CITY MANAGER

1. City has a new computer server.
2. Consolidating our phone systems. Updates to come in the future.
3. Starting July 12, 2021 online payments for water and tax bills will be made accessible for residents in the City of Duquesne.
4. A total of 33 Home Occupancy Inspections were conducted through the month. A total of 27 passed and 6 failed.
5. Received grant (\$100,000.00) that was awarded to City of Duquesne and purchased a new backhoe and tractor for Public Works Dept. with some of those funds.
6. Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy and seconded by Councilperson Washington to change the date for monthly council meetings. The next meeting will be the fourth Tuesday in July 2021 (July 27, 2021). There will not be any meeting in August 2021. The council meeting in September 2021 will occur on the third Tuesday of the month (September 21, 2021) and each third Tuesday through the remainder of the year.
(Motion passed 4/0)
7. Motion was made by Councilperson Caldwell to apply for Air Quality Grant (\$9999.00) and seconded by Councilperson Adams.
(Motion passed 4/0)

8. Motion was made by Councilperson Washington to contract with current auditors from 2021 – 2023 and seconded by Councilperson Caldwell.
(Motion passed 4/0)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Chief Thomas Dunlevy

ACT 47 COORDINATOR

1. Agreed with motion to apply for Air Quality Grant.
2. Complimented Treasurers office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Chief Cobbs.

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)

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Kim Pryor 100 Doney Street – Concerned about the cleanliness on her street. Also, people living in houses with overcrowded conditions.

Ms Pat – Thanks for the decorations during the Memorial Day Holiday. Some of our playgrounds need undergrowth of weeds cut and new mulch. On June 5, 2021, a total of 96 persons were vaccinated as a result of a neighborhood rally to get vaccinated. Every third Wednesday of the month meetings concerning the community are conducted at the Duquesne Family Support Center @ 9:30 am. Contact number is 412-469-9870. Anyone can attend.

Tom M. 115 South 5th Street – Credit Union will be moving out of the City of Duquesne. Also, Family Dollar will be moving as a result of too much looting in their store. Residents have to get permission from Council to have private events in Parks and we will be utilizing Youth throughout the Summer to assist in the PW Dept.

Tifanee Haywood 200 Library Court – Youth Summer hire starts Monday June 28, 2021.

Steve Sekora – Wanted to make certain that dates hydrants will be flushed can be posted on the website. Also wanted more information of the expressway that is projected to be built in the near future. Concerned about 420 and 400 Commonwealth addressed.

Laurel Lynn 1022 Kennedy Avenue – Concerned about noise complaints near supper club and businesses/residents grilling outside on public sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Cade", is written above a horizontal dashed line.

Mayor/Vice-President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly J. Robertson", is written above a horizontal solid line.

City Manager