

CITY OF DUQUESNE
TUESDAY, May 24, 2022
6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING/MINUTES

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

Councilperson Caldwell not present
Councilperson A. Adams present
Councilperson Washington present
Councilperson Derek Artim present
Mayor R. Scott Adams present

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

At this time, citizens may address the Council of Duquesne on any issue appearing on today's agenda. Only residents and taxpayers of the City of Duquesne will be permitted to address the Council. Comments on non-agenda items will be taken at the end of tonight's meeting. Speakers will be permitted to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to represent them before the Council who may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes. Speakers are asked to use the microphone at the speaker's stand, clearly state their name and address for the record and keep comments brief and to the point. Please spell your name for the record and sign in on the sign in sheet.

Tom M. - stated that the agenda was not posted 24 hours before the start of the meeting nor was there a phone number to call to report such. Mayor Adams stated that the situation would be corrected by the next council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes/Consent Agenda – April 19, 2022
2. Bill list ending April 2022

Councilperson Washington made the motion and was seconded by Councilperson A. Adams to approve the April 2022 Consent Agenda/Bill list
(Motion passed 4/0)

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Councilperson Derek Artim – Swearing in
2. Councilperson/Vice President Caldwell will be in the office tomorrow to sign the 2021 Council minutes which will be posted afterward.
3. Mayor Adams stated that he would complete his nomination for the vacant member on the Zoning Board in June 2022. (Candidate being considered - Leonard Evagues)
4. Attended meetings with Steel Rivers COG in April RE: Violence Reduction Program. More information to follow. Thank you to the School Board and the Superintendent for co-signing to participate with this project.
5. Street light has been installed on Liberty Avenue for the ongoing safety of our residents.
6. Councilperson Adams and I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new food bank to open in the next 2-3 months.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. The Public Works Dept. Is fully staffed as a result of two (2) new hires. One as a Laborer and the other as a Mechanic.
2. We will continue to clean and mow properties as the weather permits.
3. If you want to use the website to make announcement you must first obtain permission.
4. I was informed that there was an unauthorized birthday at Polish Hill Park that included beer bottles and leftover trash that the city had to clean up. NOT PERMITTED.
5. Councilperson Washington asked about possibility of demolition located at 1006 Sherman Avenue. City Manager responded that she is looking into a grant to cover those fees and/or is willing to discuss budget cuts in other places to cover the costs associated. Mayor Adams stated that he would make calls and do some research to determine if he could help develop possible funding to aid in demolitions. Glenn Engineering is also applying for a grant to assist the city with demolitions.
6. Anyone interested in participating in a citywide clean-up day please call 412.527.2785 and leave a message. I will be in the office on Thursdays.
7. A resident called and complained about the area not being paved surrounding the Dairy Mart. It is difficult for persons in wheelchairs. City will investigate.

WATER DEPARTMENT

1. Report Submitted.
2. TTHM a water test conducted to determine the cleanliness of our water. Glad to report that the results of testing were the lowest readings in the last four (4) years. Our water is very safe in the City of Duquesne.
3. Please note that fire hydrants will be replaced during the summer months. Be prepared for reports of temporary brown water
4. One (1) complaint about water pressure: Seven (7) sewage bill complaints: Five (5) garbage and recyclable complaints: Two (2) water breaks.
5. Pump station project is still underway. We will continue to provide progress reports.
6. Letter was sent to all city residents that you must have a backflow inspection no later than June 1, 2022. However extensions can be granted if requested.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Glenn Engineering submitted their report.
2. Councilperson Washington made the motion and was seconded by Mayor Adams to accept Resolution 2022-4 for the GTRP grant of \$249,500.00 to be used for the Polish Hill Playground Project.
(Motion passed 4/0)
3. Mayor stated that he would get with Atty. Sainovich concerning 1036 Lincoln and other issues. (Sound was sketchy)
4. Mayor and Atty. Sainovich will also discuss liability letters for those participating in sports at the fields and parks during the summer.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

1. No report.

TREASURER

1. Report Submitted.

CONTROLLER

1. No report

SOLICITOR

1. Louder Mill Hearing upcoming to determine employment situation with one of our employees.
2. Payment agreement has been reached between attorneys for one of our employees and we will be meeting to discuss terms with the city.
3. Wants to meet with George D. and the Council to discuss the ordinance for the City Manager job description.

CITY MANAGER

1. During the summer months the PW Dept. Will be cutting tree limbs that are interfering with electrical lines.
2. There is an Entrepreneur Business Fair on July 30, 2022 @ Polish Hill Park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Report Submitted.

ACT 47 COORDINATOR

1. RFP is due June 3, 2022
2. Michael Foreman has retired, and Bethany Williams will be our new Local Government Policy Specialist
3. Will set a meeting to discuss Home Rule
4. Financials – Real Estate taxes are looking good

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Report

POLICE CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD

1. Petitioning for funds for the board since 2018. They have had to use their own ink, paper, and they would like new brochures.
2. Recruiting for new members
3. No complaints
4. Mayor will do his best to get the money

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

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ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Washington made the motion and was seconded by Councilperson Artim to call the meeting to adjournment.

(Motion was passed 4/0)



Mayor/Vice-President



City Manager