

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

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

Councilperson Caldwell present Not present
Councilperson Adams present
Councilperson Washington present
Councilperson Henderson-Murphy
Mayor Nesby Not 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval for minutes Consent Agenda – July 2021.
2. Bill list for August 2021

Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy to approve minutes for Consent Agenda July 2021 and seconded by Councilperson Adams
(Motion was passed 3/0)

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Not present

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Making preparations for Winter. Looking to replace trucks.
2. Discussion of how to spend liquid fuels monies.
3. Resubmitting bids for salt bins.

WATER DEPARTMENT

1. Number 1 water pump repaired.
2. Bleeding fire hydrants in early October 2021.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Motion was made by Councilperson Adams to award COG \$30K for demolition and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy.
(Motion passed 3/0)
2. Motion was made to ratify Advance Controls to make necessary repairs to water department and seconded by Councilperson Adams.
(Motion was passed 3/0)
3. Motion was made by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy to ratify Macedonia Church 100 years celebration/history and seconded by Councilperson Adams.
(Motion was passed 3/0)
4. Motion was made by Councilperson Adams to have house located at 129 South 1st Street demolished by PJ Demo for \$10,500.00, and disqualified as Historical, and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy.
(Motion was passed 3/0)
5. See attached report

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

1. Currently doing overall better with financial health than this time last year
2. Concerned with repairs to City Hall building. Interns are gathering estimates.

TREASURER

1. Report Attached
2. Hired new Clerk (Nicole Goldbaugh). Learning water & tax depts.

CONTROLLER

1. No report

SOLICITOR

1. Not present

CITY MANAGER

1. Working with interns (2) from Local Government. Assigning various tasks in a variety of departments.
2. Executive session scheduled.
3. Motion was made by Councilperson Washington to give \$500.00 to PRIDE to cover their Halloween celebration and seconded by Councilperson Henderson-Murphy.
(Motion was passed 3/0)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Motion was made by Councilperson Adams to close candidate list for officers and start new candidate list for new hires, and was seconded by Councilperson Washington.
(Motion was passed 3/0)

ACT 47 COORDINATOR

1. Act 47 Exit Plan
2. Continue to work for funding requests for capital goods.
3. Working on budget calendar for near future.
4. Working on recovery funds for 2024.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Not present

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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Debra Chaffin – Wanted to know if Mayor Elect will be willing to work with citizens review board and wants to schedule a meeting.

Stephen Sikora – 422 Commonwealth Avenue – owner is deceased and concerned about overgrowth on property. Also concerned about high volume of traffic through Harden Avenue where riders roll stop signs. Utility pole and faded and low signs warning riders.

Ms. Pat – Thanks for Halloween information. Memorial Park from 3pm – 7pm on October 31, 2021. Possibly a parade. More dates coming for vaccinations, please get vaccinated. Remember to get Flu shots in October 2021 as well. Concerned about mulch growing through grass at Hamilton playground.

Tiffanee Heywood – Concerned about Youth Council and how to become a part of that team. Discussed hosting a re-opening for newly completed playground.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilperson Adams and seconded by Councilperson Washington to adjourn the meeting. (Motion was passed 3/0)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Adams", written above a horizontal dashed line.

Mayor/Vice-President

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

City Manager