

City Council
Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30pm.
MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE.

ROLL CALL: Councilperson Timothy
Caldwell-**ABSENT**
Councilperson Aaron Adams-**PRESENT**
Councilperson Derek Artim-**PRESENT**
Councilperson Washington-**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 5 minutes. Groups of people will be required to designate a spokesperson to represent them before the Council who may speak for a maximum of 10 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. **NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Consent Agenda: Motion needed to accept the consent agenda for September 26th, 2023. **MOTION BY ARTIM, SECOND BY WASHINGTON**

CARRIED 4-0.

1. Review of Council Meeting Minutes — September 05, 2023-**MAYOR ASKED COUNCIL TO REVIEW BEFORE OCTOBER 3, 2023.**

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New Business:

1. Public Safety — Report by Mayor Scott Adams-**REPORT WILL BE READY FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING.**

- a. Motion to accept the resignation of City Manager Samuel Sulkosky effective September 25, 2023. WILL BE ON AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023.
- b. Administrative Assistant position — discussion on advertising the position. Offer made to current temporary employee was not accepted. THIS WAS TABLED UNTIL SPEAKING WITH EMPLOYEE.
- c. PA American Water fees-TO BE LOOKED INTO
- d. Cellular fees-TO BE LOOKED INTO
- e. Duquesne Light Energy Efficiency-TO BE LOOKED INTO
- f. Discussion on repurposing the use of Ford Explorer and Chevrolet Tahoe which engines were replaced to be used in Public Works and Administration (Codes Department)-PUBLIC WORKS HAS THE EXPLORER and THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS THE TAHOE
- g. Democratic Party facility request for October 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm-MOTION WILL BE NEEDED ON OCTOBER 3, 2023
- h. Discussion of Halloween on October 31, 2023-MOTION WILL BE NEEDED ON OCTOBER 3, 2023

2. Public Works — Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington-REPORT TO BE FILED FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023

- a. Refuse and Recycling Bid Results. THIS IS A WATER DEPARTMENT ISSUE

3. Water Dept. — Report by Councilperson Aaron Adams

- a. Report will be submitted for October 3rd Council Meeting
COUNCILMAN ADAMS REPORTED 2 BIDS FOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING. COMMENTED ON WATER STUDY BY ENGINEER. STILL OPERTING AT A DEFICIT. HARD CHOICES MAY HAVE TO BE LOOKED INTO. WATER LEAKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY MAIN PROBLEM FOR DEFICIT.

4. Community & Economic Development — Report by Councilperson Timothy Caldwell (Engineers also Report here)

- a. Grant update. ENGINEER GAVE REPORT CONCERNING GRANT UPDATES
 - b. Engineer's report to be submitted by October 3, 2023.
 - c. Motion to approve Engineer's recommendation on W Grant Street paving to award contract to Tresco in the amount of \$63,685-WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING
5. Accounts & Finances. — Report by Councilperson Derek Artim
- a. Debit card readers and point of purchase update. Written proposal provided from Heartland and MuniPay-TABLED UNTIL NEW CITY MANAGER IS IN PLACE
 - b. Accept 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Police, Fireman, Officers and Employees-WILL BE VOTED ON OCTOBER 3, 2023
6. Treasurer Dept. — Report by Maureen Strahl-REPORT TO BE FILED OCTOBER 3, 2023
7. Solicitor — Report by Myron Sainovich
- a. Legal Clearances — CD 48, CD 49 and Act 152-SPOKE WITH GRACE FOR SRCOG, CLEARANCES WILL BE IN PLACE FOR FUNDING. ALSO ADVISED COUNCIL OF LIABILITY ISSUES IF WE PERMIT COMPANY TO USE FACILITY FOR HAMM RADIO PURPOSES.
8. City Manager —NO REPORT
9. Police Dept. — NO REPORT
10. Act 47 Coordinator — Report by George Dougherty
- a. City of Duquesne's Act 47 – update- MR. DAUGHERTY EXPLAINED OPTIONS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT ISSUES. TO INCLUDE WATER USERS MAY HAVE TO

INCUR COST; INDEPENDANT MANAGING
CONTRACTOR; BONDS FOR DEBT ISSUES AND
CREATE OWN WATER AUTHORITY.

11.Fire Dept. —NO REPORT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ERIC MATTESON, 617 RICHFORD STATED PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE WITH ISSUE AT 107 OVERLAND BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE NO PARKING ON THE ENTIRE SIDE OF OVERLAND AVENUE, GENERATORS TO BE RUN LESS FREQUENT AND GARBAGE SOMETIMES PILES UP.

CAROL BLUE, 421 S. FIRST WOULD LIKE VEGATATION TAKEN CARE OF ON AND NEAR ASH ALLEY.

LAURA BRYAN, 61 CLEARVIEW CONCERNED ABOUT BROKEN FIRE HYDRANT NEAR HER RESIDENCE AS WELL AS TRUCKS FROM UNION RAILROAD DAMAGING THE REAR OF HER PROPERTY.

JUDY JONES, 113 LIBRARY CONCERNED ABOUT VEGATATION AT 114 LIBRARY PLACE AS WELL AS GARBAGE NOT IN BAGS OR CANS.

TOM MOLANICK, 115 S. 5TH STREET WANTED TO THANK GEORGE AND KRISTEN FROM ACT 47 FOR THEIR HARD WORK OVER THE YEARS.

STEVE SIKORA, 400 COMMANWEALTH ASKED ABOUT PERMITS FOR DEMOLITION AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD. HE WAS INFORMED ALL PERMITS WERE IN PLACE

PAT BLUETT COULD NOT BE HEARD BUT MAYOR ADAMS TOLD HER WE DID RECEIVE REQUEST FROM PRIDE CONCERNING HALLWEEN.

COUNCIL PERSON ARTIM MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AND WAS SECOND BY MAYOR ADAMS. CARRIED 4-0 ADJOURNED 7:39PM.

MAYOR R. SCOTT ADAMS

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Interim
CITY MANAGER

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