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## City of Duquesne Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 12, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Duquesne City Hall and Zoom

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### 1. Call to Order

- **Time:** 6:30 PM
  - Mayor Adams called the meeting to order.
  - A moment of silence was observed in honor of Veterans Day and Mayor Adams' parents' anniversary.
  - **Pledge of Allegiance** followed.
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### 2. Roll Call

- **Present:**
    - Councilperson Washington
    - Councilperson Adams
    - Councilperson Brownfield
    - Mayor Adams
  - **Excused:**
    - Councilperson Artem
  - **Quorum:** Confirmed
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### 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- No public comments were made.
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### 4. Consent Agenda

- **Items Approved:** Bill List for November 12, 2024 Minutes – N/A
- **Motion:** Councilperson Washington
- **Second:** Councilperson Adams
- **Vote:** Unanimous (4-0)

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## 5. New Business

### a. Public Safety

- There will be an executive session regarding a personnel issue.

### b. Public Works

- Employee Christmas Party announced for December 13, 2024, at 3 PM at the Croatian Club.
- **Leaf Pickup:** In progress; expected completion within 2-3 weeks.
- **Pothole Repairs and Lot Cleanup:** Continuing through the season.

### c. Water Department

- No significant water system issues in the last month.
- Lead and Copper Inventory updates were discussed. Community members will receive letters about the process.

### d. Community and Economic Development

- First readings of:
  - **Ordinance 2024-06:** Dangerous Structures Policy – Second and third readings set for December 3, 2024.
- **Demolition Grant Award:** DJ Demo awarded bid for \$69,790 for demolition of various properties.
  - **Motion:** Councilperson Washington
  - **Second:** Councilperson Adams
  - **Vote:** Unanimous (4-0)
- **Resolution 2024-10:** Requesting \$397,068 from CDBG Year 51 for Public Works building renovation.
  - **Motion:** Councilperson Washington
  - **Second:** Councilperson Adams
  - **Vote:** Unanimous (4-0)
- **Jefferson Regional Foundation Cleanup Partnership:**
  - Scheduled cleanup and community dumpsters for March 2025.

### e. Finance

- First readings of:
  - **Ordinance 2024-07:** Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (no tax increase, 20 mills).
  - **Ordinance 2024-08:** No millage increase (20 mills).
- Discussion of increases in water and garbage fees.

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## 6. Reports

### a. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer excused; no report given.

### b. Engineer's Report

- CD 48 demolition funds released; project to move forward.

### c. Police Department

- Crime Statistics:
  - September: 36 arrests, 4 weapons seized, no homicides.
  - October: 28 arrests, 10 gun arrests, 11 weapons seized, 1 homicide.

### d. Fire Department

- Recent incidents include vehicle fires and participation in Halloween safety patrol.

### e. Zoning and Planning

- Planning Commission meeting set for November 13, 2024, to consider a 185,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility (potential 300 jobs).

### f. City Manager's Report

- Home Rule Charter approved; awaiting county confirmation of write-in candidates for the commission.

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## 7. Community Announcements

- **Light-Up Night:** December 1, 2024. Residents encouraged to decorate homes.
- **Santa Claus Parade:** December 1, 2024, co-sponsored by Duquesne Pride. Schedule is posted online.
- **Food Bank Turkey Giveaway:** November 19, 2024, with assistance from the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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## 8. Public Comments

**a. Ms. Lucas:**

- Asked for updates on Home Rule Charter implementation.

**b. Ms. Pat:**

- Reported successful Halloween event with 325 children and 175 adults participating.
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**9. Adjournment**

- **Time:** 7:02 PM
  - **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:** Mayor Adams
    - **Second:** Councilperson Adams
    - **Vote:** Unanimous (4-0)
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**Next Meeting**

**Date:** December 3, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Duquesne City Hall



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**Mayor R. Scott Adams**



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**City Manager Douglas Sample**