

City of Duquesne
City Council Agenda
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
6:30 pm

Meeting being held in person and remotely using ZOOM:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5251078707?pwd=Z01uVXlMMlZaYm5BazJnYmR4MWs1QT09#success>

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

Councilperson Timothy Caldwell
Councilperson Elaine Washington
Councilperson Aaron Adams
Councilperson Derek Artim
Mayor R. Scott Adams

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – October 3, 2023 and October 24, 2023
- b. Bill List – November 14, 2023

MOTION: to approve the November 14, 2023 Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. ***Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams***
 - a. Accept resignation of Officer Richard Dell

MOTION: to accept the resignation of Officer Richard Dell.

- 2. ***Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington***
- 3. ***Water Dept. – Report by Councilperson Aaron Adams***

- a. Solid Waste Contract Update

4. Community & Economic Development – Report by Councilperson Timothy Caldwell

- a. CDBG Year 50 Grant Application – the City is applying for funds to demolish the following properties: 12, 13, 20, 23, 27, and 29 Erwin Street. Total project costs are estimated at \$96,096 with a grant offset of \$85,800 and a total City contribution of \$10,296 (\$8,580 engineering and \$1,716 administrative).

MOTION: move to ratify the adoption of Resolution 2023-10 requesting a grant of \$85,800.00 from CDBG Year 50 Program for the demolition of 12, 13, 20, 23, 27, and 29 Erwin Street.

MOTION: move to ratify the adoption of Resolution 2023-11 identifying 12, 13, 20, 23, 27, and 29 Erwin Street as blighted properties.

- b. Public Hearing at 6:15pm on November 28, 2023 for scheduled demolitions of the following properties:

11 S. 5th Street - Lot/Block #305-H-88
117 N. 4th Street - Lot/Block #305-D-105
1006 Sherman Avenue -Lot/Block #305-G-112
31 Meadow Street - Lot/Block #305-D-8
129 S. 1st Street - Lot/Block #378-F-94
600 Crawford Ave (379-A-098)
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5. Accounts & Finances. – Report by Councilperson Derek Artim

- a. 2023 Audit of Financial Statements of Government Activities – the City shall annually appoint by resolution, by December 31 of each year, an independent auditor to make an independent examination of the accounting records of the City of Duquesne for that fiscal year.

MOTION: to appoint Hermann and Loll as the City of Duquesne’s independent auditor to conduct the 2023 Annual Financial Audit at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.

- b. Updating signatories on all City bank accounts

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-12 adding City Manager Douglas Sample as Signatories on bank accounts at First Commonwealth Bank.

MOTION: to approve Resolution 2023-13 adding City Manager Douglas Sample as signatories to bank accounts at Century Heritage FCU.

c. Setting fees for Public Works to reimburse for work done on private property.

6. Treasurer Dept. – Report by Maureen Strahl

a. Discussion on Adjustment of Video Device Fee

7. Solicitor – Report by Myron Sainovich

8. City Manager – Report by Douglas Sample

9. Police Dept. – Report by Chief William Shaw

10. Fire Dept. – Report by Chief Frank Cobb

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Upcoming Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

2. Santa Comes to town by Fire Truck – Sunday, November 26, 2023. Beginning at 3:00 PM (until 6 PM), Santa Claus and Duquesne Volunteer Firefighters will tour the streets of Duquesne and will be passing out candy. Check the website, www.duquesnepa.us, for full route information. This event is being sponsored by PRIDE (People Residing in Duquesne Equally).

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ADJOURNMENT