

CITY OF DUQUESNE
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023
6:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES)
MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
OPENING PRAYER

ROLL CALL

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

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.

MOTION: Amend agenda for motions to be pushed to workshop. Motion by Councilperson Washington, Second by Councilman Artim. Motion passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2023.
2. Approval of Council Workshop Minutes from January 31, 2023 & February 28, 2023
3. Bill List ending – February 2023
4. March 7, 2023 Consent Agenda

MOTION: I motion to approve the March 7, 2023 Consent Agenda which includes Bill list ending February 2023; and February 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and the Council Workshop Meeting Minutes for January 31 2023 and February 28, 2023.

Motion by Councilperson Washington, Second by Councilman Adams. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Report from Mayor R. Scott Adams
2. Confirm Hiring of Hunter Scherf which was done via email on 02/19/23 (3-0 Mayor Adams, Councilpersons Artim and Washington voted yea).
3. Further discussion of Mon Fayette Expressways Issues
 - a. *Naming of the roadways to Duquesne Veterans Memorial Highway and Carl and Rosemary Denne Road.*
4. First Reading of an Ordinance Vacating, Removal Repair or Demolition of any Structure Dangerous to the Health, Safety and Welfare of the People of the City of Duquesne; and Setting Forth the Procedure and Rules for Determining Dangerous Structures.

5. Approve the dissolve the Duquesne Redevelopment Authority
 6. Accept Scott Crawford resignation
 7. Appoint Mary Louise Bittner to interim city manager
 - a. *Conversation with Christopher Watts about the use of the facility on third street.*
- *Officer Justin Montanis prepared to begin.*

MOTION: I move to Confirm the Hire of Hunter Scherf, which was tentatively done on Sunday February 19, 2023 (3-0)

Motion by Councilman Artim and second by Councilman Adams. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: A motion is needed for a Resolution to dissolve the Duquesne Redevelopment authority.

Motion to push to the workshop for discussion at the end of the month in March.

MOTION: A motion is needed to accept the resignation of city manager Scott Crawford.

Motion by Councilman Artim and second by Councilman Adams. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: A motion is needed to appoint Mary Louise Bittner as interim city manager.

Motion by Mayor Adams and second by Councilman Artim. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: A Motion to maintain the point on road at 837 and Oakmont for the Mon Fayette Expressway work.

Motion by Mayor Adams and second by Councilman Artim. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: A motion to make MaryLouise Bittner a designated signer on city accounts.

Motion by Mayor Adams and second by Councilman Adams. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Report from Councilperson Elaine Washington
 - a. *Report was given.*
2. Appointing of a Deputy Mayor/Council Vice President
 - a. *Councilperson Washington appointed to be Deputy Mayor by Mayor Adams.*
3. Review Open Positions and Expedite the hiring process
 - a. *Two open positions on the street department and we are starting to hiring process as soon as possible. Will be posted on the website.*

WATER DEPARTMENT

1. Report from Councilperson Aaron Adams
2. Estimates on the repair or replace of Backflow Preventers
 - a. *Discussed and a motion was added.*
3. Update on the current progress of the Pump Station Project
4. Request a study from City Engineer on current status of water system and projected costs on future upkeep and improvements

MOTION: Motion to go ahead with the \$25,000 estimate to replace the backflow preventers. Motion by Councilman Artim and second by Councilwoman Washington. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Report from Councilperson Timothy Caldwell
2. Engineer Report
 - a. *Pump station project meeting Friday at 10 AM.*

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

1. Report from Councilperson Derek Artim
 - a. *Report given.*
2. Removing Scott Crawford as a signer on all city accounts.

MOTION: A motion is needed for a Resolution to remove former city manager Scott Crawford as a co-signer on all city accounts.

Motion by Mayor Adams and second by Councilperson Washington. Motion passed 4-0.

TREASURER

1. Report from Maureen Strahl.
 - a. *Report given.*
 - b. *Bank drop offs need to be discussed and coordinated weekly.*

CONTROLLER

SOLICITOR

1. Report from Solicitor Myron Sainovich
2. Update on EIT Motion Hearing Date
 - a. *Date scheduled.*

CITY MANAGER

Turnpike Commission agreement postponed to Friday meeting.

Money Market account to be postponed.

Letter for support of the Duquesne McKeesport Bridge preservation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Report from Sgt Spaulding
 - a. *Report given.*
2. Results of recent Police Test and any timetable for future tests

ACT 47 COORDINATOR

1. Report from George Dougherty
 - a. *Application for grants going out.*
 - b. *Review of staffing situation will be done.*
 - c. *Meeting to be set up with Councilperson Artim to discuss financial policies.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Report from Chief Frank Cobb
 - a. *Report given.*
 - b. *Fire hydrant at second street needs to be repaired.*

POLICE CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD

1. Report from Debra Chaffin
 - a. *1 compliant last month.*

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

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Kazaya Henderson – 928 Chestnut Street

- *Inspection issues for 4 properties.*
- *Occupancy inspection was a year from that date.*
- *Council to review.*

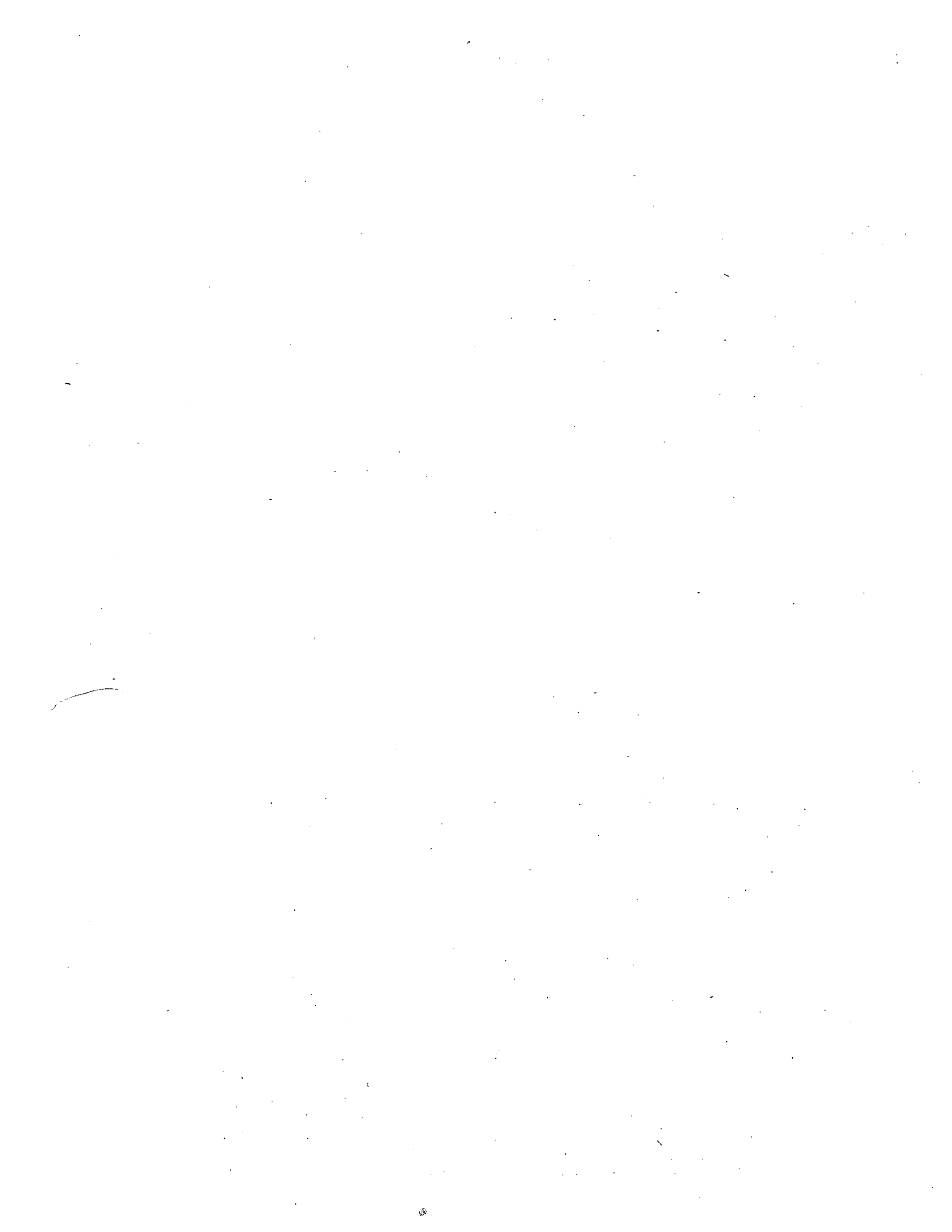
Ronald Cogdell – 28 S. Sixth Street

- *Sewer repairs to be coordinated with water department and city to pay for repairs.*

Tom Molanick

- *Dangerous Structures ordinance*
- *Post website items requested*
- *Engineers report shows the properties to be demolished. All reports can be requested at any time.*
- *3 properties where the street is sinking in on 5th street from waterline replacement project.*

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Adams, second by Councilperson Aaron Adams. Motion carried 4-0.



ADJOURNMENT:

R. Scott Adams

R. Scott Adams, Mayor

Mary Louise Bittner

Mary Louise Bittner, Interim City Manager