

CITY OF DUQUESNE
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 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 (absent)
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.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes –March 7, 2023
2. Approval of Council Workshop Minutes—March 28, 2023
3. Bill List ending – March 2023
4. April4, 2023 Consent Agenda

MOTION: I motion to approve the April 4, 2023 Consent Agenda which includes Bill list ending March 2023; and March 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes and March 28, 2023 Council Workshop Minutes.

Motion will be pushed to council meeting in May for meeting minutes to be completed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Report from Mayor R. Scott Adams
2. Ratify hiring of Justin Montani (Email vote 3-0, RSA, EW and DA)
3. Motion to dissolve the Duquesne Redevelopment Authority
4. Motion to adopt the 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. Motion to adopt a Resolution to join the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program.

MOTION: I motion to ratify the hiring of Justin Montani.

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

MOTION: I motion to adopt a Resolution to dissolve the Duquesne Redevelopment authority. Motion by Councilperson Washington and second by Councilman Adams. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: I motion to adopt a Resolution for the City of Duquesne to Participate in the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County's Vacant Property Recovery Program Subject to Certain Requirements.

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

MOTION: Dangerous structures ordinance.

Motion by Councilperson Washington and second by Councilman Artim. Motion passed 3-0. Councilman Adams abstained.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Report from Councilperson Elaine Washington
 - a. Report given.
2. Approve hiring of two laborers in the Public Works Department
3. Approve accepting applications for seasonal workers in the Public Works Department and Water Department from April 1 through September 30.

WATER DEPARTMENT

1. Report from Councilperson Aaron Adams
2. Ratify Hickman Electric proposal for work at Pump Station
3. Estimates on the repair or replace of Backflow Preventers
4. Motion to adopt a Resolution to increase the rate for the annual landlord reporting fee to \$60/unit
5. Approve the purchase of a second/backup meter-reading equipment/software

MOTION: I motion to ratify the Hickman Electric proposal for work at the Pump Station. Motion by Councilperson Washington and second by Councilman Artim. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: I motion to adopt a Resolution to increase the rate for the annual landlord reporting fee to \$60 per unit, \$100 for duplex, and \$150 for multiplex. Motion by Councilman Adams and second by Councilperson Washington. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: I motion to approve the purchase of a second/backup meter-reading equipment/software.

Motion to be pushed for further review of the water department workflow and activity.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Report from Councilperson Timothy Caldwell
2. Engineer Report
 - a. Report given by Dakoma.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE

1. Report from Councilperson Derek Artim
 - a. Report given.
2. Bonding for person to take bank deposits
3. Open new money market account with First Commonwealth to increase interest on excess funds
4. Close unused Youth Council bank account and transfer \$2760.02 balance to the General Fund account

MOTION: I motion to approve bonding for Lori Achtzehn in the amount of \$100,000 to take deposits to the bank.

Motion to be pushed. Motion by Mayor Adams and second by Councilperson Artim. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: I motion to adopt a Resolution to open a General Fund Money Market account with First Commonwealth Bank

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

MOTION: I motion to close the Youth Council bank account at First Commonwealth Bank and transfer the balance of \$2760.02 to the General Fund account at First Commonwealth Bank.

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

TREASURER

1. Report from Maureen Strahl.
 - a. Report submitted and given.

CONTROLLER (vacant)

SOLICITOR

1. Report from Solicitor Myron Sainovich
 - a. Attorney for ACI controls company reported that the controls and equipment delivered to the pump station. Instructions for controls installation to be given by ACI.
 - b. Property maintenance ordinance handed over to city manager.

CITY MANAGER

1. Report from Interim Manager MaryLouise Bittner
 - a. Electrical inspection needed at city hall.
 - b. Landlord billing being worked on.
 - c. Demolition clearances to be worked out with solicitor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Report from Chief Thomas Shaw
 - a. *Report given.*

ACT 47 COORDINATOR

1. Report from George Dougherty
 - a. *Discussed grants.*
 - b. *June 6th for public comment.*
 - c. *Act 47 meeting and exit report soon.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Report from Chief Frank Cobb
 - a. *Report given.*

POLICE CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD

1. Report from Debra Chaffin
 - a. *2 complaints and 1 retracted.*

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

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Ms. Pat

- *Thank yous*
- *Funding for PRIDE*
- *Marquee question*
- *Home Rule Information*
- *DBAC and Committees to submit reports to council*
- *Animal control*

Ben Smith – 713 Mifflin Street

- *Public works comments and discussion about 721 Mifflin Street.*

Joe Lia

- *Demolition of structures*
- *Condition of Grant Ave.*
- *Code enforcement*

Leslie Jackene – 1312 Goldstrohm Lane

- *Dog and noise ordinance issue*

Rosie Reid – 908 Chestnut

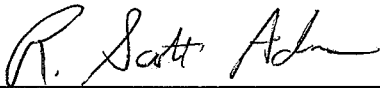
- *Playground supervisors for the summer time*
- *Overgrown properties on Chestnut*

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters by Mayor Adams, second by Councilperson Artim. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion to go back into Regular Session by Mayor Adams, second by Councilperson Artim. Motion carried 4-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT:



R. Scott Adams, Mayor



MaryLouise Bittner, Interim City Manager