

# City of Duquesne - Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 7, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** City Hall and Zoom

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## 1. Call to Order

- **Chair:** Mayor
  - **Time:** 6:30 PM
  - **Attendance:**
    - Fire Chief
    - Police Chief
    - City Engineer
    - City Solicitor
    - City Manager
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## 2. Opening Formalities

- **Moment of Silence:** For victims of the New Orleans tragedy, former President Jimmy Carter, and State Representative Gergley.
  - **Pledge of Allegiance**
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## 3. Roll Call

- Present:
    - Councilperson Washington
    - Councilperson Adams
    - Councilperson Artim
    - Councilperson Brownfield
    - Mayor
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## 4. Public Comment

- No public attendees physically present; no comments from Zoom attendees.
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## 5. Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Approve January 7, 2024 consent agenda (includes December 3, 2024 meeting minutes).
    - **Proposed by:** Councilperson Artim
    - **Seconded by:** Councilperson Washington
    - **Vote:** Unanimous approval (5-0)
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## 6. Reports

### Public Safety Report

- Announcement of the Veterans Banner Program.
  - Flyers available at the Treasurer's Office, City Hall, or by calling the Mayor's Office.
  - Submission deadline: April 15, 2025.

### Public Works

- Salt trucks are operational; additional salt has been ordered.
- Proposal to secure Administrative Office doors for safety reasons.

### Finance

- Awaiting the end-of-year budget for 2024 to assess adherence to budget guidelines.

### Community and Economic Development

- Updates on:
  - **Allegheny County Vacant Property Program:** Consideration for applications scheduled for January 28, 2025.
  - **Demolition Program:** Public hearing scheduled for February 4, 2025, at 6:15 PM.
  - **Zoning Hearing Board Update:** Continued discussions on daycare operations at 1050 Grand Avenue.
  - **Dedication Ceremony:** Proposed for early spring for Mr. Dwayne Tucker.

### City Engineer Report

- Updates on ongoing projects:
  - **Small Water and Sewer Grant:** Awarded \$300,000; projects to commence soon.
  - **2023 LSA Grant:** Funds allocated for lead and copper inventory and new equipment.
  - **Demolition and Paving Projects:** Bids are ongoing for several grants and projects.

#### **Police Department**

- 2024 Statistics:
  - 6,955 calls for service, 368 arrests.
  - Proposal to implement a fee for providing accident video footage from city cameras.

#### **Fire Department**

- 2024 Summary:
  - Total calls: 449, including 24 building fires.
- Plans to provide an annual report for 2024.

#### **City Manager**

- Update on the Home Rule Government Study Commission: Awaiting further guidance from the state.
- Website issues have been resolved.

#### **City Solicitor**

- Updates on property liens and blighted properties for upcoming hearings.
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### **7. Old Business**

- None discussed.
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### **8. Community Announcements**

- Next workshop: January 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
  - Easter Egg Hunt preparation underway.
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### **9. Public Comment**

- Tom Melanick commended the street department for their early morning efforts on Fifth Street.
  - Miss Pat expressed appreciation for holiday activities and the upcoming banner program.
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### **10. Executive Session**

- Motion to enter Executive Session:
    - **Proposed by:** Councilperson Adams
    - **Seconded by:** Councilperson Washington
    - **Vote:** Unanimous approval (5-0)
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## Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned following the Executive Session.

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**Mayor R. Scott Adams**

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**City Manager Douglas Sample**