

Meeting Minutes

City of Duquesne Council Meeting

Date: February 4, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall & Virtual via Zoom

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.
- Moment of silence observed.
- Pledge of Allegiance recited.

2. Roll Call

- Present: Council Members Washington, Adams, Artim, Brownfield, and Mayor Adams.
- City officials and public attendees present.

3. Public Hearing on Dangerous Structures

- Discussion on properties declared as dangerous structures.
- Notices were sent, and no appeals were made.
- Motion passed (5-0) to declare properties as public nuisances and schedule demolitions for March 15, 2025.
- Public hearing adjourned at 6:20 PM.

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- No public comments were made.

5. Presentation – Trail Resurfacing Project

- Roy Byers from the Steel Valley Trail Council presented plans for resurfacing a section of the Great Allegheny Passage trail in Duquesne.
- Request made for temporary parking for work vehicles.
- Council agreed to coordinate with the Public Works Department and Food Bank to ensure minimal disruption.

6. Mayor's Report

- Updates on city projects, meetings with stakeholders, and potential funding opportunities.
- Mentioned the possibility of selling the city's cellular tower. However, we are still waiting on favorable numbers.

- Updates on police department policies and Mon Valley Cure Project.
- Recognition of Tom Davidson's appearance in *American Rust* Season 2.

7. Police Department

- Motion passed (5-0) to hire Valerie Bednar as a city police officer, contingent on completing the hiring process.
- Motion passed (5-0) to authorize advertising for a new police test.
- Motion passed (5-0) to adopt Resolution 2025-02 increasing crash report fees to \$20 and adding a \$150 footage request fee.

8. Public Works

- Updates on new equipment purchases and upcoming street cleaning projects.
- City cleanup initiative collected over 3,000 tons of trash.

9. Water Department

- Updates on recent water breaks and repairs.
- Motion passed (5-0) to authorize a valuation of the city's water system (not exceeding \$7,500).
- Motion passed (5-0) to assess the feasibility of in-house refuse collection.

10. Economic Development

- Motion passed (5-0) to authorize the acquisition of vacant properties (305-G-27 & 305-G-29) under the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program.
- Motion passed (5-0) to award a demolition contract (\$41,000) for condemned properties.

11. Finance Report

- Awaiting year-end financial statements for review.

12. Other Business

- Discussion on community cleanup efforts.
- Proclamation honoring local residents Ernestine Kent Broadwater & Calvin Harris for their contributions.
- Plans for Home Rule Study Commission meetings.

13. Public Comment

- No public comments were made.

14. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn passed (5-0).
- Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

R. Scott Adams, Mayor

Douglas Sample, City Manager