

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2025

Time: 6:31 PM – 7:04 PM

Location: Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM.
- Roll call was conducted, with all council members and the Mayor present.
- A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- No public comments were made regarding the agenda items.

3. Consent Agenda

- Approval of the March 4, 2025, consent agenda, including:
 - January 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes
 - January 28, 2025, Workshop Minutes
 - January 28, 2025, Bill List
- Motion approved unanimously (5-0).

4. Public Safety Report

- **Police Department:**
 - Resignation of Officer Nate Calabro, effective February 28, 2025.
 - Motion to accept resignation approved (5-0).
 - Upcoming police test scheduled for March 14, 2025.
 - Camera system implementation pending Duquesne Light collaboration.
 - February 2025 police report: 188 service calls.
- **Fire Department:**
 - February 2025 report: 33 incidents, including 3 structure fires in Duquesne and 1 mutual aid response.
 - Reports will be available on the city's website.

5. Public Works Report

- February snow days addressed; salt supply sufficient for the season.
- Pothole repairs and spring cutting season preparations underway.
- New tractor with brush attachment ordered using grant funds.

6. Water Department Report

- Four water breaks in February; repair work to follow.

- DEP checklist and lead and copper inventory updates in progress.
- Announcement of PA American Water assistance program for sewage bill reductions.

7. Community & Economic Development

- Approval for Duquesne Community Committee to use Polish Hill for the 34th Annual Duquesne Community Day Picnic on August 2, 2025.
- Motion approved (5-0).
- Grants discussed:
 - TTRP Grant (2024) still pending.
 - Application for Clean Air Grant submitted for water filters.
- Community cleanup day details pending; tire disposal available, but electronics recycling requires scheduling.

8. Finance Report

- Awaiting 2024 year-end budget report, expected by the end of March 2025.

9. Engineer's Report

- Small Water and Sewer Grant: Plans to replace water mains and fire hydrants.
- Paving project: Second Street and Library Court scheduled once plants open.
- Water allocation permit due by end of March.
- Ongoing demolition project updates.

10. Solicitor's Report

- Approval letter issued for police drone usage under public safety regulations.
- Awaiting FAA license approval.

11. City Manager's Report

- No additional updates.

12. Old Business & Upcoming Meetings

- Workshop scheduled for March 25, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
- Home Rule Government Study Commission meeting on March 17, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

13. Public Comment (General)

- Residents raised concerns about:
 - Status of EOS Energy project – City awaiting updates.
 - Use of police drones – Confirmed for public safety purposes only.

- Liens on properties – Residents advised to check with Allegheny County Recorder's Office.
- Legitimacy of property purchase solicitations – Advised caution to avoid scams.
- Veterans Banner Program – Updates provided; installation expected before Memorial Day.

14. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.
- Motion approved (5-0).

Mayor R. Scott Adams

City Manager Douglas Sample