

**City of Duquesne
Council Agenda**

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
6:30 pm

Meeting being held in person and remotely using ZOOM:

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**CALL TO ORDER (PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONES)
MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL**

**Councilperson Elaine Washington
Councilperson Aaron Adams
Councilperson Derek Artim
Councilperson Denise Brownfield
Mayor R. Scott Adams**

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

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CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2025
- b. Bill List – February 04, 2025

MOTION: to approve the February 04, 2025 Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Safety – Report by Mayor Scott Adams

- a. Proclamations – Calvina Harris, Ernestine Kent Broadwater, and Charlotte Jefferies Jones.

MOTION: to adopt proclamations recognizing Calvina Harris, Ernestine Kent Broadwater, and Charlotte Jefferies Jones for being honored by the Rankin/Mon Valley/Pittsburgh Section of the National Council of Negro Honorees for their contributions to the City of Duquesne.

- b. Hiring of Police Officer(s)

MOTION: move to hire Valerie Bednar as a City of Duquesne Police Officer.

- c. Great American Passage Trail

MOTION: to allow the contractor to park heavy equipment along E. Grant Avenue during construction

- d. Mon Valley Cure Team

- e. Increase cost of Police Reports

MOTION: move to adopt Resolution 2025-002 amending Resolution 2024-013 which sets the fee schedule for the year 2025 to increase the fee for Crash Reports to \$25.00 and to add a \$150.00 fee for CCTV footage that is requested.

2. *Public Works – Report by Councilperson Elaine Washington*

3. *Water Dept. – Report by Councilperson Aaron Adams*

- a. Value of Water System

MOTION: to authorize the City Manager to determine the approximate value of the City’s Water Distribution Center at a cost NTE \$7,500.

- b. Estimated Cost of Inhouse Refuse Collection

MOTION: to authorize the City Manager to determine the approximate cost to bring refuse collection in-house.

4. *Community & Economic Development – Report by Councilperson Denise Brownfield*

- a. Allegheny County Vacant Property Program – this program allows individuals/entities to acquire vacant and blighted properties. The City is required to complete an Assessment of the Property being requested, confirm the applicant has no outstanding Code Violations at their primary residence, and pass a Resolution that subsequent disposition of the property would be in accordance with the comprehensive plan of the Municipality.

Carolyn Thomas, Grant Ave. (305-G-27 and 305-G-29)

MOTION: to adopt Resolution No. 2025-003 authorizing the acquisition and subsequent disposition of parcel 305-G-27 and would be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of City of Duquesne.

MOTION: to adopt Resolution No. 2025-004 authorizing the acquisition and subsequent disposition of parcel 305-G-29 and would be in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of City of Duquesne.

- b. CDBG 48 Demolition Grant – 5 bids were received for the demolition of 11 S. 5th St., 117 N. 4th St., 1006 Sherman Avenue, and 31 Meadow St. The lowest bidder was Minniefield Demolition Services at \$41,000.00.

MOTION: to award the CDBG Year 48 Demolition Grant to Minniefield Demolition Services with a low bid of \$41,000.00.

- 5. *Accounts & Finances. – Report by Councilperson Artim*
- 6. *Treasurer Dept. – Report by Maureen Strahl*
- 7. *Engineer – Report by Laura Branthoover*
- 8. *Solicitor – Report by Myron Sainovich*
- 9. *City Manager – Report by Douglas Sample*
- 10. *Police Dept. – Report by Chief William Shaw*
- 11. *Fire Dept. – Report by Chief Frank Cobb*
- 12. *Police Citizen Review Board – Report by Debra Chaffin*

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. **Upcoming Home Rule Study Commission** – Monday, February 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM (no in person meeting only via City’s zoom link).
- 2. **Upcoming Council Meeting** – Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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ADJOURNMENT