

**CITY OF DUQUESNE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

6:35 pm The meeting was call to order by Mr. Douglas Sample, City Manager

Present: Richard Scott Adams, Terra Henderson-Murphy, Elaine Washington,

Others Present: Fire Chief Frank Cobb, Act 47 Coordinator George Dougherty,
Treasurer David Bires, Administrative Assistant Marian Marko-Eberle

Absent: Rev. Timothy Caldwell, Solicitor Myron Sainovich, Engineer Dave Gilliland, Police
Citizen Board Debra Chaffin, Mayor Nickole Nesby

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rev. E. Martin asked the following:

1. Inquiring about a street light that has been out. Rev. Martin spoke to Rev. Caldwell who told him he passed the issue onto a responsible person to handle
2. Wants to know the outcome of the Settlement Agreement

Mr. Sample, City Manager, stated that if Rev. Martin stay until the after the Executive Meeting tonight there will be an answer.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes –November 26, 2019 and December 10, 2019
2. Bill List – December 17, 2019

MOTION: I move to approve the December 17, 2019 Consent Agenda.

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried 3-0**

PUBLIC SAFETY –NOT PRESENT - NO REPORT

PUBLIC WORKS – NO REPORT

WATER DEPARTMENT – Mr. Richard Scott Adams

Councilman Adams reported on the following:

1. On 12/4/19 The Chlorination pump malfunctioned again. Mr. DiPaolo fixed the pump. Councilman Adams spoke to Mr. Sample and the Total Equipment Company will be contacted since it is the 2nd time the chlorination pump broke in six months.

2. Councilman Adams met with the Water Center Group to discuss future plans for the City of Duquesne Water System (Notes from the meeting were forwarded). Those who attended from the Water Center were; Mr. Karl Russek and Ms. Alison de Luise. And Ms. Heather Dodson from Baker International. Representation from the City of Duquesne in attendance were: Mr. Frank DiPaolo, Ms. Jaqui Daniels, and Mr. Douglas Sample.
3. Councilman Adams reported there were 38 shutoffs throughout the City of Duquesne due to delinquent water accounts. Mr. DiPaolo from the Water Department will have additional delinquent account shutoffs starting Thursday, December 19, 2019.
4. Councilman Adams continued to report that on November 19, 2019 there were 337 delinquent accounts totaling \$94,301.42. On December 9, 2019 there were 92 delinquent accounts totaling \$46,121.16. Councilman Adams also mentioned these delinquent accounts have until December 19, 2019 to pay in full or the termination process will take effect.
5. Councilman Adams presented to the Board and audience members the garbage pickup for the week of Christmas is as follows:
 - a. Residents who have their garbage picked up on Wednesdays will move to Thursday. Residents who have their garbage picked up on Thursday will be moved to Friday.
 - b. Councilman Adams also mentioned about the recyclables will be picked up on Saturday.
 - c. Councilman Adams mentioned that starting in 2020 all residents will be picked up on Thursdays. Councilman Adams then mentioned that recyclables will be picked up every other Thursday. County Hauling will be sending letters to the residents this week (December 16, 2019).

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – NOT PRESENT – NO REPORT

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE – TERRA HENDERSON-MURPHY

MOTION: I move to adopt Ordinance 2019-07 appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the City Government set forth during the year 2020.

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Richard Scott Adams **Motion carried 3-0**

MOTION: I move to adopt Ordinance 2019-08 setting the real estate millage rate for property for the year 2020.

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Richard Scott Adams
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION: I move to adopt Ordinance 2019-09 setting the water rate for the year 2020.

Councilperson Washington asked the question if there would be any increase. Mr. Sample responded by saying “no.”

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried 3-0**

MOTION: I move to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 setting the EIT rate for the year 2020.

Councilman Adams asked the question if there would be an increase. Councilman Henderson-Murphy replied “no.”

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Elaine Washington

MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2019-16 adopting the wages for non-union employees for the year 2020.

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried: 3-0**

MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2019-17 adopting the fee schedule for the year 2020.

Councilman Adams asked Mr. Sample if this motion applied to the materials he provided at the Workshop Meeting a few ago. Mr. Sample responded “yes.”

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Richard Scott Adams
Motion carried: 3-0

MOTION: I move to adopt Resolution 2019-18 authorizing the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series 2020 in the amount of \$750,000.00.

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried: 3-0**

MOTION: I move to authorize the issuance of a City Credit Card through First Commonwealth Bank to Douglas Sample.

Councilman Adams asked the question “Who all has access to City credit cards?” Mr. Sample answered “the Mayor, Chief Dunlevy, and Ms. Virginia Finnegan, Interim Manager, however, Ms. Finnegan does not actually have a credit card.”

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried 3-0**

TREASURER – DAVID BIRES

SOLICITOR – NOT PRESENT – NO REPORT

CITY MANAGER

1. Report from Manager Douglas Sample
2. Advertise Reorganization Meeting and First Meeting of 2020

MOTION: I move to authorize the City Manager to advertise the 2020 Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 PM and the Committee Workshop Meeting for January 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – NOT PRESENT – NO REPORT

ACT 47 COORDINATOR

Mr. Dougherty reported on the items below that he was a part of assisting in:

1. Mr. Dougherty worked with Mr. Sample on the Labor Negotiations.
2. Mr. Dougherty worked with the DECD and Interim City Managers with the Financials
3. Mr. Dougherty was also instrumental working on the Water Proposals to submit next week for the City of Duquesne.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

100 - Fire, other	1	2.27%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	2	4.55%
311 -Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	4.55%
322 -Motor vehicle accident with injuries	7	15.91%
324 -Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	3	6.82%
350 -Extrication, rescue, other	1	2.27%
351 -Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1	2.27%
412 -Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2	4.55%
441 -Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1	2.27%
463 -Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	2.27%
511 -Lock-out	1	2.27%

520	-Water problem, other	1	2.27%
551	-Assist police or other governmental agency	3	6.82%
600	-Good intent call, other	1	2.27%
611	-Dispatched & cancelled end route	3	6.82%
622	-No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	2	4.55%
631	-Authorized controlled burning	1	2.27%
651	-Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	4.55%
700	-False alarm or false call, other	5	11.36%
730	-System malfunction, other	1	2.27%
733	-Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	2.27%
743	-Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	2	4.55%
	TOTAL INCIDENTS:	44	100.00%

POLICE CITIZEN’S REVIEW BOARD – NOT PRESENT – NO REPORT

6:50 pm Motion was made to hold an Executive Session

First: Terra Henderson-Murphy **Second:** Richard Scott Adams **Motion carried:** 3-0

6:58 pm Return from Executive Session

7: 01 pm Motion to adjourn

First: Richard Scott Adams **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried:** 3-0

1. I move to authorize the City Manager to execute the Settlement Agreement and General Release between the City of Duquesne and the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Duquesne and the Duquesne Business Advisory Corporation.

First: Richard Scott Adams **Second:** Elaine Washington **Motion carried:** 3-0

Nickole Nesby

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