

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom in accordance with Senate Bill 1108.

Mayor McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dr. Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Rich Folaron, Mayor Ken McDonough, Pat O'Connor, Matt Schaefer

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

O'Connor moved, Folaron supported to approve the agenda as presented.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer

NAYS: None

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Folaron moved, Schaefer supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 7, 2020 and the special meeting held on December 21, 2020, as presented.

YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Folaron moved, Schaefer supported to pay bills #52913-53009.

YEAS: Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough (abstain from # 52949), O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Don White, Light of Faith – offered prayer.

Kent Edward, President of the Durand Lions thanked Matt Schaefer and Jason Hartz for being judges in the citywide holiday decoration contest. The Lions plan to continue the tradition of holding the contest next year.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Schaefer thanked Kent Edwards, he said it was fun judging the decoration contest.

McDonough expressed condolences to John Matejewski on the loss of his wife, Patti. He also thanked Kent Edwards for his work on the holiday decoration contest, he said that a picture of his house was in the paper, and it was fun.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Discussion: City Manager Job Posting Details- Frank Walsh from Walsh Municipal Services gave a brief update on the City Manager posting. He said that he is currently ahead of the proposed timeline with the ad being placed tomorrow. He recommended to the council that the salary range for this position be \$80,000 to \$95,000 annually. After some discussion it was the consensus of the Council that this would be an appropriate salary range and to place the ad with this information.

Discussion: Marijuana Facilities Ordinance

Schaefer moved, O'Connor supported to present the Marijuana ordinance as written, to the Planning Commission for discussion. They are asked to bring back all comments to the Council for further discussion, following the February and March Planning Commission meetings.

YEAS: Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Cobley

NAYS: Folaron, Boggs, Brands

Carried 4-3

Discussion: City Ordinance, Domestic Animals and Fowl

Schaefer moved, Cobley supported to present ordinance to Planning Commission for discussion, asking them to bring back all comments with input to the zoning part of the ordinance.

YEAS: Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Cobley

NAYS: Boggs, Brands, Folaron

Carried 4-3

Discussion: Fire Department/SCBA Equipment

Mayor McDonough moved, Schaefer supported to accept the lower bid for the SCBA Equipment for the Fire Department and to give the Clerk/Treasurer authority to proceed with financing contingent upon review from Acting City Manager and City Attorney.

YEAS: O'Connor, Schaefer, Brands, Cobley, Mayor McDonough

NAYS: Boggs, Folaron

Carried 5-2

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Debbie White, 512 N. Saginaw Street – She asked the City Attorney what the 1000 feet rule is in regards to the Marijuana Ordinance.

Cam Canute, 502 Yale St. – He stated that he was interested in seeing a grow facility in the Industrial Park. He also stated that the ordinance regarding not allowing fowl in the City limits came about during his time on the Council, when a resident had a chicken coop in the city and the stench was so terrible that other residents complained.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Water-Wastewater Foreman: He said that they were “hanging in there”. He said that the water main break that occurred after Christmas is all taken care of. The clarifier parts have been received and will be up and running tomorrow.

Police Chief: He said that there were no issues with Covid this month. He stated to Council that there is a problem with the Winter On Street Parking Ordinance that was approved last month. The ordinance does not address the streets that residents cannot park on at any time of year between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the first reading of the amended Winter on Street Parking Ordinance to exclude parking on North Saginaw Street, Main Street, Oak Street and the 100 block of East Clinton and 100 block of West Clinton Streets and to set a public hearing for the next regular City Council meeting.

YEAS: O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands, Cobby, Folaron, Mayor McDonough

NAYS: None

Carried

Clerk/Treasurer: She stated that she is continuing to work on financing for the SCBA equipment.

Kent Edwards: He said that the manhole will be installed next week.

Fire Chief: He said that they got a good response driving Santa throughout the City. He said that there are a lot of things in his department that need to be replaced, for example the truck is 25 years old, the department needs a ladder truck, hoses need to be replaced and the gear is outdated. New gear is about \$2500 per person but there is no money in the budget for these items.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: Nothing to add

Cobby: She asked if we are going to hire out the lawn mowing for this year or is it going to be done in house? She said that the wall on the old Simplicity building is ready to cave in with the next heavy snow.

Schaefer: He said that Mr. Canute and Ms. White's input does matter to him, because he represents all the people. He said that he encourages the Fire Chief to bring a proposed budget that you need to the council. He said that recycling schedule needs to be updated on the website along with updating the council meeting start times. Lastly, he said that the speed signs that were recently put up, hasn't slowed down anyone and we spent \$40,000 on them.

O'Connor: He said that people were disappointed with the snow plowing this weekend. He said that there is a big limb leaning on the power lines at the corner of Fauble and Saginaw streets. He said that there are many limbs on the power lines on the south side of the city. He asked why the police officers do not have body cams.

Folaron: He said that body cams are very expensive, about \$15,000 to \$20,000 each plus other expenses. He said that the speed signs were not \$40,000 but more like \$12,000. He said that he is for Tasers. The only department in Shiawassee County that he knows of that has body cams are in Perry and they only have one for the Chief.

Brands: He complimented the DPW on the recent snow plowing. He said that he likes the speed signs, that they are very polite, it says "Thank you" when you slow down.

McDonough: He said that the DPW needs training on plowing the corners. He said the sidewalks on Yale and many places throughout the city have not been shoveled; we need to get on it. He thanked the DPW for taking down the fence and trimming the trees behind the Iron Horse. He asked why the Durand Police are sitting out on Lansing Road. He asked when he could expect an ambulance report; they are supposed to be given every three months. Lastly, he hopes to hold the February Council meeting in person at City Hall.

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Carried

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk