

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Rich Folaron, Amber Rochefort, Andy Zick

Absent: Nick Florindi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the agenda with the following additions:

F. PVS Chemical Invoice

G. Pay App for LA Construction

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Zick moved, Folaron supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 2, 2024 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to pay bills 58142-58228.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rochefort, Zick, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Candyce Wolsfeld, 209 Brown St. Thanked the Council for all the help during the accident at Shaw's recently.

Nathan Gray, 9745 E. Monroe Rd. Pastor of the Nazarene Church. He offered a prayer.

Nancy Folaron, Director of the Shiawassee District Library, Durand Branch. She gave an update on the ongoing construction project.

Lorie Grant, 301 S. Oak Street. She expressed her displeasure with the bollards that were recently installed in front of her house that was needed to keep the City of Durand's Quiet Zone per the Federal Railroad Administration.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZENS PRESENT:

Boggs thanked Pastor Gray for the prayer. He addressed Ms. Grant's concerns stating that the City looked at all the options necessary to keep our "Quiet Zone" and this was the most reasonable option that was chosen.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Paul Bailey with UHY, LLP presented to the Council the audit that was prepared for the period ending June 30, 2024.

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to accept the audit as presented and place it on file.

Carried

Rocheftort moved, Folaron supported to approve the invoice from Onix in an amount of \$8,708 as presented.

YEAS: Doyle, Folaron, Rocheftort, Zick, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Rocheftort supported to approve Option #2 for Employee Appreciation Stipends.

Boggs amended his motion to approve Option #1, Folaron supported.

YEAS: Folaron, Rocheftort, Zick, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: none

Carried

Rocheftort moved, Zick supported to award municipal legal matters to Eric Morris as presented in his engagement letter and further award criminal and litigation matters to John Ryan as presented in his engagement letter.

YEAS: Rocheftort, Zick, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

Doyle moved, Rocheftort supported to approve the general services agreement from Rowe Engineering as presented.

YEAS: Zick, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rocheftort

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the invoice from PVS Chemical for Ferric Chloride in the amount of \$10,153.68.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rocheftort, Zick

NAYS: None

Carried

Zick moved, Folaron supported to approve pay application from LA Construction for street work completed in the amount of \$289,717.52.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rocheftort, Zick, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Doyle: She said that she understood Ms. Grants frustration regarding the bollards on S. Oak Street. City Manager to look into a possible drive way south of Ms. Grant's property.

Rocheftort: Said that people are loving the new drop box at the library.

Zick: Nothing to add

Folaron: He said that hopefully we can find a remedy for Ms. Grant.

Boggs: He congratulated Eric Morris. He said that Mr. Morris would be attending our meetings.

Mayor Brands: He said that he was glad Elmer is doing better.

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk