

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2024 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, Nick Florindi, Rich Folaron, Pat O'Connor, Amber Rochefort

Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 4, 2023 and the special meeting held on December 20, 2023 as presented.

Carried

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve bills number 56889-57037.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

NAYS: None

Carried

**HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Candyce Wolsfeld, Chamber Director. She gave an update on the recent events that took place in December. She requested that the car show in connection with Wednesday Night Live, be moved to East Main Street/Hagel Street area.

Mary Yarbrough, 313 Mercer St. She offered a prayer

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Boggs clarified that the Council is in agreement with the new car show location. Everyone agreed. He thanked Mrs. Yarbrough for the prayer.

Doyle thanked Mrs. Yarbrough for the prayer

Mayor Brands thanked Mrs. Yarbrough for the prayer. He also thanked Candyce Wolsfeld for all her work behind the scenes "we appreciate everything you do".

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Paul Bailey with UHY presented the audit for the City of Durand for FY 2022-2023. He reviewed the findings of the audit with the Council.

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to accept the audit as presented and place it on file in the Treasurer's Office.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Update from J & J Ag. 209 S. Oak Street. Josh Hicks stated that they are still moving forward with the project. He said that the next step after receiving reimbursement for the City for the demolition would be to get the environmental phase I completed. He explained that it will be a process until the building is built, he estimates that it could be 2 to 5 years. He said that they are still committed to the City of Durand and this project.

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to confirm the recommendation of the City Manager to appoint Chief Robert Brancheau as the next Police Chief of the Durand Police Department.

YEAS: Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the gifting of Chief Hartz primary service pistol, a Glock .23 G4 .40 cal (serial # AGBS867), and also his secondary firearm, a Smith & Wesson .38 revolver 36 (serial # 1X726B18) to him upon retiring.

YEAS: Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the Railroad Days Inc. proposal of the Railroad Days celebration to occur May 16-19, 2024 as presented.

YEAS: Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle Florindi

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Doyle supported to approve the invoice from Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone P.L.C. in the amount not to exceed \$8,943.58 as presented.

YEAS: O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Florindi supported to approve the Special Conditional Land Use for the property located at 8755 E. Lansing Rd. for the applicant Davison Motorsports.

YEAS: Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor

NAYS: None

Carried

Doyle moved, O'Connor supported to approve the Planning Services Agreement for 2024 from Wade Trim as presented in an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #4 from Oak Construction as presented in an amount not to exceed \$335,554.84 for the CWSRF WWTP project.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the invoice from ONIX in an amount not to exceed \$8,708.00.

YEAS: Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

It is noted that the Planning Commission Activity List for 2023 was given to each member of the Council.

**CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw Street. She thanked Jason Hartz for his years of service to the City of Durand. She also congratulated Robert Brancheau on being appointed the new Chief.

Kent Edwards, with Railroad Days, Inc. He said that this will be his last year as President of Railroad Days, Inc. After 35 years with the organization and 31 years as President, it's time to hand the reins over to someone else, probably Shannon Frier.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Doyle: She said that the Chamber Hometown Celebration is April 20, 2024 and she is selling tickets if anyone is interested.

Rochefort: She thanked Kent and Terry Edwards for their work for Railroad Days. She thanked Jason Hartz for his years of service and congratulated the "new and improved Chief" Robert Brancheau.

Boggs: He congratulated Chief Brancheau. He congratulated Beth for a great audit. He also said that he would like an update on the Brownfield Redevelopment project at the February meeting.

Florindi: He congratulated Jason on his retirement and welcomed the new Chief. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Candyce Wolsfeld for all they do for our community. He said he is happy to see the commitment from J & J Ag and lastly, he thanked Beth Chapman for a good audit.

Folaron: He welcomed the new Police Chief.

O'Connor: He wished Jason Hartz "good luck" and welcomed Chief Brancheau to the City. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Edwards for their service to the community.

Brands: He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Edwards. He said Jason would be missed. He welcomed the new Chief of Police. He thanked Candyce and said that "she isn't going anywhere". He thanked Beth Chapman for an excellent job on the audit.

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

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Mindy McKay, City Clerk

