

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Durand High School.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Nick Florindi, Amber Rochefort, Andrew Zick

Absent: Rich Folaron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Boggs moved, Florindi supported to approve the agenda with the addition of J. Approval of Resolution for the Social District naming each individual participating establishment.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 6, 2025 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, Florindi supported to pay bills 58229-58351.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

John Matejewski, 708 S. Kingswood. He said that the streets are not being taken care of in regards to ice and snow. He said that the apron of the Southside railroad tracks is full of pot holes.

Lori Grant, 301 S. Oak Street. She spoke regarding the barricades in front of her house. She hasn't heard anything from the city with a solution. She feels that it is a safety issue for her.

Nancy Folaron, Director of Shiawassee District Library, Durand location. She gave an update on the on-going construction project.

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw St. She offered a prayer

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Boggs thanked Deb White for the prayer.

Zick thanked Nancy for the report on the library. He said that he dropped in to see the improvements and it's beautiful.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the request to hold Railroad Days from May 15-18, 2025 providing that Railroad Days, Inc provide the appropriate insurance riders naming the City of Durand as an additional insured.

Carried

Doyle moved, Boggs supported to approve the Mayoral's Appointment of Andy Zick to the SATA board.
Carried

Boggs moved, Deb supported to pay for the maintenance portion of the DDA flower proposal in an amount of \$7,000.00 awarded to Farmer's Garden.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Rochefort moved, Zick supported to approve the proposal from Door Mart in an amount of \$3,500.00 for a control enclosure/operator module for the WWTP influent building.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the proposal from Ina Store and purchase the snow push box in two installment payments of \$7,775.00 payable in the next check run and the check run following July 1, 2025.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to adopt the proposed amendment to the City's Employee Handbook's sick time provisions in order to comply with Michigan's Earned Sick Time Act. I further move that the City Manager is directed to update the Handbook and circulate the updated handbook to City employees as appropriate.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Rochefort moved, Doyle supported to approve the invoice from BS&A as presented in an amount of \$11,875.00.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Doyle moved, Rochefort supported to approve the quote from AIS Construction Equipment in an amount of \$3,405 for the purchase of a 4'x8' work platform.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the quote from Peerless Midwest in an amount not to exceed \$61,072 as presented for work to be completed on well #1.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the resolution allowing for the six (6) current establishments listed with the Durand Social District Common Area which are: Nick's Hometown Grill,

Iron Horse Pub of Durand, D-Railed Bar & Grill, Union Station Smokehouse, Our Two O Six Bar, and Durand Moose Lodge #2508 to seek approval through the appropriate State of Michigan licensing entity.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

John Matejewski, asked if the cleaning of well #1 will affect, in any way, well #2. City Manager responded that the representative from Peerless said that the cleaning would have no bearing on well #2.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Doyle: She said that the Performing Arts Council is stunning and she thanked the school district for inviting the council to hold their meeting here tonight.

Rochefort: Nothing to add

Florindi: He asked for an update regarding the last proposal for the Reed Road property. City Manager responded that the parties are no longer interested.

Zick: Nothing to add

Boggs: Nothing to add

Brands: He said that the building is amazing and he thanked the school district for inviting the council to host our meeting here tonight.

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk