

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, April 1, 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, Rich Folaron, Amber Rochefort

Absent: Nick Florindi, Pat O'Connor

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 with the removal of items H & K.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Doyle moved, Rochefort supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 18, 2024 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve bills number 57231-57273.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Robert Hinojosa, He stated that he is a Candidate for Shiawassee County Prosecutor in the November election. He wants to "restore justice for the county".

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

Candyce Wolsfeld, Director of Durand Chamber of Commerce. She said that there will be 11 Wednesday Night Live concerts this year. She spoke about the need for street closures.

COUNCIL RESPONSE:

Boggs, Doyle and Brands thanked Deb White for prayer.

Brands told Chamber Director to go ahead with any summer plans for Trumble Park since it will be a while before the park renovations begin.

Garrett Kett and Tyler Jenkins spoke briefly about Top Shelf Hockey League and that they are excited to bring hockey to the City.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to authorize the declaration of the aforementioned utility accounts as delinquent.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rochefort, Boggs
NAYS: None
Carried

Doyle moved, Folaron supported to approve the Chamber events and associated road closures as presented.
Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the 3-year contract extension from UHY, LLP for auditing services as presented.
YEAS: Doyle, Folaron, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands
NAYS: None
Carried

Folaron moved, Doyle supported to approve invoice #2030629 from Wade Trim for their work on the Pedestrian Crossing Study through the Rural Readiness Grant in an amount not to exceed \$5,762.31.
YEAS: Folaron, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle
NAYS: None
Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the engagement letter agreement with Baker Tilly for bond services for the street millage in an amount not to exceed \$18,500.
YEAS: Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron
NAYS: None
Carried

Folaron moved, Rochefort supported to approve the purchase of a DR3900 Laboratory Spectrophotometer from Hach in an amount not to exceed \$6,872.
YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rochefort
NAYS: None
Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the lease agreement for a CASE Front End Loader as presented.
YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, Rochefort, Boggs
NAYS: None

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve a not to exceed \$6,000 allowance for the remainder of fiscal year 23-24 to Maner Costerisan for interim Treasury services. In addition, I move that we approve another not to exceed \$6,000 allowance for fiscal year 24-25 to continue said Treasury services.
YEAS: Doyle, Folaron, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands
NAYS: None
Carried

Doyle moved, Rochefort supported to approve the Resolution authorizing insurance of 2024 street improvement bonds as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Doyle: No comment

Rochefort: No comment

Boggs: He stated that the council should consider a charter amendment be placed on the November election to increase the City Manger’s spending threshold to \$5,000.00.

Folaron: No comment

It was noted that the Treasurer presented the Council with a rough draft of the FY 24-25 as required by City Charter.

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to adjourn into closed session to discuss an employee evaluation per section 8 of the Open Meetings Act MCL 268(a).

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor Brands adjourned into Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Brands reconvened from Closed Session at 7:18 p.m.

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the proposal as presented by the employee with the duration as proposed by the employee.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Jeff Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk

