

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on April 3, 2023 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 Brands, Deb Doyle, Nick Florindi, Rich Folaron, Pat O'Connor, Sara Pettit  
Absent: None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the agenda with the addition to A: Mayoral Appointment of Jessica Gray as Summer Park Director and M: Discussion: Tasers for PD  
Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Pettit moved, O'Connor supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 6, 2023 as presented.  
Carried

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Boggs moved, Florindi supported to pay bills #55904-56000.  
YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Pettit  
NAYS: None  
Carried

**HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Richard Davidson, Owner Clean Cut Complete stated that he was the lowest bidder for the lawncare bid and was here to answer any questions that the Council have.

Mary Yarborough, 313 Mercer St. She offered a prayer

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw Street. She asked for permission to put blue pinwheels at Durand City Hall in honor of April Child Abuse month.

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to allow blue pinwheels at City Hall for Child Abuse Awareness month.  
Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to allow the National Day of Prayer to meet on the lawn of the City Hall on May 4, 2023.  
Carried

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

Boggs thanked Mary Yarborough for the prayer.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Doyle moved, Boggs supported to approve the Mayoral Appointments of Andrew Bisaha to the SATA Board and Jessica Gray as the Summer Parks Director.

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to adopt the resolution in support of the State of Michigan HB5054 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

O'Connor Moved, Florindi supported to approve the emergency purchase from the estimate provided by C&S Motors for a turbocharger for truck #641 in the amount of \$3,432.61.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the purchase of surge protectors for Vinewood lift station as presented in the quote provided by CEC Electric in the amount of \$3,210.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to authorize the declaration of the aforementioned utility accounts as delinquent.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Doyle moved, Pettit supported to award the contract for tree work to Discount Stump Grind & Removal LLC of Bancroft for the 2023-2025 season at a rate of \$150.00 per hour for trimming and removal and \$2.25 per diameter inch for stump grinding.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to award the bid for ferric chloride to PVS Technologies at a cost of \$1,184.00 per dry ton delivered.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to award the base bid contract for sidewalk to KMI Road Maintenance LLC of North Branch per their bid dated March 22, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Doyle moved, O'Connor supported to award the bid for ground care maintenance to Clean Cut Complete per the bids opened on March 23, 2023.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Doyle supported to approve the hazard pay at \$18,000, and additional \$19,213 for IT Upgrades and \$4,220 for the drinking fountain at Trumble Park for a total of \$41,433 to be allocated to ARPA funds.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Discussion: Street Sweeping City Manager provided the council with information regarding the purchase of a new sweeper. He also suggested that the City may be able to make do with this sweeper for a little while longer if we sweep the streets only once a month. Discussion was had by the Council that administration should look into the cost of leasing a street sweeper.

Discussion: SSES Rate Increase Guy Hubbard, representative for SSES was present and he explained why SSES increased their rates effective January 1, 2024. The City's contract with SSES ends August 2023, he suggested that the City extend the contract until December 31, 2023. It was discussed doing a special assessment rather than the millage and he brought the Treasurer from Perry to explain how their special assessment works.

Discussion: Taser's for Police Department. Councilman Folaron said that he believes that the City of Durand is the only police department in Shiawassee County that doesn't have tasers. He believes that this is a tool that the officers need to have. It was suggested that Chief Hartz look into the cost of this and can be discussed further at the Budget Workshop on April 25, 2023.

**CITIZEN'S SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Guy Hubbard said that he believes that the police department needs to have tasers.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Pettit: Nothing to add

Folaron: Nothing to add

O'Connor: He thinks that the city should look into getting and electric sign for city hall.

Doyle: She said in regards to tasers that "we want what will protect our guys and that this can be discussed at the budget workshop."

Florindi: He offered to take photos of the Fire Department, Police Department and other employees at no cost to the City.

Boggs: The City Manager's two year anniversary is this month and the Council needs to do an performance evaluation. The Mayor will begin this process.

Mayor Brands: Nothing to add

It should be noted that the Treasurer gave a copy of the preliminary budget, as dictated by the City Charter.

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

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Mindy McKay, City Clerk

