

Minutes of the Durand City Council Budget Workshop held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor Brands called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Rich Folaron (arrived @ 2:07 p.m.), 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, Rochefort supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

**HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit Street She asked if a sound system for the Council Chambers is in the budget for the new year. She also asked what the plans are for the ARPA funds.

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZENS PRESENT:**

None

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing and Approval: Clean Water SRF Project

Mayor Brands opened the public hearing at 2:06 p.m.

City Manager gave a brief update regarding the proposed plan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Paula Brooks asked if the purpose is to eliminate overflows and Kent Edwards said yes.

Mayor Brands closed the hearing at 2:13 p.m.

Boggs moved, Doyle supported to proceed with the application of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund which includes improvements to the sanitary sewer system at the treatment plant.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Budget Workshop:

The City Manager and Treasurer reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget.

City Manager highlighted funds:

Council stated that the Police Department wages need to be reduced by \$95,000.00. City Manager said that union negotiations for the PD are scheduled for next week.

There is a millage for Ambulance Services through 2030 although it does not cover the current cost of this service any remaining costs will come from fund balance. There will be an Emergency Service millage request on the August Primary Ballot.

Mayor Brands left the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Water and Sewer rates will be increased 5% as they are not meeting expected revenues. City Manager explained that water usage has been decreasing approximately 2,000,000 gallons per year on average.

Citizens Speak on Agenda Items Only:

No one spoke.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Folaron adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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Jeff Brands, Mayor

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Mindy McKay, City Clerk