

Minutes of the Durand City Council Budget Workshop held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor Brands called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Nick Florindi, Rich Folaron, Sara Pettit (arrived @ 1:42 p.m.)

Absent: Pat O'Connor

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 as presented.

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

No one spoke

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to award the sidewalk bid for Trumble Park sidewalks to Lyons Construction, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Florindi supported to approve the invoice from EJ USA for gate valves in the amount of \$3,270.28.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Budget Workshop: The City Manager and Treasurer reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. The City Manager said that the property taxes are the largest revenue source.

Highlighted areas of budget included:

Contributions from Major/Local Street/ WWTP Fund/Water Fund/Refuse fund/Ambulance should be increased. Boggs stated that they have been static for sometime and should increase the transfer of those funds into the general fund.

Boggs asked where the revenue for SATA is recorded. He said we should look into this.

Council asked that the Legislative salaries be reduced by \$1,000.00

Police Budget needs to be looked again; it went up considerably. Will need to renegotiate with the union in order to bring down salaries and other line items.

Boggs asked that water and sewer rates be revisited since they are not meeting the expected revenues that Baker Tilley provided. City Manager said that the water usage has been decreasing approximately

2,000,000 gallons each year. This may be due to the lower population in the City or people conserving water due to raising costs.

Boggs asked that the Fire Department budget be looked at again and reduced by \$15,000.00.

Public Hearing and Adoption of City of Durand FY2023-2024 will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

CITIZENS SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Officer Joseph Orr stated the importance of the Police Department having double coverage at night especially in light of the fact that there are very few available officers from either Owosso or the State Police, if backup was needed. He said that he would prefer to have other areas of the Police Department's budget cut before having double coverage be cut.

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk