

Minutes of the Durand City Council Budget Workshop held on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor McDonough called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Rich Folaron, Mayor McDonough, Pat O'Connor, Matt Schaefer

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to approve the agenda as presented.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

No one spoke

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Budget Workshop 2021-2022

The City Manager and Clerk/Treasurer reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. City Manager stated that property taxes are the single largest revenue source. Other revenue sources are revenue sharing and transfers in from other funds. City Treasurer stated that the stimulus money is not included in this budget due to all of the unknowns.

Highlighted areas of the budget include:

Police Department:

As of July 1st Police Chief will become an Administrative Chief and the department will have five full time officers with several part-time officers.

Fire Department:

Two sets of gear and 2 pagers have been budgeted for this year. It was noted that they have two more payments on the fire truck (Engine 604) until it is paid in full.

DPW Fund:

Council asked that two additional full time employees be hired for this department.

Building Department Fund:

Budget reflects increase to Building Director's salary.

Wastewater Fund:
Sewer Ready to Serve and sewer fees to increase by 5%

Water Fund:
Water Ready to Serve and water fees to increase by 5%

Refuse Fund:
Budget reflects a 10% increase to refuse.

Sidewalk Fund:
No sidewalk projects are scheduled for this year due to the large street project.

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Brands – Nothing to add

Rich – Nothing to add

Matt- Nothing to add

Boggs: Thanked Lisa, Cameron and staff for work done on the budget.

Cobley: She said that she is pleased with the positive change in customer service from staff.

O'Connor: He said that he is still working on the VA home situation. He asked about increasing the parking at Optimist Park. He asked that we look at a city lot in Creek Wood sub that backs up to the park that could potentially become an additional parking lot.

McDonough: He thanked Cameron and Lisa for work on the budget. He stated that the water and wastewater plant employees were exposed to Covid and many of the employees have either tested positive or are being quarantined until such time as they can take the test. Staff is now completing health questionnaires each day. Mayor McDonough asked the Police Chief to enforce that residents do not put out their refuse or yard waste before Sunday. He is seeing people put items to the curb on Tuesdays and then it sits there all week.

Schaefer moved, Cobley supported to approve the mayor's appointment of Kristin Tyler to the Parks and Recreation Board to replace Nick Pettit.

Carried

Boggs Moved, Schaefer supported to adjourn into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at the request of the employee.

YEAS: Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Adjourned into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

Reconvened at 5:40 p.m.

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to accept Lisa David's early retirement request as presented with a service credit purchase of 11 months made directly to MERS.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk