

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor Ken McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Rich Folaron, Mayor Ken 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, Brands supported to approve the agenda as written.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the minutes with corrections.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Brands moved, O'Connor supported to approve bills number 54665-54756.

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

NAYS: None

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit She stated that she would like to see the ARPA funds used for accessibility for the parks.

Deb White, Light of Faith. She offered a prayer

Deb White, N. Saginaw Street She said that she has a tree that was planted by the City and it hasn't grown in four years. She said that she also has a big branch that is on the electrical line that should be taken down.

Anthony Karhoff, 5112 Exchange Rd. He said he has 18 years in the Fire Service and advocated for the need for the extractor.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZENS PRESENT:

Boggs: Thanked Deb White for the prayer. He also said that he didn't appreciate the comments made by Mr. Karhoff regarding him and the county.

Brands: Thanked Deb White

Folaron: Thanked Deb White

Schaefer: Thanked Deb White and Mr. Karhoff for his comments.

McDonough: Thanked Deb White, Paula Brooks.

Presentation: J & J Ag They did not show

Folaron moved, Schaefer supported to approve the Durand Area Ministerial Association's request to hold the National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2022 on the lawn of Durand City Hall.

Carried

Folaron moved, Cobley supported to approve the purchase order from MES for the purchase of an Extractor for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$8,359.00.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Schaefer

Carried

**CITY OF DURAND
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-05-02**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Redevelopment Ready Communities program is a best practices program for enhancing a community's planning, zoning, and development activities intended to improve community development outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the application of each of the best practices in the program will lead to certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community which provides additional development resources to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Redevelopment Ready Communities' practices for public participation includes expectations for the use, application, and tracking of public engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that a higher level of community engagement is supportive of building a more responsive and inclusive community.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Acceptance of the Public Participation Plan. The City Council receives and accepts the *Durand Public Participation Plan: A Guide to Community Engagement in the City of Durand* and regards it as policy for the City's future public engagement efforts.
2. Consultant's Consideration of the Public Participation Plan. The City Council recommends an administrative policy that requires all consultants hired by the City to consider the applicability of the Public Participation Plan and how methods recommended in the plan may be applied in their actions on community development projects as work is undertaken in the City of Durand.
3. City Assistance to Developers on Soliciting Public Input. The City Council recommends an administrative policy that staff will make recommendations and provide meeting location support to developers interested in obtaining early feedback on large-scale site plans ahead of development review submission.
4. Tracking Efforts on Public Engagement. The City Council recommends administrative policy that staff will track the effectiveness of various public participation methods and include this information in the Planning Commission's future Annual Report documents.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Boggs. Second offered by Council Member Brands.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Carried

Lisa David, City Clerk

Mayor McDonough moved, Cobley supported to approve the proposal submitted by DUSMRE for replacing the doors presented, with the doors specified in the attached package, finished in the most historically accurate as possible, with no cost to the city.

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve to use ARPA funds as presented with the FY 2022-2023 Budget as follows: \$35,335.00 as FYE 6/30/22 shortage, \$103,835.00 as FYE 6/30/23 shortage, \$33,100.00 for 2021 Streets lead services, and \$17,000.00 for IT upgrades.

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Deb White, She thanked the Council for approving the National Day of Prayer. She also said that she needs more information on the train wreck that Council Member Cobley spoke about.

Karhoff: He thanked the Council for approving the extractor for the Fire Department.

Tom Schaefer, 16155 Monroe. He said why doesn't the city invite every contractor to do cement work, allowing them to stamp their names in the cement as a form of advertising, to give the City a break on costs.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk/Treasurer: She reminded the Council of the special meeting on Monday, May 16th for the FY Budget hearing and adoption.

City Manager: Rowe Engineering did a TOPO for any sidewalks that we may need. SESSA Update: City Manager said that he and the City Attorney met with Guy Hubbard with regards to concerns that SESSA is not fulfilling their contract with the City. They believe that Guy Hubbard heard their concerns were heard and SESSA will be able to fulfill the contract. The Mayor asked that Guy Hubbard attend the next Council Meeting to give an update. City Manager said that he has a bid packet prepared for a pitch roof on the library but everything that he is hearing is that the cost to replace the current roof with a pitched roof will be over \$100,000.00. He will keep the Council updated on this issue. He said that he put out a bid for the property at 206 W. John Street, but there were no responses. He received an email from Bob Conrad with NRMI and was told that the gate

tower is behind schedule but should be completed by the end of May. Mr. Conrad also said that the refrigerator car will be moved by car and not by rail and will be placed in the designated space.

Deputy Clerk: Reminded the Council of the County wide hazardous waste collection to be held in Perry on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: He said that we need to use ARPA funds to focus on Parks and to bring them into ADA compliance by graduation.

Cobley: She said that the City had a “clean up day” last Saturday and is looking good. She said to make sure everything in your yard and encourage your neighbor to empty everything in his yard that holds water, to reduce the mosquito population this summer.

O’Connor: Said good luck with the extractor and he believes that the ARPA funds should be used for safety and sidewalks.

Brands: He said that he agrees for the need for sidewalks. He also said that the ambulance service is needed in the city and that we aren’t paying them to sit in Vernon Township, they should be in the ambulance building on Saginaw Street.

Folaron: Nothing to add

Schaefer: He thanked the people in the audience for showing up and voicing their concerns.

Mayor McDonough: He would like to see the ARPA funds to give the employees who worked during the pandemic get a bonus. He said that the sidewalks in the downtown need to be repaired also.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk