

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor 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:

O'Connor moved, Cobley supported to approve the agenda as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Folaron moved, Brands supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 5, 2021 and the special meeting held on March 15, 2021 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Schaefer moved, Boggs supported to approve bills # 53281-53373.

YEAS: Folaron, Mayor McDonough (abstain from bill #53292), O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands, Cobley

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Pastor Don White, Light of Faith He offered a prayer

Guy Hubbard, SESSA He gave his quarterly report on the ambulance service. He reported that between January 1 – March 30, 2021 there were 122 calls. The average response time for those calls was 6 minutes and 1 second. There were 53 mutual aid calls during this period. SESSA recently purchased \$190,000 of new equipment, some of which will come to Durand. SESSA will provide the City of Durand with a separate insurance certificate covering our firefighters to drive the ambulance.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Boggs: Thanked Pastor Don

Brands: Thanked Pastor Don

Folaron: Thanked Pastor Don

Schaefer: Thanked Pastor Don

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to allow the VFW 2272 to hold their Poppy sale during Railroad Day weekend at the intersections of Oak and Main, and Saginaw and Monroe, as requested.
Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to allow the Durand Area Ministerial Association to hold the National Day of Prayer meeting on May 6, 2021 on the front lawn of City Hall, as requested.
Carried

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to award the bid for property commonly known as 333 Creek Point Circle located in Durand, MI to Patrick O'Connor and authorize the City Manager or City Treasurer to execute a Purchase Agreement subject to approval of the City Attorney.
YEAS: Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron
NAYS: None
Carried

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to award the contract for tree trimming and removal to Discount Stump & Removal LLC of Bancroft per the unit prices in their bid dated April 19, 2021.
YEAS: O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough
NAYS: None
Carried

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to award the contract for aggregate to Great Lakes Fuson, a local company, per the unit prices of \$9.70 for 2NS Washed Sand and \$21.12 for 21AA Crushed Limestone, per ton delivered.
YEAS: Schaefer, Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor
NAYS: None
Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Schaefer supported to award the 2021 Street Millage/USDA Project to Zito Construction which would include the base bid and all four (4) alternatives for an amount to not exceed \$3,700,000. This also includes the understanding that no contingency is being provided for the road portion of this project and should the need arise for extra funds they will come out of either 202 Major Street or 203 Local Street.
YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer
NAYS: None
Carried

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve Miller Canfield and the scope and fees provided in their engagement letters dated April 27, 2021. Specifically, \$18,500 for the 2021 USDA Water Revenue Bond component and \$16,500 for the 2021 Road Bond component.
YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs
NAYS: None
Carried

Boggs moved, Schaefer supported to approve Baker Tilly and the scope and fees provided in their engagement letters dated April 26, 2021. Specifically, \$13,500 for the 2021 USDA Water Revenue Bond component and \$14,000 for the 2021 Road Bond component.
YEAS: Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands
NAYS: None
Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve the contract for Baker Tilly to conduct a sewer and water rate study for the City of Durand per the scope and fee (\$18,500) outlined in their engagement letter dated December 16, 2020.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Schaefer moved, O'Connor supported to award the contract for construction of the new salt barn to Ezinga Construction LLC of Bancroft for an amount not to exceed \$27,400. I further move that we approve allocation of \$4,175 for equipment and materials for the related concrete work to be completed by city personnel.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands moved, Cobley supported to approve the certification of Centennial Court, Creek Point Circle, Obert Street and Tuscola Street, as described.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the second reading and adoption of the ordinance to amend the Zoning Map to include the properties located at 8988 and 8982 E. Lansing Road.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw St. She clarified that the National Day of Prayer is non-denominational. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit She asked for clarification on a bid award.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: He reported that the Cascade system was shipped today and should be operational by end of day on Thursday. He said that training on the Cascade system will take place tomorrow night.

Police Chief: He reports that "everyone is safe and doing well". Joe Orr finished basic firearm instructor school and will become the instructor of the department replacing Luke Rogers. Later Orr will go to basic rifle instructor school. Folaron said that he has heard about council members getting police badges. He does not think the council need badges but identification badges would be good. Mayor McDonough said that he has a police badge and all council members have had them in the past. He said in case of an emergency the badge would allow you to get to City Hall. Council members, who want them, will have to pay for them personally. Cobley added that if "you are going to carry a badge like that, you better have CPR and First Aid and they better be up to date". Police Chief stated that they will start working on ordinance violations with Marty soon. Marty Johnson told the Council that the building department does ordinance enforcement on blight, according to the international Property Maintenance Code and Zoning. The grass that the council members are talking about has always been enforced by the DPW Director.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Administrator: He said that there are two projects that he has been working on, a dentist office in the downtown and helping Union Station Smokehouse get ready to

have customers back. He said that he is working with Cameron on a few economic development opportunities.

Water/Wastewater Foreman: The new WWTP building is almost done. Jordan and Dwain are working on their STD 3 licenses. Northern wells are out working on the wells. Most of staff is quarantining due to a recent Covid exposure incident. He said that they are getting ready to do lead-copper samples and replace lead services. He reported that 8.3 million gallons of water was pumped in April.

DPW Foreman: He said that they are preparing for Railroad Days. He said that they have removed cars that have been sitting in parking lots for days. They will begin painting the crosswalks soon. They have been working on the old DVA building.

DPW Director: He said that he has heard from DOT regarding the South Oak Street railroad track project. He said that it is set to take place this summer and should take two weeks to repair. He reported that work has been done to the old Simplicity Building to secure it from people getting into it. He reported that pavement repairs have gone out for bid to repair the five areas that need patching. He received only one bid and it was very costly. Mayor McDonough said that these areas need to be fixed and preferably before Railroad Days.

City Engineer: He stated that he is working with USDA for the street project that is coming up. He said that he is working on a grant for repairs at the WWTP and several other grants for the city.

Clerk/Treasurer: She reminded the council that the Public Hearing and Adoption of the budget will be May 17th, and we will recognize the former Mayor and Councilmember at that meeting also.

City Attorney: He said that Dr. Boggs will be graduating from law school this spring. Congratulations to him.

City Manager: He said that he is working on economic development projects.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: He congratulated Connie for getting a Small Park Grant for Shaw's Park. He said that matching funds for this grant and the edible grant will be coming from Matt Schaefer.

Cobley: She explained what the grant is going to provide for Shaw's Park. She said that this will be a park for little people to watch how things grow, namely beans, beets, etc. Free classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday morning for children 2 to 13 years old. There will also be community garden for corn, tomatoes, etc.

O'Connor: Thanked the council for approving the bid award for the lot behind his property. He told the council that he continues to work on homes for veterans. He said that he is working with Habitat Humanity. He asked about the lot behind Optimist Park becoming a parking lot. Cameron and Andrew will be looking into this.

Brands: Nothing to add

Folaron: He inquired about the old recording equipment and microphone. He said that it was used a long time ago.

Schaefer: He said that NPR with Michigan Radio is doing a pod cast on City Council Meetings where meetings are recorded and free to the public. It's free to sign up, maybe Cameron could look into this.

Mayor McDonough: He told the Police Chief that there is a house on Vinewood Street that has two tires at the curb that Waste Management will not take, they need to be notified of this. He also said that there is a similar situation with animal waste on Oak St. Mayor McDonough asked what the status is of cameras at Optimist Park. He said that park bathrooms need to be cleaned and sprayed for the covid virus with certified materials.

O'Connor moved, Cobley supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.
Carried

Mayor Ken McDonough

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk