

Minutes of the special meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, May 16th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Durand City Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobby, 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:

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

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit St. She read a prepared statement regarding Matt Schaefer.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Boggs He told Ms. Brooks that he did not bring the suit against Matt Schaefer and that information will become available at the appropriate time.

Brands: He told Ms. Brooks that she could have spelt his name correctly.

Folaron: He said that he doesn't like being accused of "backroom deals" because as long as he has been on the council there have been no "backroom deals".

Schaefer: He thanked Ms. Brooks.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION 2022-5-16
CITY OF DURAND
SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REVITALIZATION OF THE PROPERTY
LOCATED AT**

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan has a grant program entitled Revitalization and Placemaking Program (RAP);

WHEREAS, the RAP Program is designed to utilize \$100 million in federal American Rescue Plan dollars to support investments that will **repurpose vacant, underutilized, blighted or historic buildings and place-based infrastructure.**

WHEREAS, the historic building located at 209 S. Oak Street in the City of Durand (The Simplicity Building) has been underutilized, abandoned and in a blighted condition for several years creating esthetic and safety issues within the City of Durand;

WHEREAS, J and J Ag Equipment, LLC and its partners have purchased the Simplicity Building with the intention of restoring the historic structure and maintaining a business;

WHEREAS, The City of Durand is a great supporter of the City’s businesses and buildings and has great interest in their vitality as it enhances the overall strength and health of the City;

WHEREAS, the project proposed by J and J Ag Equipment, LLC and its partners would enhance the strength and vitality of the City of Durand by restoring a blighted, historic building to its former glory and maintaining the property through a successful business;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Durand hereby wholeheartedly endorses the proposed revitalization project proposed by J and J Ag Equipment, LLC and its partners and the utilization of funds provided by the Revitalization and Placemaking Program.

Motion made by Boggs, seconded by Cobley to approve the resolution endorsing the revitalization of the property located at 209 S. Oak Street.

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

NAYS: None

Lisa David, City Clerk

Public Hearing and Adoption of FY 2022-2023 Budget
City Manager briefly reviewed the proposed budget.

Mayor McDonough opened the Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m.
Paula Brooks questioned the Ambulance/Fire millage. She asked if the fire department received any of the funds from the millage.
Mayor McDonough closed the Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to adopt the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget as presented.

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: He said that the wooden bleachers at Optimist Park need to be replaced/repared. He said that the City needs to reach out to Vernon Township and the MEDC to collaborate on providing water and sewer to Vernon Township residents, if monies are available from the State.

Cobley: She stated that Delta Township “has it together”.

O'Connor: He said that the parade went well this weekend and that the police and the DPW did a good job at Railroad Days.

Brands: He said that Railroad Days went well. The rib contest was great as usual.

Folaron: He said that he researched dog parks and he said that he wants to "get on board" for a park in Durand. He said that he will speak with Matt Schaefer.

Schaefer: He said that the Reed Road property would be a great place for a dog park.

Mayor McDonough: He said Railroad Days went well, he met with Channel 66 and they are interested in coming back to Durand to do more stories on our community.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk