

Minutes of the special meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, May 17, 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 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:**

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

Carried

**HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Candyce Wolsford, Chamber Director She congratulated the Lions Club and Railroad Days, Inc. for a great job in putting on Railroad Days this last weekend. She also stated that the Chamber wants to do a car show and vendor show in the parking lot behind the 100 block of Saginaw Street and need to have electricity available.

Don White, Pastor of Light of Faith, He offered a prayer

Dan Brooks, 104 W. Summit St. He addressed the Council regarding concerns that he had regarding the incident at Railroad Days, with children crossing the railroad tracks. He asked the Council to consider amending the "no horn" ordinance for the week of Railroad Days.

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Boggs: He thanked Pastor Don for the prayer. He stated that the City of Durand opted out of the quiet cities federal regulations, so it's more complicated than amending the "no horn" ordinance for the week of Railroad Days.

Cobby: She said that tracks are dangerous and we need to educate our children with Operation Life Saver, for children 3 years old to high school students.

O'Connor: He stated that what happened over the weekend was a fluke, with lots of misinformation on Facebook. He said that when these incidences occur, we need to shut down the rumors immediately because they make us look bad.

Brands: Thank you to Pastor Don. Congratulations to the Lion's Club for a great weekend.

Folaron: Thank you to Pastor Don.

Schaefer: Thank you to Pastor Don. He stated that there is electricity in the parking lot that the DPW used for the Christmas lights. He stated that we can't control what people do when they come to Railroad Days.

McDonough: Thanks to Pastor Don. He received many compliments on the quick response to the incident that happened Saturday. He said that he spoke with many of the carnival people who were wonderful.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Public Hearing of the 2021-2022 City of Durand Budget  
Mayor McDonough opened the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit Street – she asked if the water/sewer rates were going up 5% rather than 2%. She also asked if the City would have trouble spending the Covid relief funds due to the stipulations that is placed upon it.

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw Street – She said that the service that she receives from Waste Management is great and would hate to have another company. This was in response to the City Manager saying that the City will go out for bids this year on our refuse needs.

Mayor McDonough closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Schaefer moved, Cobley supported to approve the 2021-2022 City of Durand General Fund budget and the other city budgets, as presented, and that they be adopted as such.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

**CITY OF DURAND  
RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A REQUEST FOR FUNDING, DESIGNATE AN AGENT, ATTEST TO THE EXISTENCE OF FUNDS AND COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING A MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR ROAD RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY B PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Durand is applying for \$250,000 in funding through MDOT from the Transportation Economic Development Category B Program for construction to be completed during the 2022 calendar year to rehabilitate or reconstruct Atwater Street and Ann Arbor Street.

**WHEREAS**, MDOT requires a formal commitment from the public agency that will be receiving these funds and will be implementing and maintaining these infrastructure projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the City has authorized Cameron Horvath, City Manager, to act as agent on behalf of the City to request Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program funding, to act as the applicant's agent during the project development, and to sign a project agreement upon receipt of a funding award,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City attests to the existence of, and commits to providing at least \$250,000 toward the construction costs of the project (s), and all costs for design, permit fees, administration costs, and cost over runs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the City commits to owning operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with Transportation Economic Development Fund Category B Program Funding.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:**

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Lisa R. David, City Clerk

Thereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Durand, County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on May 17, 2021, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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O'Connor moved, Cobley supported to adopt the Resolution to establish a request for funding, designate an agent, attest to the existence of funds and commit to implementing a maintenance program for road resurfacing and reconstruction programs funded by the transportation economic development Category B program.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Issuance for the 2021 Street Bond Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Presentations: City Clerk, Lisa David read the Proclamation and presented John Matejewski with his Proclamation and his City Councilman's plaque in appreciation for his service to the City. City Clerk, Lisa David read the Proclamation and presented former Mayor Deb Doyle with her Proclamation and plaque in appreciation for her service to the City.

Former Mayor Deb Doyle presented John Matejewski, Jeff Brands and Patti Matejewski (posthumously) "The Three Musketeers of Twinkle Lights", the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award, a certificate of National Recognition, a top 100 National Award for Outstanding Civic Volunteerism.

**CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Dan Brooks, He asked if the City had extra funds from the Covid Relief Fund that they could repave Ann Arbor Street to the Depot.

Mary Warner-Stone, DUSI Director. She asked if the City receives the requested grant, if the street would be paved from Ann Arbor to the DUSI parking lot. City Engineer said yes it would be.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Jeremy Root, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He gave a brief update on the County budget including the fact that three new deputies would be on the road soon.

Boggs: He stated that the township covid monies can also be used towards DUSI's wish list, and said that they should ask them for money also. He recognized Deb, John and Jeff for their service and also Chairman Root.

Cobley: She stated that Waste Management is a good company. She also stated that the Depot community has no way to get to Main Street safely without crossing railroad tracks. "We need safe passages to schools".

O'Connor: He thanked Deb, John and Jeff for their service. He asked Mr. Root if he had any information on the traffic light on the corner of Durand and Lansing Roads. He said that he will check with the Road Commission and get back with him.

Brands: He thanked Deb and John for their service to the City.

Folaron: He thanked Deb and John for their service and said that it was "fantastic working with them". He said that heard that residents wanted to name the alleyway south of the Chamber office the Patti Matejewski Memorial Alley.

Folaron moved Cobley supported to dedicate the alley between 109 and 107 N. Saginaw Street, on the west side of street, in Memory of Patti Matejewski.

Carried

Schaefer: He stated that the Fire Department bartended during Railroad Days and collected almost \$500.00 to be donated to two charitable organizations along with sponsoring a family at Christmas time. He also asked if the Fire Department could do controlled burns on city owned property for training purposes. He also noted that it is "sad" that the county got rid of their pension benefit for new hires; it's one of few benefits of working in public service.

McDonough: He stated that part of the reason that the City has to raise rates on water and sewer is due to unfunded mandates from the State. He thanked Deb and John for their service to the City. He also stated that the police need to enforce the long grass and refuse ordinances. People are putting these items to the street on Monday and then they are staying there all week. Also the sidewalks in the downtown need to be addresses, they are a tripping hazard.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Ken McDonough, Mayor

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Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk