

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

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the agenda with the addition of K. Emergency Repairs to Women's Restroom.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 2, 2022, and the special meetings held on April 27, 2022 and May 16, 2022, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to approve bills number 54757-54873.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit. She read from a prepared statement regarding social media comments, the City of Owosso is removing their pavers and replacing with stamped concrete and she would like the council to consider raising the height of the grass ordinance from 6 inches to 8 inches in length before people are required to mow their lawns to save gas.

Deb White: Light of Faith, She offered a prayer

She also said that the Sirens from the Police and Fire Trucks during the Railroad Days Parade was too loud, even inside her house.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Brands: He apologized to Paula Brooks, his comment was meant for the person who made the comment on social media.

Boggs: He thanked Deb for the prayer.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the Consent Agenda which included: Durand City Schedule of meetings 2022-2023, First Reading of Proposed Text Amendments, Authorization to Place Delinquent Utility Bills and Invoices on Summer 2022 Tax Roll and MML Membership Renewal.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Presentation – J&J Ag Update on Old Simplicity Building

They said that they have applied for a RAP Grant from MEDC in the amount of \$3.8 million. They should hear if they were approved by late July. If they get this grant they will begin construction in March 2023 and should be completed late 2023 or very early 2024. They gave a brief powerpoint showing renderings of building and layout.

SESSA Update: Guy Hubbard, Representative for SESSA said that staffing issues didn't allow them to have ambulances in the City. They have hired three full time and three part time staff. He said that Durand is currently staffed 24 hours/7 days a week with one shift. Councilman Folaron asked about combining Vernon Township with the City to help with costs and coverage. Guy Hubbard said that both parties would have to approve that, but right now it is very difficult to find a facility that would hold two ambulances with four bedrooms for the staff. Guy Hubbard also said that they recently received a grant for \$160,000 for recruiting-retention, training, to buy a monitor for training and power loader.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor McDonough reconvened the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor McDonough opened the public meeting on the Business Registration Ordinance at 7:28 p.m.

No one spoke

Mayor McDonough closed the public meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the Business Registration Ordinance as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Schaefer moved, O'Connor supported to approve the amendment to extend Assessment Services in the amount of \$25,500 annually to Square One Services, LLC effective July 1, 2022 for a period of one year.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve Change Order 6a for the amount of \$48,792.38 payable to Zito Construction Co. from the Street portion of the 2021 Street (Southside) Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve Change Order 6b for the amount of \$12,623.52 payable to Zito Construction Co. from the USDA Water portion of the 2021 Street (Southside) Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #8a in the total amount of \$133,491.16 and Pay Application #8b in the total amount of \$99,758.49 to Zito Construction Co. for the 2021 USDA Street Improvement Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Discussion: Road Millage Project – City Manager said that we have approximately 1.2 million dollars available for street projects. Rowe prepared Engineer’s Opinion of Costs for the following five projects:

- Ann Arbor Street – Road Rehabilitation \$425,000
- Atwater Street – Road Rehabilitation \$223,100
- E. Clinton Street – Mercer to Fitch \$663,225
- Completion of Creek Point Circle \$575,000
- Monroe Street – Lincoln to Oak \$144,175

After much discussion, Creek Point Circle was ruled out for several reasons. Councilman Boggs suggested that it be divided by precincts, therefore he would like to see Monroe Street – Lincoln to Oak and E. Clinton Street- Mercer to Fitch be completed. With the money available the Council would like to see Lincoln, Ann Arbor and E. Clinton projects completed.

Discussion: Future Development/Utility Sharing

Councilman Boggs said that Vernon Township is looking into becoming a Charter Township and if we can agree on developing the Mega site on Lansing Road, maybe we could agree on utilities, water and sewer. Mayor McDonough said that now is the time to get grant dollars from the State to work on this project and also to provide water to Lakeview Estates. The Council directed the City Manager to meet with Vernon Township officials to start the discussion.

Discussion: Dog Park

The Council discussed where a dog park would work best for the City of Durand and the property behind Simplicity near the retention pond was recommended. There are some questions as to easement rights of this property because it belongs to Simplicity. The Council directed the City Manager to pull the easement documents before proceeding further. The City would also need to know where the money to develop this park would come from and if it would need ADA compliance. It was also discussed that if the dog park was developed it should be accessible to all people. Councilman Brands pointed out that it would need to be zoned properly and would have to go before the Planning Commission for site plan approval.

Mayor McDonough moved, O’Connor supported to approve up to \$10,000 to repair the women’s restroom.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Manager: He reported that 107 N. Oak has been cleaned up. He also told the Council that the street sweeper is on its last leg; he provided the Council with figures if the City was to subcontract this service.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs thanked Matt McKone for his help in getting 107 N. Oak Street cleaned up. He said between the Municipal Civil Infraction and the Misdemeanors, the Misdemeanors route is the more successful route. Boggs said that he would prefer not to outsource the street sweeping. He asked for an update on getting the sidewalk put in at Trumble Park, from the road to the pavilion.

Cogley: She said that she has parking concerns with regards to parking at 201 N. Saginaw Street and the downtown in general. She said that the people living in the apartments in the 100 block of N. Saginaw Street are not taking care of the dumpster area. She asked where the original 12 rocking chairs are. Lastly, she said the dog park is “big, big, big and people are going to be excited”.

O’Connor: Nothing to add

Brands: He reported that the edible landscaping has started to be planted over the weekend but there is a lot more work to be done.

Folaron: He said that he hopes that we have a good crop of vegetables this year through the edible landscape project..

Schaefer: He said that the softball field has trash (mostly cans) that needs to be addressed. Schaefer suggested that the City Manager have a conversation with the Softball Director.

Mayor McDonough: He said that the old Soupals building is going up on the tax sale. He does not want the City to be stuck with this building that is contaminated.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk