

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, June 7, 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:

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

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Schaefer moved, O'Connor supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 3, 2021, the Budget Workshop held on April 28, 2021, the special meetings held on May 17 and 25, 2021 and the Closed Session held on May 3, 2021, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Mayor McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve bills # 53374-53495,

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Paula Brooks, 104 Summit St. Expressed concern about trash at Optimist Park.

Don White, Pastor of Light of Faith Church, offered prayer

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Boggs: Thank you to Pastor Don

Cobley: She asked if the police could investigate who is trashing the parks.

O'Connor: He said that kids don't care; parents don't care about what their children are doing.

Brands: He stated that he sees the same thing each morning at the basketball courts.

Folaron: He said that this problem has been going on for years.

Schaefer: He said not all kids are like this, there are some bad apples. Thanks to Pastor Don.

McDonough: He said cameras should be at the park, video should be put on Facebook and the bill to clean up their kids' mess should be billed to the parents.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Fire Department Presentation:

Assistant Fire Chief, Nathan Watson along with two rookie fire fighters demonstrated the new SCBA equipment that was recently purchased for the department.

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to approve the Fire Department to purchase an additional fire hose from MES-Douglas Safety Systems LLC for their quoted price of \$6,308.00.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Cobby supported to approve the payment of the invoice for membership renewal in the Michigan Municipal League at a cost of \$3,715.00.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Boggs supported to declare the outstanding utility accounts and delinquent invoices as uncollectible and direct the Treasurer to place the debts on the 2021 summer tax roll.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

O'Connor moved, Mayor McDonough supported to award the contract for asphalt services to Eastern Asphalt of Flint for the term of June 2021 to June 2023 at a rate of \$155.00 per ton.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Schaefer supported to approve the contract extension with Rowland Ferwerda for Wastewater Operator Services for up to six months.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #9 in the amount of \$49,699.00 to RCL Construction Company, Inc. pending approval from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for Grant Number MSC-217048-FRZ.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #4 from Insituform in the amount of \$25,147.12 pending approval from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for Grant Number MSC-217048-FRZ.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Schaefer moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve Option B, Brush hog the 32 City owned lots at Creek Pointe Circle, monthly.

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve to Brush hog the 32 City owned lots at Creek Pointe Circle, weekly as needed through August.

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to adopt the Bond Authorizing Ordinance for the USDA Water Project as presented.

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

O'Connor moved, Mayor McDonough supported to adopt the Loan Resolution for the USDA Water Project as presented.

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Deb White, 510 N. Saginaw Street. She said that the property at 600 N. Saginaw Street has grass a foot high. She commends the Council for making the right choice to brush hog city lots once a week as needed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Engineer: He said that the RSF Loan package has been submitted, with a 35 percent forgiveness portion for the force main. He said that other grants for the City have been submitted also.

City Clerk/Treasurer: She said that the bid opening for the street portion of the project is scheduled for tomorrow morning. She reminded the Council of the special meeting scheduled for June 30th at 6:00 p.m. She also told the Council that the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner scheduled for June 17th, has been changed to the VFW hall located on N. Saginaw Street.

City Attorney: He told the Council that Judge James Clatterbough passed away and his funeral is tomorrow.

City Manager: He said that he is checking into a Consumers Energy tree grant along with several other potential grant opportunities.

DPW Foreman: He said that the concrete for the salt barn will be installed soon. McDonough said that the Mechanics report this month was excellent. DPW Foreman said that he got a quote for the roof on the MMR building and now they will be able to repair the roof and finish the façade, gutters, etc on the building.

Police Chief: He said that he hired two part time officers. Things are going well in the Department. He too commended the mechanic, "he does a great job". He reported that the transition will begin July 1st.

DPW Director: He reported that Rob had a family emergency and could not be here tonight. The Director stated that the 2020 Water Report has been completed. He stated that CN Railroad starts work on South Oak Street June 14th. He said a water line for watering flowers in the downtown was replaced today. The DPW union contract is almost complete and will be brought to the Council for approval.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Boggs: He asked that Justin Horvath be invited to a council meeting for a presentation and appointment to the permanent seat on the Board. He stated that the NRMI packet indicated that Andrew Bisaha was the City representative. Boggs said that the Council needs to provide Andrew with direction from the Council with regards to this organization. Boggs also said that the water used by fire departments other than ours need to be accounted for and charged appropriately.

Cobley: She stated that when the temperatures reach the 90's that City Hall should be a cooling center for seniors and people living in apartments that need a cool place to go. She also said that the City should be making its own compost from leaves collected in the fall. She said that the Semple families were very upset as to the condition of the engine, tower and baggage car. She said that we need to get with NRMI to see what they need to keep these artifacts in good condition.

O'Connor: He said that the Creek Pointe parking lot adjacent to Optimist Park needs to be maintained. Something needs to be done with the parking at the Optimist Park, or someone is going to get hurt.

O'Connor moved, Folaron supported to upgrade parking signs at Creek Pointe Circle and to purchase NO PARKING signs for Fauble Street to Naldrette Street to be located on the East side of the street, and to instruct the Police Chief to execute a traffic order implementing these permanent changes.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands: He thanked Pastor Don and he congratulations to Brian Boggs on his two doctorates and his law degree. Brands ask to use leftover pavers from the DPW Barn to make a walk path from the street to the sidewalk in front of Union Station Smoke House Restaurant.

Folaron: He said that the tall maple tree in front of the Library needs to be removed. He also said that the lights on the brick sign at Trumble Park keep getting displaced. He asked if these lights could be mounted directly onto the sign. He said that there is a large patch of Poison Ivy at the middle school that needs to be removed; residents can't have Poison Ivy so the school should not be allowed to have it either. Finally he said that 600 N. Saginaw Street needs to be mowed.

Schaefer: He congratulated the three rookies who passed their classes to continue their efforts in becoming fire fighters. He said it was nice to see people in the audience and thanked them for coming. He said enforcement is needed during Bike Nights.

McDonough: Enforcement of golf carts that drive thru the city at night is needed. He said to put cameras in the parks and put video on Facebook to make offenders accountable.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk

