

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Durand City Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Nick Florindi, Rich Folaron

Absent: Pat O'Connor, Amber Rochefort

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Doyle moved, Folaron supported to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 3, 2024, the closed session held on June 3, 2024 and the special meeting held on June 26, 2024 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve bills 56366-57626.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw St. She offered a prayer

Dr. Carlson, Dentist located on N. Saginaw Street. He asked the council for suggestions on parking issues that he has regarding the car show which takes place on Wednesday nights during the car shows. It was suggested that his clients park on W. Clinton Street. They also discussed the possibility of new signage in the area.

Josh Shives, 80 Saw Mill, Lafayette, IN He said that he made a bid for the property at 4800 Durand Road on behalf of Acculevel. They would like to build a 12,000 square feet facility where they would add 52 jobs over three years and the salaries for those jobs would be over \$100,000 per year. The representative noted that this business is not a manufacturer.

Andy Beery, 8233 State Rd., 26 Rossville, IN – Owner of Acculevel. He said that his business waterproofs homes and basements. Their expected service area would be a 2-hour radius from Durand. He said that the kind of business is classified as a service industry.

Justin Horvath, SEDP, He spoke on behalf of Acculevel. He asked that if the council doesn't award the bid of the property to Acculevel, that we should "find a home for them in Durand." Justin also supported Joe Sprague with regards to his excavating company that has also bid on the property. He said both companies would bring jobs to the area.

Justin Sprague, 515 Cascade Ave, Fenton, MI He spoke on behalf of Joe Sprague and his bid to obtain the property at 4800 Durand Rd.

COUNCIL COMMENTS TO CITIZENS PRESENT:

Boggs thanked Deb White for the prayer. He said that he would like to see both Acculevel and Joe Sprague Excavating locate in Durand.

Doyle said that she would like to see Dr. Carlson get help with his parking issues. She would like to see the temporary handicap signage on Clinton Street.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to cast the vote for the candidates for the MML Workers Compensation Fund Board as presented.

Carried

Boggs moved, Doyle supported to approve the contract amendment with Waste Management as presented.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Florindi supported to approve the Bid Award for the remaining 17 City owned Creek Pointe Circle properties to Allen Edwin Homes/Green Ventures Development LLC or any other subsidiary for which they may be affiliated per the terms of the Letter of Intent presented and further allow the City Manager and Legal Counsel to work on behalf of the Council to find a solution for funding the cost of the infrastructure.

YEAS: Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Doyle supported to approve the bid award for the property located at 4800 S. Durand Road to SF Construction LLC in an amount of \$102,000 and permit the City Manager and Legal Counsel to finalize the details of the transaction.

YEAS: Florindi, Folaron, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Florindi moved, Folaron supported to approve the rental of Optimist Rink on Mondays 7 p.m-9 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. – 12 pm for purposes of a Topshelf Hockey ran youth inline hockey league. Further we authorize the City Manager to execute a rental agreement similar to the existing rental agreement with Topshelf Hockey.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

Florindi moved, Folaron supported to approve pay application #8 from Oak Construction in an amount of \$6,935.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to table the SATA commitment request until a special meeting can be called after the August 6th election where this millage is on the ballot.

Carried

Folaron moved, Boggs supported to approve the purchase of ferric Chloride from PVS Technologies for \$10,000.

YEAS: Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit St. Asked questions regarding the WM bins. She said that S. Durand Road is not a class A road, will that impact either of the businesses that submitted a bid. She asked how the hourly rate for the hockey league is figured.

City Manager said that the hockey league pays before each season based on their anticipated needs. The businesses that submitted bids for the S. Durand Road will need to do their due diligence regarding the road/property.

Brian Marks supported Acculevel as a great company to work with.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Doyle: No comment

Florindi: He said that he appreciates Acculevel interest in Durand looks forward to them moving into the area.

Folaron: No comment

Boggs: No comment

Mayor Brands: He thanked the individuals that helped clean up the city this past Saturday.

Police Chief: Talked briefly about National Night Out that will be held at Diamond District Park on August 6, 2024.

Boggs moved, Florindi supported to move into closed session for a periodic personnel evaluation requested by the employee pursuant to MCL 15.268(a).

YEAS: Florindi, Folaron, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

Boggs moved, Florindi supported to approve the employee request and close any future requests from group I MERS.

YEAS: Florindi, Folaron, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk