

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, August 2, 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, Boggs supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 19, 2021 as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Folaron moved, Schaefer supported to approve bills #53672-53732.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw Street She offered a prayer. She also said that due to the storm that took out the electricity, Comsumer's Energy cut several branches in the tree on Saginaw Street, but they are cut but still up in the tree. She is concerned with the safety of those branches when they fall.

Sara Pettit: She read from a prepared statement in which she asked for Brian Boggs's resignation.

Kim White: Director of Shiawassee District Library. She is the new director with the library and she introduced herself to the community.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Boggs: He thanked Deb White for the prayer and welcomed Kim White. In response to Sara Pettit, he said that he would not resign, the positions are not related.

O'Connor: Consumers Energy can come out and address the cut branches.

Folaron: He said that he doesn't think that Brian should resign. He said that Brian has a lot of experience and knowledge and that he supports him.

Schaefer: He welcomed Kim White and thanked Sara Pettit.

McDonough: Thanked Deb White and welcomed Kim White. He said that Kim White has a good person with Nancy Folaron.

Cobley: Said to be nice.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Presentation: Bob Conrad with National Railroad Memorial, Inc. He gave an update on NRMI's future goals for repairing the gate tower. He said that NRMI has the expertise, the money and the volunteers to have the gate tower repaired by the end of the year.

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to give NRMI permission to repair and paint the outside of the gate tower, to paint the box car red, and include the gate tower in the CAP assessment along with the Steam Engine and the Baggage Car.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Schaefer moved to approve the purchase of the two-way radio equipment from Pro Comm. Incorporated of Flint, in the amount of \$3,822.00

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve Change Order 2a for the amount of \$35,913.50 payable from the Street portion of the Southside Street Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Schaefer supported to approve Change Order 2b for no monetary amount to the USDA Water Main portion of the Southside Street Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Cogley supported to award the bid for ferric chloride to PVS Technologies at a cost of \$614.00 per dry ton delivered.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Water Forman: He reported that the water main is done at Hiller Street. He also said that the fire hydrant that was reported out of order at the last council meeting has been repaired. He also said that a few other fire hydrants will be repaired this summer as well.

Building Department: He told the council that he was asked to give a monthly report on the building department. He said that it takes about 7 to 8 hours to prepare and said it would be more efficient to have a report given quarterly. Council said that a quarterly report would be fine.

The Building Inspector also said that the repairs to the gate tower will need a permit.

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to waive permit fee for repairs by NRMI to the gate tower.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

City Attorney: Nothing to add.

City Manager: He briefly discussed the four day work week for the Water/Waste Water Departments. He said that if we moved the part time employee to full time employee the schedule would work better.

Schaefer moved, O'Connor supported to authorize the City Manager to make the part-time employee to full-time to fill the Water/Waste Water schedule.

Schaefer and O'Connor rescinded their motion.

McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to increase the budget amount necessary to hire the current part-time employee to full-time status.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

City Engineer: He reported that the Southside Street Project is going very well. Paving starts tomorrow. The water main is in at Naldrette Street and one block of the water main is in at Perry Street.

Deputy Clerk: She reports that all registrations and hotel arrangements are complete for the MML Conference in September. She will provide complete documentation at the September 20th meeting so that the council members will have it for check in on September 22, 2021.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: He recognized Rob Witherell for his service to the City.

Cobley: Nothing to add

O'Connor: He voiced his concern of the front end loader operator with Zito Construction. He said that something needs to be done to slow this guy down or someone is going to get hurt. This needs to be addressed immediately.

Brands: He thanked Rob and Mrs. White.

Folaron: He thanked Deb White, Sara Pettit and Kim White.

Schaefer: He stated that he liked seeing all the people that attending the meeting, would like to see more people attend the meetings. He thanked Sara Pettit for getting involved.

Mayor McDonough: He thanked Deb White and Kim White.

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Carried

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk

