

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Mayor Deb Doyle, Rich Folaron, John Matejewski, Ken McDonough

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

McDonough moved, Brands supported to approve the agenda with the removal of B: Mayoral Appointment to ZBA and replace it with B: Request from Chamber of Commerce to close Saginaw Street for Fall Festival, of the Consent Agenda.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 5, 2019 and the special meeting held on September 3, 2019, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

McDonough moved, Brands supported to approve bill numbers 51313 -51445.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Deb White, Light of Faith. She offered a prayer

Tim Colton, 9516 E. Newburg Rd., He told Council that while he and his dog have taken walks in the City of Durand, they have been charged three or four times from different dogs. The Police Chief told him to call central dispatch when that happens and a police officer will be sent to his location to issue a ticket to the dog's owner. Our city attorney said that the city has an ordinance regarding this and it is a misdemeanor to allow a dog to roam.

Dave Hildebrandt, 402 Mackinaw Street, He told Council that the blocks are sinking in the 300 block of North Saginaw Street and the concrete is cracking also.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Councilmember Boggs thanked Deb White for the prayer.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve the consent agenda that included: Proclamation for National Rail Safety Week, request from the Chamber of Commerce to close N. Saginaw Street for Fall Fest, and Mayoral Appointment of Connie Cobley to SATA Board.

Carried

Public Hearing: Recreational Marijuana Opt-Out Ordinance:

Mayor Doyle opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

City Manager recapped the previous Council action.

No one spoke

Mayor Doyle closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Boggs moved, Matejewski supported to approve the first reading of the Recreational Marijuana Opt-Out Ordinance and move it to the second reading and adoption, at the next meeting.

YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Matejewski supported to approve the contract extension with Stewart, Beauvais, and Whipple for audit services in fiscal years 2020 through 2023.

YEAS: Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Matejewski moved, McDonough supported to approve the actuarial analysis of the City's Other Post-Employment Benefit obligations by Watkins Ross in the amount of \$4,100.

YEAS: Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Cobley

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Brands supported to approve the General Fund Balance Policy.

YEAS: Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Brands supported to approve the Fire Officer Policy.

YEAS: Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Cobley supported to approve the Fire Department Pay Policy.

YEAS: McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve the Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Brands supported to approve the drainage easement for 8831 E. Lansing Rd.

YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve Contract Modification #007 for MDOT Contract 76555-129922.

YEAS: Cobby, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Matejewski moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #2 for the 2019 Street Project to Eastern Asphalt in the amount of \$309,190.83.

YEAS: Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs Brands, Cobby

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve Change Order #1, #2, and #3 to 2019 Street Project for a total project increase of \$655,294.36.

YEAS: Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Cobby, Mayor Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: The firemen are interested in doing things in the community and will be going into the schools next month for fire safety.

Police Chief: He stated that 7 arrests and 24 tickets were issued in the month of August. Councilman Boggs asked the Chief to look into purchasing a handheld ticketing unit for “U” turn tickets in the downtown area. Chief Hartz said he would look into it.

Engineering: He stated that he didn’t have anything professionally to add but that he wanted to note that he had a good experience with the school liaison officer when he dropped his son off at school recently.

Treasurer/Clerk: Audit started today and they will be here most of the week.

City Attorney: He stated that a dog at large is a misdemeanor and anyone should report it immediately.

City Manager: She stated that she is still accepting applications for the Blight Grant.

Deputy Clerk: She told those councilpersons that are attending the MML Convention next week that all their necessary documents regarding the convention and the hotel were in a packet at their stations.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

McDonough: He stated the following: 1. Employees are not wearing safety vests and are wearing tennis shoes, 2. He asked who is certified for trench safety for the City of Durand, 3. Statewide the trend is to separate Water and Wastewater due to all the new requirements for each department.

Cobby: She stated that the house at 302 W. Perry should be condemned. She asked everyone that if they see something that doesn’t look right to report it. She said the property at 100 W. Perry Street has rickety stairs to the rear of the property and wonders if this is safe. She said this is a home for “special” citizens. She stated that the trees are dead at the detention pond and at the park. We need to have an arborist come and take care of these trees.

Matejewski: He asked if Consumers Energy is putting in LED lights in the Southside of town. City Manager responded that Consumers will replace the lights that have gone out with LED lights if those light heads are the ones they are replacing. He also said that the fabric behind the net at the skate rink are falling down and could go through them and hit a car or a person, causing damage. Councilperson Matejewski thanked Nick Spaniola for responding to an emergency call out, performing CPR on a resident. Matejewski said that the family wanted to thank Nick for his service.

Brands: He asked that Main Street be striped. He also agreed with Cobley that the City does need to hire an arborist to take care of the trees. He asked if the sign on City Hall can be relocated to the north side of the building.

Boggs: Nothing to add.

Folaron: Nothing to add.

Mayor Doyle adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Deborah Doyle, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk