

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the 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

Absent: Pat O'Connor, Matt Schaefer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the agenda with the removal of items D and G.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 1, 2022 and the special meetings held on August 15 and 25, 2022, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, Brands supported to pay bills number 55090-55287.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Candyce Wolsford, Chamber of Commerce Director – She thanked the staff for helping at the Durand End of Summer Car Cruise.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Brands thanked Candyce and the Chamber for all that they do to make Durand a nice place.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to re-appoint Connie Cobley as a Durand City Council representative to the SATA Board.

Carried

Public Hearing: Vacant Building Ordinance

Mayor McDonough opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

City Manager gave a brief explanation of this ordinance.

Chamber Director, Candyce Wolsford stated that she wanted this ordinance because there are vacant store fronts in the downtown area that people have inquired about renting/buying and the current owners don't want to sell. She believes that it would be beneficial to the downtown to have these vacant store fronts filled.

Mayor McDonough closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the ordinance as presented contingent upon the establishment of fees for enforcing this ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Cobley supported to approve the proposal for CRL Group LLC as presented in an amount not to exceed \$6,800 with 50% payment down upfront upon approval.

YEAS Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, Brands

NAYS: Boggs

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the invoice from Michigan State University dated 6/6/22 in the amount of \$3,598, the invoice from Michigan State University dated 6/6/22 in the amount of \$3,734 and an additional amount not to exceed \$12,000 for E. coli/microbial testing.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve the invoice from Commerce Controls Inc. for the auto-dialing system at the WWTP in the amount of \$9,036.00.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the schedule of events as presented by the Chamber of Commerce for 2023 and the associated road closures.

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Brands supported to approve the quote from Knight Watch for a security camera system for Durand City Hall in the amount not to exceed \$13,355.13.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the lease agreement with T-Mobile as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer: She reported that the Audit is the week of October 10, 2022 and she continues to work on the transition with Beth Chapman.

City Attorney: Nothing to add

City Manager: He met with Guy Hubbard with SESSA regarding the recent issues with the ambulance service. City Manager said that Mr. Hubbard reports that they are fully staffed. Council asked that the City Manager and City Attorney meet with SESSA again soon.

City Clerk: She said that Absentee Ballots should be delivered around the 25th of the month, and will be sent out ASAP to those eligible voters who have returned a Absentee Ballot Application. She also told the Council that the women's and men's bathroom floor and vanities has been repaired and/or replaced.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: He thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the increased number of events and number of people in the downtown.

Cobley: She said that Shiawassee County is the lowest income county in the state of Michigan. She said that "people are really hurting" and you can see this by the fact that all the food in the edible landscape and City gardens is gone. We need to be aware of people's needs this winter.

Brands: He thanked the Chamber of Commerce and staff for "everything you do". He said that moving Wednesday Nite Live to Saginaw Street was the best idea. He said that "you are doing a great job and he appreciates it". He also thanked the DPW for everything they do with the downtown.

Folaron: He thanked the Chamber. He asked if we could get Pedestrian Crossing signs for the downtown. He also asked if we can rescind the ordinance that prohibits dogs from attending events downtown. Folaron apologized to City Clerk for the post on Facebook regarding fire hydrant flushing.

Mayor McDonough: He said that the flowers and gardens look great and the garden helps the community. He would like to see the sidewalk at Trumble Park be installed before graduation next year.

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

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk