

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, September 20, 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:

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Schaefer moved, Cobley supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 2, 2021 and the special meetings held on August 10, 2021 and August 24, 2021, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve bills #53733-53940.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

John Chapman, 109 E. Perry He had concerns regarding his apron approach on his driveway being changed due to the street construction project. He would like assurance that if drain doesn't work that the City will take care of it.

Mary Stone, 3810 S. Reed Rd Executive Director of Durand Union Station. She gave an update on happenings at the Depot.

Paula Brook, 104 W. Summit She briefly talked about ARPA fund requirements, how can citizens reach city council members, City of Durand representation on the DUSI board.

Boggs responded that he would be happy to give up his seat on the DUSI board.

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to appoint Matt Schaefer and Ken McDonough to the Durand Union Station, Inc. Board of Directors for a one year term.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Schaefer

Carried

Matt Schaefer said that city staff can put his number on the website, all council members agreed to have their phone numbers put on the website as well.

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

Josh Hicks, 4149 Burns Rd., Linden, MI 48451 He introduced himself as owner of J&J Agg Equipment, LLC. He told the council that he is interested in purchasing the building at 209 S. Oak Street. He will be back at the next meeting in October with more information.

Bryan Marks, SEDP Representative He told the council that the SEDP is now getting leads from Fortune 500 Companies that are interested in the property north of the City. He said now is the time to work with Vernon Township to talk about this area.

Justin Horvath, SEDP Representative He told the council that now is the time to get with Vernon Township to discuss this "Mega" area north of the city should an economic development partnership opportunity present itself.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S PRESENT:

Boggs: He thanked Deb White for the prayer. He said that he agrees that the city and township need to get together regarding the "mega" site. He said that he is looking forward to hearing more from J&J Agg Equipment, LLC.

Cogley: She said that she agrees with Brian. She told J&J Agg Equipment that they should keep in mind that they are in a residential area and whatever project they do they need to be careful of families who live there.

O'Connor: He said that they city should meet with Vernon Township regarding the property north of the city.

Brands: He said that the city is three quarters the way finished with the Redevelopment Ready Community and we should finish that project up.

Folaron: He told Deb White to send "Don our love". He is looking forward to seeing what is presented regarding 209 S. Oak Street.

Schaefer: He said that he is happy to see interest in 209 S. Oak Street. He said that the Project Tim wasn't "organic" and nothing happened. If something should come to the community there

needs to be open communication with the community. He is happy to talk with Vernon Township but needs a lot more citizen involvement.

McDonough: Prayers to Don White. He said that the city should get together with Vernon Township. He said that he signed an Emergency Declaration regarding 209 S. Oak so that demolition could be completed as soon as possible.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Brands moved, Cobley supported to approve the second reading of Traffic Control Order #183.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Schaefer moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the revised 2021 Poverty Guidelines Resolution as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Schaefer moved, Cobley supported to approve the Resolution to Waive Collection of Penalties for Failure to File Property Transfer Affidavits, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

O'Connor moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the purchase of AED units from Allied 100 for the total amount of \$4,225 with \$4,000 coming from donations from Graff Chevrolet, Riverside Market and Mason North Newburg Lodge #161 and \$125.00 from Matt Schaefer.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #3a in the total amount of \$281,951.07 and Pay Application #3b in the total amount of \$359,497.29 to Zito Construction for the 2021 Street (Southside) Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve Change Order 3a for the amount of \$17,582.11 payable to Zito Construction Co. from the Street portion of the 2021 Street (Southside) Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve Change Order 3b for the amount of \$4,550.00 payable to Zito Construction Co. from the USDA Water portion of the 2021 Street (Southside) Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with NRMI, as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to accept the Bid Award of \$151,100 for the sale of 14 properties in Creek Point subdivision.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to approve the quote from Burnash Wrecking Inc. in the amount of \$86,400 to include a performance bond for the full amount of quote, for the demolition of 209 S. Oak Street.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Justin Horvath, He said that 209 S. Oak Street by be eligible for Brownfield funds. He said regarding the new housing in Creek Point Circle subdivision, that SEDP would be happy to connect with the builders.

Paula Brooks, She asked about the timeframe for NRMI.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

City Clerk/Treasurer: She said that the auditors are here all week. She told the Council that the Fall Fest is planned for October 2.

City Attorney: Nothing to add.

City Manager: Nothing to add.

Deputy Clerk: She told the Council Members who are going to the MML Convention that their packets containing all their information are on the desks.

Water Foreman: He said the bar screen at the waste water treatment plant is not working, though he is working with RCL and the electric company to get it running again. He said that they need a new dialer; it will be an emergency purchase. He reported that last Saturday the City encountered very low water pressure due to the tie-ins with Zito Construction. He reports that two fire hydrants are slated to be replaced. He said there are good improvements with water flow with the new pumps.

DPW Foreman: He said that they have been busy doing the following: street painting, the mechanic has gotten the equipment ready for fall, hot patching holes, etc. He asked the council for permission to take truck #625 to auction.

Mayor McDonough moved, Schaefer supported to approve the staff to take the old salt truck #625 to XYZ Auction.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

DPW Mechanic: He said that the street sweeper is partially down and are waiting parts.

DPW Director: He said that his department attended a CPR class. He hopes to schedule a First Aid class soon. He said that he spoke with the engineers regarding the street problem on the shoulder of Maple Street and they came up with three options:

- Use 21AA gravel and put a french drain in and that should solve the problem
- Put in curb and gutter
- Put in a "V" type drain

City Engineer: He said that East and West Perry could be paved by the end of the week if weather cooperates. They are installing the water-main on John Street today and should have this street paved in the next couple of weeks.

Fire Chief: He said that October is Fire Safety month so this would be a good time to check the batteries in your smoke and Co2 detectors. He said that the department will be doing training in the 100 block of N. Saginaw Street on Sunday, October 17, 2021. They will be bringing ladder trucks from neighboring departments, shuttling water, etc. He said for the fire at 500 Mercer Street, they did call out nine departments, 4 of these departments couldn't send any help and the other departments were only able to send two or three people. Because we are an on-call fire department and most of us have day jobs, it's hard to get enough people needed to fight a fire like this. He would like to have the employment application put on our website.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: He reminded the council that it is time for the City Manager's six month review he asked that a closed session to discuss his evaluation be on the October 4th, 2021 agenda.

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to have all non-profit organizations that have a contractual relationship with the City, have a bi-annual financial review/audit and provide such documentation to the City.

YEAS: Cobby, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O'Connor, Schaefer, Boggs, Brands
NAYS: None
Carried

Cobby: She said that she hears from residents that our water rates are high but all of our water improvements have been great and we have clean water. City Clerk said that she hopes to have Baker Tilley at the next meeting to present on the rate study.

O'Connor: He hopes that J&J Agg Equipment, LLC can do something with 209 S. Oak Street. And he said that Bryan Marks can get something going with the Industrial Park north of the City.

Brands: He said that the City is looking good. The rocking chairs have been delivered but he did not realize that they will need to be assembled by the DPW.

Folaron: He had a question regarding water mains.

Schaefer: He would like the City to go out for bid to demo the old Kathy School of Dance building. He also said that he would be happy to teach a "stop the bleed" class. This would be a free class, with no certification. He told the representatives from SEDP to keep in mind that the majority of people living in Durand do so because they like living in a small town. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

McDonough: The Dine Out Thursdays should come to an end, restaurants are complaining that parking spaces are blocked and no people are using the Dine Out experience.

O'Connor moved, Mayor McDonough supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk