

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on November 7, 2022 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 with the addition of I. Change Civil Infraction to Misdemeanor

Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 2, 2022 as presented.

Carried

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to pay bills #55339-55473.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough (abstain from #55403), O'Connor, Schaefer

NAYS: None

Carried

**HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:**

Kent Edwards Jr., Representative for the Durand Lions Club. He said that the Lions will be sponsoring a Christmas Light Contest again this year. The judging will take place December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He also stated that the Lions Club will write a letter of support for the Trumble Park Sidewalk Project.

Candyce Wolsford, Chamber Director. She thanked Ken McDonough for his service to the City.

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit. She asked why the "Meet the Candidate" wasn't better advertised to the Durand residents.

Lori Childs, 205 W. Main Street. Co-owner of Changes Barber Shop. She gave a brief description of the sewer problems that started in September. She said that they would like the Council to consider taking the insurance report on incident and assist them in paying for the repairs.

Deb White, Light of Faith. She offered a prayer.

Bob Smith, 401 Mercer St. He made a complaint regarding unrestrained dogs throughout the City which makes it difficult for he and his wife to walk in the City.

**CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Boggs: He told Ms. Brooks that the “Meet the Candidate” wasn’t a City sponsored event. He thanked Deb White for the prayer. He told Mr. Smith that dogs cannot create a nuisance and to see the Police Chief.

Cobley: She agreed that there are a lot of aggressive dogs in the neighborhood.

O’Connor: He agreed with Mr. Smith and asked him to contact the Police Chief.

Brands: Agreed with Mr. Smith and asked him to contact the Police Chief. He thanked Deb White for the prayer.

Folaron: He thanked Deb White for the prayer.

Schaefer: He said that the “Meet the Candidate” was a privately organized event. He told Mr. Smith that he might consider carrying pepper spray.

Mayor McDonough: He said that the Chamber used to sponsor a “Meet the Candidate” event, but this was privately organized. He thanked Deb White for the prayer. As for the dogs, he said that you “should be safe in your community”.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Boggs moved, O’Connor supported to direct the City Attorney to draft a confidential memo of the City Council options for reimbursement of Changes Salon costs of sewer service repairs.

YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Folaron, Mayor McDonough, O’Connor, Boggs

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

**CITY OF DURAND  
SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION NO. 2223-11-07**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF DURAND TRUMBLE PARK PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Durand desires to provide ADA accessible sidewalks throughout Trumble Park to allow for easier use of pedestrian travel from all abilities;

**WHEREAS**, the structures in Trumble Park are aging and deteriorating and are in need of upgrading to revive the vibrancy, functionality, and aesthetic appeal of the park to make it a destination for the community;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Durand administrative staff intend on submitting the Trumble Park Project for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources SPARK Grant for funding assistance to accomplish the project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Durand City Council hereby support the Trumble Park Project and approve of administrative staff submitting the project for SPARK Grand funding.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**THE RESOLUTION IS DECLARED ADOPTED**

I, Mindy McKay, certify that the foregoing is a true accurate copy of the Resolution by the City of Durand City Council, Shiawassee County, Michigan, at its regular meeting held on November 7, 2022, at the Durand City Hall, 215 W. Clinton Street, Durand, Michigan 48429.

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Mindy McKay  
City of Durand, City Clerk

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Date:

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Kenneth McDonough  
City of Durand, Mayor

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Date:

Schaefer moved, Folaron supported to approve Resolution 2223-11-07 in support of the Trumble Park Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Josh Hicks with J&J Ag gave an update of the property at 209 S. Oak Street. He said that the RAP grant failed. However, J&J is still growing very fast and are trying to make this project work. He said that he was at the land bank meeting recently and is attempting to get funding for Blight Remediation. The application is due January 2023 therefore the City extended the purchase agreement to March 31, 2023.

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to make a resolution of support to J & J Ag for Blight Remediation.

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve the invoice from Presidio for new computers in an amount not to exceed \$9,538.00

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to approve the invoice for software from GovConnection Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,446.70.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to accept the list provided by the City Treasurer and authorize her to place delinquent invoices totaling \$1,590.00 on the winter 2022 tax roll.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the renewal of UHY LLP to continue to provide auditing services to the City of Durand for three (3) additional years for the terms presented in their letter of interest dated October 31, 2022.

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to amend the motion to approve the renewal of UHY LLP to continue to provide auditing services to the City of Durand for one (1) additional year for the terms presented in their letter of interest dated October 21, 2022.

YEAS: O'Connor, Boggs, Brands, Folaron

NAYS: Schaefer, Cobley, Mayor McDonough

4-3 Carried

Folaron moved, Mayor McDonough supported to allocate the \$10,000 not paid to SESSA for services and to give it to the Fire Department per the ballot language of 2020.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the invoice from Dell Technology for the computer and docking station in an amount of \$3,187.16 and the invoice from STEP CG for the Router and Antennas in the amount of \$1,863.50 to be installed in the new PD vehicle.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Mayor McDonough supported to direct the City Planner to write an ordinance to move penalties from civil infractions to misdemeanors and to take to Planning Commission.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

#### **CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Lori Childs stated that she wanted to clarify that their insurance company has denied their claim and that they are not asking for the City to pay the entire bill.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Boggs: He said that he doesn't know if the City can legally help with the bill. Our attorney will give us our options.

Cobley: She said that there is a serious dog problem on the West side of Durand and a serious coyote problem at the retention pond.

O'Connor: He said that it was good working with Mayor McDonough.

Brands: He said he is still working on getting the Christmas lights up in the downtown. He thanked those that have helped so far. He said it was nice seeing houses decorated for Halloween.

Folaron: He said that he would like to see Durand challenge other cities in a Christmas decoration contest.

Schaefer: He thanked everyone who attended the meeting tonight and told them to vote in tomorrow's election. He presented out-going Mayor Ken McDonough with a Mayoral plaque for his dedication and service to the City of Durand.

Mayor McDonough: He said that he hopes whoever is elected to the Council continues to work for the good of the residents.

City Manager: Thanked Mayor McDonough for his service to the City.

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

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Ken McDonough, Mayor

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Mindy McKay, City Clerk