

Minutes of the special meeting of the Durand City Council held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Durand City Hall.

Mayor McDonough called the meeting to order at 5:30 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:

All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

No one signed in.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the Addendum No.1 of the Agreement to Purchase and Sale of 14 lots of Creek Point Circle.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Mayor McDonough moved, O'Connor supported to implement the increased rates for water and sewer per the recent rate study by Baker Tilley, on July 1, 2022.

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

NAYS: Folaron

Carried

The Council discussed how the City should put out the information to the residents regarding the rate increases. Their ideas were as follows:

- Get a large "sample" bill for the easel in the lobby
- Flood the newspapers with articles and information
- Conduct open forum meetings for residents
- Put information on Facebook and Website
- Start Coffee with Council again
- Put flyers in the lobby of City Hall
- Give tours to residents of Water and Wastewater plants so they can see the need for themselves.
- Establish talking points as to the reasons for the increase
- Show residents the costs of testing, costs of chemicals needed for each plant
- Show residents ASO letters from Eagle

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Paula Brooks, 104 W. Summit She commented on the increase of rates for water/sewer for Vernon Township residents.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs – Nothing to add

Cobley – Nothing to add

O’Connor – Nothing to add

Brands - He asked Sally Dove with the Argus Press to speak with Cameron and Ken for an article in the paper.

Folaron – Nothing to add

Schaefer – Nothing to add

McDonough: He said that the basketball poles/hoops that are alongside the streets need to be removed ASAP so that City equipment such as street sweeper and snow plows are not damaged. He also said that Vinewood Street will be paved on Monday, November 15, 2021.

Mayor McDonough adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Ken McDonough, Mayor

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk