

Minutes of the special Durand City Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom in accordance with Senate Bill 1108.

Mayor McDonough called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Dr. Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Rich Folaron, Mayor Ken McDonough, Pat O'Connor, Matt Schaefer

Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

O'Connor moved, Schaefer supported to table Item D.

O'Conner moved, Schaefer supported to rescind the motion.

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the agenda with the removal of Item D. and add it to the agenda for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Carried

**HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:**

No one spoke

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

Justin Horvath, CEO of the Shiawassee County Economic Development Partnership gave a presentation of who he is and what roll the SEPD plays for Shiawassee County and the City of Durand.

Mr. Walsh with Walsh Municipal Services was present to answer any questions that the Council had regarding the process of recruitment services with hiring the City Manager.

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to move forward with Walsh Municipal Services to start the process of interviewing each Council Member, key staff members and community members.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to appoint Andrew Bisaha as Acting City Manager.

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

NAYS: Schaefer

Carried

Folaron moved, Brands supported to approve Change Order #6 with Eastern Asphalt resulting in no net change in cost for the 2019 Street Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands moved, Folaron supported to approve Pay Application #9 to Eastern Asphalt in the amount of \$15,307.49.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands moved, Schaefer supported to approve an amendment to the 2019 Engineering Scope of Services Agreement with ROWE Engineering in the amount of \$28,350.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the 2020 Staff Stipends according to the City Manager's scheme.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Schaefer

Carried

**CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

No one spoke

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Schaefer: He stated that he is glad to pass the stipend for City workers.

Brands: He stated that he is glad to give employees Christmas money. He said that he would like to “re-set” after the last meeting. He said that we need to work together in the best interest of the City.

Folaron: He thanked the staff and wishes the Christmas stipend could be more. He said that the recent article in the newspaper cast shade on the Council, and he took offense to it. We never had back room deals. He said that we need to put the best foot forward, and he is going to try to make this a more comfortable place to work.

Cobley: She said to get off Facebook and get outside and exercise. She challenges the West side of the community to take on the East side of the community in Christmas decorations.

Boggs: He asked the City Attorney to remind Council of chapter 4.7 in the City Charter. It says that City Council members are not to be approaching city employees, all council members should go through the City Manager. There was a discussion on the purchase of Christmas lights for the downtown. It was decided that in the future the Christmas lights will be picked up at Ace Hardware by the DPW.

O'Connor: He asked the Council not “to judge a book by its cover”. He said is working for the best interest of the City and asked that “we work together”; “I am here to work with you and hope that you work with me”.

Cobley moved, Brands supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Ken McDonough, Mayor

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Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk

