

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Rich Folaron, Pat O'Connor, Amber Rochefort

Absent: Nick Florindi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Doyle moved, O'Connor supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 6, 2023 and the special meeting held on November 14, 2023 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to pay bills number 56802-56888.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Kent Edwards, 607 N. Wickshire Lane He said that the 6th Annual Holiday Light Competition sponsored by the Lion's Club is again taking place this year. Judging will take place December 15 and 16, 2023.

Robert Conrad, 6220 S. Martin Dr. He presented Deb Doyle on behalf of NRMI, with the first ornament with a rendition of the gate tower that she drew. NRMI will be selling these ornaments as a fundraiser for the organization.

Mike Baynai, 6197 S. Sheridan Rd. He introduced himself and offered a prayer.

Trent Atkins, SESSA He reported that in November there were 54 total calls, 27 were with ALS, 18 were with BLS and 9 were no transport.

Leslie Dietrich, 211 N. Saginaw St. She said that having WIFI in the downtown would be great and encouraged the council to support it.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Boggs thanked Mr. Baynai for prayer and updates from others.
Doyle thanked Bob Conrad for the presentation and she thanked Mr. Baynai for prayer.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the Change Order from Gentry Demolition in an amount of \$10,000 bringing the total contract price to \$278,000 which will be paid for from the City of Durand Fund Balance in the appropriate manner directed by the Grantor of the Blight Elimination Grant.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

NAYS: None

Carried

**CITY OF DURAND
COUNTY OF SHIAWASSEE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO: 2324-12-06**

A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 BY EXERCISING THE CITY'S RIGHT TO EXEMPT ITSELF FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING YEAR.

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Durand, Michigan held on the 4th day of December, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

Absent: Florindi

The following Resolution was offered by Boggs and supported by O'Connor.

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2011 the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2011 ("Act 152"), became effective in the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS, Act 152 contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the options are described under Section 3, Section 4, and Section 8 of the Act and respectively referenced as Hard Caps Option, 80%/20% Option, and Exemption Option.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Durand has decided to adopt the annual Exemption Option as its choice of compliance with the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of the City of Durand elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption Option for the plan coverage year of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

NAYS: None

Carried

Adopted this 4th day of December, 2023.

BY: _____
Mindy McKay, City Clerk

Doyle moved, Folaron supported to approve the resolution to adopt the Annual Exemption Option for Public Act 152 of 2011.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Rochefort supported to approve Employee Appreciation Stipend in an amount of \$31,050.

Boggs moved to amend the motion to have a special meeting at which time the council will be provided with year-end numbers.

YEAS: Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

YEAS: Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

O'Connor moved, Boggs supported to approve the General Services Agreement provided by ROWE Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the 2024 calendar year.

YEAS: O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Rochefort supported to approve the Rental Agreement for the Top Shelf Hockey League as presented.

YEAS: Rochefort, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve pay application #3 to Oak Construction for the CWSRF WWTP project in an amount not to exceed \$266,530.99.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort

NAYS: None

Carried

Downtown WIFI: No action taken

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve a special assessment for sidewalks as part of the sidewalk project of 2023-2024 to those properties on North Oak Street from the post office to W. Main Street.

YEAS: Doyle, Florindi, Folaron, O'Connor, Rochefort, Boggs
NAYS: None
Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one spoke

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Doyle: She thanked NRMI for the improvements that they have made to the engine, gate tower and other projects. She thanked the boy scouts for helping with the Christmas lights downtown.

Rochefort: She thanked the boy scouts for their help with the lights.

Boggs: "Merry Christmas"

Folaron: He thanked the boy scouts for their help with the lights.

O'Connor: "Merry Christmas"

Brands: He thanked the boy scouts for wrapping the trunks of the trees with Christmas lights. They did all the trunks in about an hour!

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk