

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Schaefer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Rich Folaron, Pat O'Connor, Matt Schaefer

Absent: Mayor Ken McDonough

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 creation of B. Consent Agenda to include Approval of Old Newsboys' request to Hold Fundraiser on City Street, Approval to Renew Agreement with Red Cross Emergency Shelter, Approval of Employee Policy on Covid Isolation and Quarantine, Approval of Resolution for Street Certification and Approval of Active Shooter Police-Police Department.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Folaron moved, O'Connor supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 01, 2021 and the special meeting held on November 10, 2021 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve bills #54098-54215.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Candyce Wolsfeld, Durand Chamber Director. She said that there were 19 entries in the Lighted Christmas Parade. She said that City looked beautiful and she thanked all the people who helped with the decorations and the parade.

Kent Edwards, President of Durand Railroad Days. He asked that the Council approve Railroad Days to be held May 12-15, 2022. He also asked that the Council formally state that the permanent location for Railroad Days is on East Main Street and that it would be too dangerous to hold the festival on N. Saginaw Street due to the fact that if there were an emergency, the fire trucks would not be able to get to buildings/apartment on Saginaw Street.

Mary Yarbrough, 313 Mercer Street, Associate Pastor with Light of Faith Church. She offered a prayer.

Marc Smith, 308 Naldrette Street. He thanked the DPW for their help in leaf pickup. He said that it is one of the benefits in living in a small town, and appreciated their help.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE:

Boggs: He thanked the audience for their comments and the prayer.

Cobley: She said the City looks beautiful.

O'Connor: He thanked everyone for their comments and the prayer.

Brands: He thanked everyone for their comments. He also said that only two people should be speaking with the media and they are the City Manager and the Mayor.

Folaron: He thanked everyone for their comments.

Schaefer: He thanked everyone for their comments and said that they DPW helped him with his leaves also.

DPW, UTILITIES, MECHANIC, DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief: He said that the parade went without a hitch. Everything is going well.

Fire Chief: He said that Santa made it to the clock tower during the Lighted Parade. He also said that on December 19, 2021 Santa will come to Durand on the fire truck and will go down each street waiving to the children. The Fire Chief said that he had a County Chiefs meeting and they talked about having a central siren system throughout the county, more information on this to come.

DPW Director: He said that the DPW is close to being done with leaves and they are working on getting ready for the snow. The Water Department as a whole, took six exams and they passed 5 of the 6. He went on to say that the department replaced a water service on Saginaw Street today without having to cut into the street.

DPW Foreman: He said that leaf pickup will be done this week. All of the Christmas decorations are up. He said that the DPW worked with the Police Chief regarding Winter On Street Parking; getting ready for snow plowing. He said that he is getting quotes to replace the flooring in the women's bathroom.

Water/Wastewater Foreman: He said that he is trying to replace a few more water services yet this year.

City Engineer: He said that the Street Project is pretty substantially complete.

City Manager: He said that he continues to field economic opportunities. He told the Council that the old Kathy's School of Dance will be demolished as soon as possible; the contractor is having staffing issues.

Clerk/Treasurer: She said that the audit would normally be presented tonight but due to unforeseen circumstances it will be presented at the January 10, 2022 meeting.

City Attorney: Nothing to add

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Presentation: Nick Kelly-Reed Road Property He said he is interested in developing the Reed Road property and would do it in three phases. The first phase would be to build three story apartments on the property directly behind the existing apartment on Fitzgerald Street. The second phase would be to build side by side condos and create a park like sitting that will be open to the community. The final phase would be to build single family homes in the price range of \$250,000 to 500,000.

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the request from Railroad Days, Inc. to hold the festival May 12-15, 22 and make the permanent location at East Main Street, with Railroad Days, Inc. providing the appropriate insurance documents to the City.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O'Connor supported to approve the consent agenda which consist of the following: approval to allow the old newsboys to host a fundraiser on city streets, approval to renew the agreement with Red Cross Emergency Shelter, approve the employee policy on Covid isolation and quarantine, approval of resolution for street certificate and approval of active shooter policy-PD.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

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

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Cobley supported to approve the annual employee retention stipend at a rate of \$250.00 per full time employee and \$100.00 per part time employee for the calendar year 2021.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Schaefer

Carried

O'Connor moved, Brands supported to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License to the Durand Chamber of Commerce Foundation as presented.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Schaefer supported to award the bid for the Reed Road property to Nicholas Kelly of Kelly & Sons Builders and an undetermined LLC yet to be formalized, to be confirmed at a

later date for the amount of \$950,000 contingent upon a purchase agreement and development agreement approved by the City Manager and City Attorney.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobby, Folaron, O'Connor, Schaefer

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

John Matejewski, 708 S. Oak Street He asked if there would be any tax abatements for the Reed Road property? Councilman Boggs said that no tax abatements were asked for.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Boggs: Merry Christmas

Cobby: Good Holidays. She said that MML offers training for newly elected officials and she encouraged people to take advantage of the opportunities. She also encouraged everyone to get certified in first aid and CPR, she said to make this your New Year's Resolution!

O'Connor: He told Nick Kelly congratulations on the property. Happy Holidays.

Brands: He thanked individuals for helping to put up Christmas lights in the downtown and the DPW for getting the electrical outlets working. Merry Christmas

Folaron: He told the Council that the library has their map back and is now being restored. Merry Christmas

Schaefer: He told Nick Kelly congratulations on the property. Thanks to Kent Edwards for seeking clarification on the permanent location for Railroad Days. Happy Holidays

Mayor Pro Tem Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Matt Schaefer, Mayor Pro Tem

Mindy McKay, Deputy Clerk