

Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers at City Hall
October 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

President Childs called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Todd Acker, Lori Childs, Bart Harris, Cameron Horvath, Mike Malachowski, Blair Pancheck, Candyce Wolsfeld

Absent: Dane Deisler, Betty Fuller, Ken McDonough, Anna Tirtha, Larry Webb, Becky O'Bryant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Wolsfeld moved, Malachowski supported to approve the agenda with the addition of D. Election of Officers.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Acker moved, Pancheck supported to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one spoke

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- A. Financial Report: Lisa David, Treasurer for the City of Durand reviewed the financial report. Lisa also introduced Beth Chapman who will be taking her place as Treasurer as of Dec. 1, 2022.
- B. Approval: Prize money for Lighted Christmas Parade. It was discussed to forgo giving trophies and to increase the prize money for this year's parade winners. Pancheck moved, Horvath supported to approve up to \$1,000.00 for the Light Parade.
Carried
- C. Discussion: Flowers in the Downtown. It was discussed to continue to use Farmer's Garden both for the flowers and the maintenance of the flowers dependent on the bid results. The consensus of the board is that they would like to continue with the same color of petunias. Bid packets will go out in December and the bid will be awarded at the January DDA meeting.
- D. Election of Officers:
 1. Malachowski moved, Wolsfeld supported to elect Cameron Horvath as Secretary to the DDA for the ensuing term. Carried
 2. Malachowski moved, Acker supported to elect Candyce Wolsfeld as Vice-President to the DDA for the ensuing term. Carried
 3. Wolsfeld moved, Harris supported to elect Lori Childs as President to the DDA for the ensuing term. Carried

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Cameron Horvath reported that:

- The City entered into the Clean Water State Revolving Plan that is a 2.5 million dollar project to upgrade the waste water treatment plant.

- The City is working on a Street Project for 2023 that will involve portions of East Clinton, Ann Arbor and Lincoln Streets.
- The City Council wants sidewalks installed throughout Trumble Park. Project will start early spring 2023.
- Mr. Horvath asked if the rocking chairs in the downtown have been well received. Childs, Wolsfeld and Harris all said that the residents love them.
- The City will be getting an EV Station to be located in the parking lot behind the 100 block of N. Saginaw Street.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Candyce Wolsfeld said that BC/BS of Michigan will sponsor and maintain an edible garden next year, to be located on the North side of the Library. She also said that the Chamber Survey is complete and will now be put into a power point presentation which she will then share with the DDA, and City Council. This survey allowed people to say what they like about Durand, what they want to see and/or improved in Durand.

Blair Pancheck said that the Railroader Athletic Center (RAC) will be hosting Prom on May 10th, 2023. May 11, 2023 will host the Senior Class which along with their parents were instrumental in getting the bond passed in order to build the RAC. She also said that the football team is 9-0 this season and will be hosting playoffs in Durand on Friday, October 28, 2022. She would like to see the downtown businesses support the team with signs in their windows.

Lori Childs asked for suggestions on people to join the DDA. The following people/businesses were offered:

- Owner of Stomping Grounds
- Becky or Kyle Fielder, Three Blackbirds Creation
- Owner of Main Street Rocks
- New Owners of Jon Michaels' Jewelry

Lori said that she makes some calls.

President Childs adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

Lori Childs, President

Mindy McKay, City Clerk