

Downtown Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers at City Hall
October 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairperson Childs called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Todd Acker, Lori Childs, Dane Deisler, Cameron Horvath, Ken McDonough, Anna Tirtha, Candyce Wolsfeld

Absent: Betty Fuller, Bart Harris, Mike Malachowski, Blair Pancheck, Larry Webb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was said by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Wolsfeld moved, Horvath supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Horvath moved, Deisler supported to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. Elections:

Childs moved, Wolsfeld supported to elect Cameron Horvath as Secretary for the ensuing year. Carried

Childs moved, Deisler supported to elect Anna Tirtha as Vice Chairwoman for the ensuing year. Carried

Wolsfeld moved, McDonough supported to elect Lori Childs as Chairwoman for the ensuing year. Carried

B. Financial Report:

Lisa David, Treasurer for the City of Durand reviewed the financial report.

C. Wednesday Nite Live 2021 Review:

There were three bands that played during the summer. Candyce reported that attendance was down from previous years. There will be the changes for the 2022 Wednesday Nite Live Season; the season will begin the last Wednesday in June and will run for six weeks, the location will be moved to N. Saginaw Street. Along with the free concert series there will be a car show and Dine Out Wednesdays. Area restaurants will be asked to participate along with food trucks. The Clinton Street on the East side of Saginaw will be left open for the

students of Kathy's school of dance to be picked up and dropped off. The banners will be reused for next year to save on costs.

- D. Discussion on flowers in the downtown. McDonough asked that Mahar's Greenhouse near Bancroft be put on the bid list. There was much discussion on the fact that many of the flower baskets did not look good due to either not enough water or too much water, for most of the summer. It was decided that we would send two different bids for the flowers; one for the normal number of flower baskets and one for half the number of baskets. They also discussed looking into getting banners with area veterans' photos on them which would be put up near Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, etc. It was decided that we would go out for bids for watering of the flowers.
- E. 2021 Light Parade-The Light Parade will be held on Saturday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m. with line up to begin at 5:00 p.m. Candyce said that she has received 6 applications so far.

Acker moved, Tirtha supported to approve up to \$1,000.00 to use for trophies and prizes.
Carried

City Manager's Report: Cameron Horvath gave an update of the demolition of part of the old Simplicity building, the sale of Ed's Feed and Seed, Victory Machine, Southside Street Project, demo of Kathy's School of Dance.

Public Comment/Board Member Comments:

Dane Deisler gave a brief update on his building at 230 W. Main Street (the old Golden Spike). He said he had it all set to be demolished in May. He said that three days before the demo was to take place, the State did their own inspection and found asbestos in the roofing materials so they stopped the demo process. The State of Michigan will now be doing boring samples to see if the soil is contaminated from when there was a gas station on the land years ago, and if there is, they will do the demo and cleanup of the site. Boring samples are set to be taken by the end of the year, but Dane said that the process for cleanup can be very slow. He said that the east side, all of the interior wall brick is standing alone, there are no interior walls supporting the brick. The roof needs to be taken off, the exterior walls need to be rebuilt and the roof needs to be put back on. That cost will be \$100,000 just to get it back to the shell of the building. His original intentions were to replace the roof and rent the space out.

Next Meeting will be held on January 10, 2022

Chairperson Childs adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Lori Childs, Chair

Lisa David, City Clerk

