

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, April 6, 2020 via electronic means in accordance with Executive Order 2020-15.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Mayor Deborah Doyle, Rich Folaron, John Matejewski, Ken McDonough

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McDonough moved, Matejewski supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 2, 2020, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve bill numbers 52066-52178.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough (abstain from # 52075)

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Pastor Don White, Light of Faith Church- offered prayer

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

No one spoke

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Public Hearing – 2020 Utility Deposit Ordinance

Mayor Doyle opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

No one spoke

Mayor Doyle closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve the second reading and amend the City of Durand Code of Ordinance to adopt the 2020 Utility Deposit Ordinance.

YEAS: Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Public Hearing – Urban Cooperation Agreement/Property Transfer

Mayor Doyle opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

No one spoke

Mayor Doyle closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve the Urban Cooperation Agreement for the transfer of 8982 Lansing Road into City Jurisdiction.

YEAS: Copley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Copley supported to authorize the declaration of the aforementioned utility accounts as delinquent.

YEAS: Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Copley

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to award the farm lease bid to Levi Zdunic in the amount of \$141.00 per acre.

YEAS: Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Copley, Mayor Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands moved, Folaron supported to award the bid for maintenance of baskets and perennials to Vision Lawn Corporation in the amount of \$6,800 for the 2020 season.

YEAS: Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Copley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Copley supported to award the bid for two refrigerated samplers from Hach in the amount of \$10,548.60.

YEAS: McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Copley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski

NAYS: None

Carried

Matejewski moved, McDonough supported to approve the MiDeal Road Salt Requisition for the 2020/2021 season.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Copley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Boggs supported to award the bid for sludge hauling to Michigan AgriBusiness Solutions for a five-year term starting at \$0.05/gallon.

YEAS: Brands, Copley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Brands supported to award the bid for ferric chloride to PVS Technologies in the amount of \$594.00 per dry ton.

YEAS: Copley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Matejewski moved, Brands supported to approve the request for funding assistance from the Durand Area Chamber of Commerce Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00.

After further discussion it was recommended by our City Attorney that we amend the motion as follows:

Matejewski moved, Brands supported to amend the motion to approve the request for funding assistance from the Durand Area Chamber of Commerce Inc. in amount of \$5,000.00 and move the funds to the DDA with the stipulation that the funds go towards economic relief.

YEAS: Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough, Boggs, Brands, Coble

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw Street – She asked what businesses in particular are struggling financially, so that people could possibly help. Mayor Doyle suggested that she contact the Chamber of Commerce for more information on those businesses.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: He stated that his department is ready and prepared to respond to calls as needed. He said that he currently has twelve N95 masks and are trying to order more. City Manager said they have more coming. Chief Spaniola said that Officer Custer retired recently, leaving 15 fire fighters. He said that he will need to hire more this summer.

Police Chief: He said that the Police Department is doing well. He said that they are doing limited traffic stops and are constantly patrolling neighborhoods. He said that they are responding to emergency calls and responding to other calls over the phone.

DPW Supervisor: He said that he is working to keep his workers safe and he appreciates those workers that are coming to work every day.

City Engineer: He stated that the Sewer Line bid has been pushed back by two weeks. He said that the WWTP Project is just about ready to go out for bids, will need to work out a schedule for contractors to visit the building.

City Clerk/Treasurer: She stated that Council Members should have received a draft of the 20/21 Budget today, which fulfills the Charter requirement. She stated that the office is running well with Michelle being in the office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, answering the phone and doing mail. She said the Mindy and Beth are working remotely and only going into the office as needed.

City Attorney: He said that the City Administration is doing a great job and should be recognized for that. He said it was good to see everyone.

City Manager: She stated that the Department Heads have stepped up and are doing everything that is needed to get the job done. Mayor Doyle said that she appreciates the City Manager's IT skills to make this meeting happen.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

McDonough: He asked about the limited number of N95 masks that the Fire Department have on hand. City Manager said that they are getting more. He also asked if the city was implementing having only one employee per vehicle during this time. He said that he would like to see the streets being swept during this time. DPW Supervisor said that Jason DeFrenn has been in the street sweeper last week, this week and will be sweeping next week also. McDonough also complimented Chief Hartz on the amount of patrol that he is seeing throughout the neighborhoods.

Coble: Nothing to add

Matejewski: Stay home, stay safe!

Brands: He said that he likes seeing the streets cleaned. He asked that since Waste Management is not picking up yard waste during this time, can residents take their yard waste to the Waste Water Treatment Plant? City Manager said yes they can take it there.

Boggs: He said that the city is doing a great job during this difficult time. He said that services are continuing and work is getting done. People should be recognized when this is over and back to normal. He thanked Pastor Don and wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Folaron: Nothing to add

Mayor Doyle: She thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said hopefully it won't be long until we can meet again in person.

Mayor Doyle adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.