

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, May 11, 2020 via electronic means in accordance with Executive Order 2020-48.

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, Cobley supported to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on April 3, 2020, the regular meeting held on April 6, 2020 and the Budget Workshop held on April 27, 2020, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

McDonough moved, Brands supported to approve bill numbers 52179 - 52258.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough (abstain from # 52212)

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Pastor Don White, Light of Faith Church- offered prayer

James Hamann – 705 Princeton introduced himself to council and stated that he was interested in listening in and learning more about our budget process; explaining that he has never attended a meeting in the past.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Council welcomed Mr. Hamann and encouraged his interest and involvement at any meeting.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the emergency purchase of a radio receiver for Lincoln Street wells in the amount of \$6165 from Utilities Instrumentation Services, Inc.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Matejewski moved, McDonough supported to approve the amendment to extend Assessment Services in the amount of \$24,000 annually to Square One Services, LLC effective July 1, 2020 for a period of one year.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, Brands supported to approve the asphalt repair work for the Saginaw Street Alley by DOW Asphalt in the amount of \$8065.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Brands moved, Folaron supported to adopt the resolution to amend the Standard Lighting Contract with Consumers Energy to add one light head at Gratiot and North Oak Street.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to award the bid for the ICE Grant Sanitary Sewer Lining Project to Insituform in an amount not to exceed \$639,325.90

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Public Hearing – 2020/2021 Budget Hearing

Mayor Doyle opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

James Hamann – 705 Princeton asked a question regarding certain line items. He asked how the General Fund total compares to prior years and how COVID-19 factors in to budget decisions.

Mayor Doyle closed the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager O'Toole briefly summarized the budget.

Boggs moved, Copley supported to adopt the 2020/2021 City of Durand General Fund budget and the other city budgets, as presented, and that they be adopted as such.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: He stated that his department is looking into more training while at the same time following the social distancing rules. He is currently working on a grant for hiring and retention. The birthday drive-by's have been a success. He thanked the Police Department for their assistance with a basement fire.

DPW Supervisor: Everything is going well. Trying to keep everyone healthy and get the work done.

Police Chief: He said that the Police Department is doing well. The Police Department is conducting street patrols while at the same time following the social distancing rules. He stated that Graff will be disinfecting patrol cars for the department at no charge to the city.

City Engineer: He stated that they have been busy with Sewer bids. Restoration from the street project from last fall begins next week and the 2020 Streets project is going forward as planned.

City Clerk/Treasurer: She stated that she has a great staff and that Mindy is doing well.

City Attorney: He said that it is good to see everyone and that things are slowly re-opening.

City Manager: She stated that the MSHDA Blight Grant program has been extended to December 2020. She is actively working on the city's re-opening policy.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

McDonough: Asked if the City was going to be open May 18th? City Manager said no they stay at home order is until May 28th. Two staff members that were laid off will return on May 18th.

Cobley: Nothing to add

Matejewski: Thanked Pastor Don for his prayer. Asked if the Police and Fire Departments could do something for the Durand High School Graduates. Several Councilmembers and the City Manager commented that they believe the school is or already has done something.

Chief Hartz stated that he will contact the superintendent about the status of any event honoring the graduates. Several Councilmembers supported us reaching out to the schools and participating in something for the graduates.

Brands: Nothing to add

Boggs: Thanked Pastor Don for his prayer. He stated that the administration did a great job on the budget and that additional PPE is available via Shiawassee County. City Manager then gave an update on the city's PPE supply numbers.

Folaron: Nothing to add

Mayor Doyle: Thanked the staff for a great job on the budget. Stated that the MML is working to get funds from the Federal Government for COVID-19 relief.

Mayor Doyle adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.