

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, August 5, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Mayor Deb 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:

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

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Folaron moved, McDonough supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 22, 2019 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

McDonough moved, Boggs supported to approve bill numbers 51275-51312.

YEAS: Boggs, Brands, Cobley, Mayor Doyle, Folaron, Matejewski, McDonough (abstain #51300 and 51301)

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Pastor Don White, offered prayer

Deb White, 512 N. Saginaw St. She reported that there is a collapsed storm drain east of their driveway that had cones around it, the cones have been removed. She is worried that someone might get hurt if they fell into it or drove over it. Rob, foreman of the water/wastewater said that he would put cones around it tonight after the meeting and would put a barrier around it tomorrow.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Boggs thanked Pastor White for the prayer.

Matejewski asked Mrs. White if that was the same storm drain that she reported on earlier this year. She said that it was and Councilman Matejewski asked why this wasn't fixed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

McDonough moved, Cobley supported to appoint Rich Folaron as the city's delegate and Mayor Doyle as alternate for the 2019 Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting.

Carried

Brands moved, McDonough supported to grant permission of the requested street closure on W. Main Street from Oak to Lovejoy on August 24, 2019 between the hours of 4 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Folaron supported to approve the legal services agreement with McKone Law Firm for the Rural Development Application.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Folaron moved, McDonough supported to approve the METRO Act Right of Way five year Extension requested by Frontier Communications.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Brands supported to approve the Oak/Main MDOT Contract Modification #5 and #6 for a net increase of \$8,156.50; 20% of which will be the city's responsibility in the amount of \$1,631.30 from Major Street Fund.

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

NAYS: McDonough

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

No one spoke

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: The BBQ Chicken Dinner fundraiser that was held recently at the Eagles provided the FD with \$ 2,250.00 which will go towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. He stated that the Durand Fire Department is participating in the County Fair this week. He stated that he and the City Manager are working to update wage and personnel policies. As of today they have 14 members.

Police Chief: He stated that Luke Rogers is back and they now have a full roster. He stated that last week the department caught an armed robber out of Perry that resulted in a chase through the streets of Durand. He also thanked the Fire Department who helped out at a DOA last week.

Engineer: He said that bids went out this week for the rebuilding of the sewer from Genesee Street to Three Mile Creek. The street project is starting with curb and gutter, and milling will start next week.

City Clerk/Treasurer: She stated that she and the Deputy Clerk went to election training on Friday. Audit is scheduled for September.

City Attorney: Nothing to add

City Manager: She stated that the Blight Elimination Grant is now available for our residents to take advantage of. Information is available on our website.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

McDonough: He asked that the streets be sprayed to kill the grass that is growing in them. He said that a truck has been parked at the old Golden Spike and has grass growing around it. He would like a copy of the lawn care agreement with Ace Lawn care. He would like to know what seats are available on all of the city's boards and commissions and he would like who is on each board and commission posted on our website.

Cobley: She stated that if we want to see Creek Point sub division we need to clean it up. She would like a review of the financials of all the 501 (3) ©, ie: DUSI, NRMI and RR Days, Inc. that the city is affiliated with.

Matejewski: He stated that the new build in Creek Point is listed on Zillow for \$149,900 and it is not complete, nor does it have a basement. He asked if the yellow center lines will be painted on our streets before End of Summer Cruise is here. He stated that the Veteran's Memorial Park looks terrible. He and his wife mowed it because the grass was so tall.

Brands: He said it was nice to have a few more events in the downtown area. He said that this event coming up will be good for that area.

Boggs: He said that he was glad that the City got the blight grant, he said be sure to get before and after pictures to be included in the report to MISHDA.

Folaron: He stated that he was told by a resident that he had a very good experience with Officer Shenk. He asked Chief Hartz if he would be interested in getting Stop Sticks.

Mayor Doyle: She stated that she was excited to see the Chamber getting more active in the community.

Mayor Doyle adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.