

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Durand City Council held on Monday, December 2, 2019 in the Council Chambers of Durand City Hall.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Jeff Brands, Connie Cobley, Mayor Deb Doyle, John Matejewski, Ken McDonough

Absent: Rich Folaron

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 minutes with the following additions:

A1 – Presentation of Audit by Paul Bailey, F. Change order #3 2019 Street Project, G. Pay Application #6 2019 Street Project.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McDonough moved, Cobley supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 4, 2109 and the special meeting held on November 18, 2019, as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

McDonough moved, Matejewski supported to approve bill numbers 51625-51698.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Pastor Don White, Light of Faith offered prayer

Marc Smith, 308 Naldrette He asked if the agenda for the Council meetings could be posted on the website or Facebook. City Manager said that we can.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to accept the 2018-2019 City of Durand Audit, as prepared by Stewart, Beauvais and Whipple, auditors for the City of Durand, and place it on file with the City Treasurer's office.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve the request from the Old Newsboys to solicit donations in the public right of way on December 13, 2019.

Carried

McDonough moved, Cobley supported to adopt the Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option for Public Act 152 of 2011.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Boggs supported to adopt the Durand Union Station Overnight Parking Ordinance.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve the Fire and Ambulance Millage language and direct the City Clerk to place the proposal on the March 2020 ballot.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Matejewski moved, Boggs supported to approve the 2019 Employee Retention Stipend in the aggregate amount of \$8,300.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to approve the Change order #3 for the 2019 Street Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

McDonough moved, Boggs supported to approve Pay Order #6 for the 2019 Street Project.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Mayor Doyle allowed a group of four high school students to address the Council if they wished. This was the first Council meeting with the new start time and these students arrived too late to speak at the public portion of the meeting.

Connor Lafave, 11279 Hill Rd, Senior at Durand Area Schools. He addressed the council with safety concerns. He said that with all the school shootings taking place across the country that he would like to see a full time school liaison officer assigned to the school district. He stated that the current liaison officer is there 20 hours per week and her time is divided between two elementary schools, middle and high schools. He told the council that he was aware that a full time officer would cost between \$51,000 and \$65,000 and he didn't know where those funds might come from but he felt strongly that one is needed.

Boggs moved, McDonough supported to authorize fifty percent of the totality of costs of a full time school liaison officer, if the school district agrees to 50/50 on the costs of this agreement. This agreement would be for one year and would supersede the current agreement.

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

NAYS: None

Carried

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief: He stated that the Fire Department was able to get Santa to the clock tower on Saturday. He announced that on December 22nd the Fire Department will do the annual Candy Cane Run, starting at 5:00 p.m.

DPW Director: He said that the light parade went well on Saturday. He thanked Jeff and John for putting up the lights.

Police Chief: He said that the Veterans Parade was cancelled due to bad weather. Santa's Light Parade went well. He said that he sent the Council the plan to work with Marty Johnson. Parking restrictions are in effect with no parking on all main streets and other streets require a permit to park on between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. He wanted to note that the school liaison officer does NOT work in Byron.

Engineer: He told the Council that the streets look good, minor things will be fixed in the spring. He said that the Lions Club will be judging for the best decorated homes with cash prizes. Flyers are available in City Hall lobby.

Treasurer/City Clerk: She said that everyone helps build the fund balance by being conscientious with their spending. She said that the tax bills went out last week along with a "Did you know..." flyer. She wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

City Attorney: Nothing to add

City Manager: She told the Council that an anonymous donor gave \$1000.00 to go towards the ice arena this year. She announced that MSHDA gave the city an extension of the Blight Grant thru May 2020. She told the Council that she would be meeting with Chief Hartz to change the schedule of the resource officer so that it isn't so predictable. She wished everyone "Happy Holidays".

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

McDonough: He applauded the young men that spoke tonight. He applauded the audit and the street project. He said that the DPW did a good job with plowing the streets after the recent snow fall and leaf pick up. He wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Copley: She thanked the High School students for coming tonight.

Matejewski: He thanked the High School students for coming to the meeting tonight. He thanked the DPW and all city employees. He said that there is a good crew taking care of the streets and leaves. He wished everyone "Merry Christmas".

Brands: He thanked the High School students for coming to night. He thanked John and Patty Matejewski for putting up the lights this year. He told the audience that according to the reports that the Treasurer and City Manager gave him recently, the City has invested over \$23,500,000 (including grant money) into our community in the last ten years.

Boggs: He said that it's great that several people are showing initiative, John and Jeff with the Christmas lights, Deb with planning the Lighted Christmas Parade. He thanked Pastor Don for the prayer. He said that we had a great audit and that we are in a good spot to end the year. He wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Mayor Doyle: She said that she was glad that the students came tonight, "You do have a voice and we do listen".

Mayor Doyle adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.