

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Patrick J. Milliren

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Gilles, Hartung, Hooker, Roesler, Schofield, and Schneider. Also: Administrator Rasmussen, City Clerk Morgan, Public Works Director Gilles, and Police Chief Ridgeway were also in attendance. Absent: Fire Chief King, and Ambulance Director Miller. Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hartung and seconded by Council Member Gilles to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: B. Traun was present to discuss the new curb and gutter for the Drier Street project. Drier Street residents were present to discuss the need for a drive over curb on Drier Street. The curb and gutter issue will be discussed at a Public Works Meeting before the end of April. Notice will be given to the residents on Drier Street.

Scheduled Appearances: None

Consent Agenda: The City Council Members reviewed the Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 24, 2021 and bartender licenses for Lori A Bauer at Handy Mart; and Kasey D Schulz at Bodhi's Saloon. Motion by Council Member Hartung, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes from March 24, 2021 and bartender licenses for Lori A Bauer at Handy Mart; and Kasey D Schulz at Bodhi's Saloon as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Hearings: A public hearing was called to order at 6:41 pm. by Mayor Milliren to consider any public input regarding the amendments to **Ordinance #522** An Ordinance Establishing Vacant Building Registration Requirements For The City Of Durand. No one was present to speak against the Ordinance. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:41 pm.

Business Agenda - Mayor's Report: Mayor Milliren gave an update of the City events. Mayor Milliren stated that Funfest is on. The Organizational Meeting will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Sheriff Wener will be present at the next Council Meeting to discuss the K-9 unit. The Council Chambers will be re-arranged to allow one row of seating starting in May.

Mayoral appointment confirmation of a Library Board Member. Mayor Milliren confirmed the appointment of Gary Schuster for the open Library Board seat. Motion by Council Member Schofield seconded by Council Member Roesler to confirm the appointment of Gary Schuster to the complete the open term through August.

Administrators Report: The City Administrator gave an update of the City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the American Rescue Act.

Discussion and possible action regarding Amending **Ordinance #522** An Ordinance Establishing Vacant Building Registration Requirements For The City Of Durand. Amending Section IV Annual Fee Schedule and Section V Exemptions. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hartung to approve Amending **Ordinance #522** An Ordinance Establishing Vacant Building Registration Requirements For The City Of Durand. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding the outstanding Durand Swim Club invoice. There has been a donation from a resident in the amount of \$3,200, the balance on the invoice is \$1,600.

Public Safety – Police Department: Chief Ridgeway gave an update on the Police Department. The Police Department has hired Natalie Wyss for the open full time position. EVOC Training was completed yesterday in Pepin. A Bike Safety Day is in the planning stages at this time. National Night Out planning is in progress.

Fire Department: Fire Chief King gave an update on the Fire Department. The planning for the Annual Fire Fundraiser Event. Fire Chief King gave an update of the fire call today. He said everyone did an excellent job. Please thank them for the great job if you see them.

Ambulance Department: Ambulance Director Miller gave an update to the Ambulance Department. Ambulance Director Miller discussed the need for EMT's. The Ambulance Department is hiring at this time.

Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report: R. Kiviniemi was present to discuss the upcoming Street project. The 3rd Avenue E project should begin the end of April.

Public Works/Utilities: Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Gilles discussed the barrier curb need within the City. The Vector truck is out cleaning the sewer lines. Hydrant flushing will be begin the end of April and beginning of May. The RBC is still on schedule for completion the middle of June.

Update on Nixle discussion at LEPC Meeting. Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the LEPC Meeting regarding Nixle. A private group can be set up for anyone wanting notification on City of Durand snow emergency.

Tarrant Park Swimming Pool update. We have been receiving applications, we are in need of Lifeguards and WSI instructors. We need a minimum of 7 lifeguards in order to open the swimming pool. Public Works Director Gilles would like to get a test run of the swimming pool before the end of April if the weather cooperates. The earliest the swimming pool would open would be the week of June 7th.

Closed Session: Motion to go into closed session at 7:33 pm by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hartung pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e). Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion to go back into open session by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hartung. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers: Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve the vouchers presented #26841 – 26896 in the amount of \$109,872.26. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried

The next meeting is the Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 pm, Open Book on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Public Works on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm, Board of Review on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Hartung at 8:16 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.