

City of Durand
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2025

Meeting was held at City Hall, 104 E. Main St. and called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Patrick J Milliren.

Roll Call: Present – Council Members Travis Hooker, Mark Menke, Matt Roesler, Nick Weisenbeck, and Robert Weishapple.

Absent: Council Member LeAnna Kavanaugh

Staff Present: Administrator Tracy Carlson, City Clerk Angela Morgan, Public Works Director Matt Gilles, Police Chief Stan Ridgeway, Fire Chief Jamey King, and Ambulance Co-Director Angie Bignell.

Also Present: Brian Winnikins (WRDN)

Confirmed proper notice of agenda. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Menke and seconded by Weishapple to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

The City Council reviewed the following: Regular City Council Meeting minutes – September 24, 2025; budget comparison report for September 2025; and bartender license for Melissa A LaCroix at Dollar General. Motion by Weisenbeck and seconded by Roesler to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Business Agenda:

Special Presentation by Caleb Meyer for Dahlby Conservation Services – Forest Management Plan.

- C. Meyer reviewed a Forest Management Plan for the City forested areas. He will continue to work with M. Gilles and bring a proposal for harvesting old/dead trees.

Street Closure request: Motion by Roesler, seconded by Weishapple to approve the street closure request on Main Street from 1st Avenue To 4th Avenue W for Trunk or Treat event on October 25, 2025 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Design Engineering contract for 6th Avenue E. project: Motion by Hooker, seconded by Menke to approve the Design Engineering contract with Cedar Corporation for the 6th Avenue E from E. Wells Street to E. Prospect Street. project. Roll call votes 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

School District of Durand-Arkansaw Early Learning Center: Motion by Roesler, seconded by Hooker to approve the School District of Durand-Arkansaw Early Learning Center plans as submitted to Planning Commission. Roll call votes 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Milliren thanked Administrator Carlson for her work on the Fire Dept negotiations.
- He also congratulated the Durand Police Dept on all of their hard work on the recent large drug bust.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Carlson reported on the following:

- The parking lot sale to Heike Realty is complete.
- The Farmer's Market closed the last week of September.
- A new building inspector has purchased the business from Fred Weber.

Police Department:

- Police Chief Ridgeway discussed the recent large drug bust. He is very proud of his department and their handling of the case.

Director's Report:

- The department has been winterizing the city parks. Tarrant Park will be closing in October.

Fire Department: Report submitted.

- 9 fire calls for September, 2 of which were City fire calls.
- October is Fire Prevention month. The Fire Department has been visiting 4k - 3rd grade class rooms.

Ambulance Department: Report submitted.

- 32 ambulance calls for September, no transfers.
- The surprise inspection by Medicare/Medicaid went well.

Vouchers:

Motion by Weisenbeck and seconded by Roesler to approve presented vouchers # 30979 – 31008 in the amount of \$55,392.41. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Closed Session:

Motion to go into closed session at 6:41 pm by Weishapple, seconded by Menke pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the investing of public funds or conducting other specified business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: relative to review and the discussion of the Durand Fire District negotiations. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into open session by Weisenbeck seconded by Menke at 7:10 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

No action taken.

The next meeting is the Regular City Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Menke moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Weishapple. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Mayor Patrick J Milliren

City Clerk Angela M Morgan