

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 14, 2022

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Council Member Hooker and seconded by Council Member Roesler to adopt the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Scheduled Appearances:** None

**Consent Agenda:** The City Council Members reviewed the Special Council Meeting minutes from November 16, 2022, and bartender licenses for Sarah A Brown for Durand Travel Stop, and Anita K Seipel at Handy Mart. Motion by Council Member Gilles, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve Special Council Meeting minutes from November 16, 2022, and bartender licenses for Sarah A Brown for Durand Travel Stop, and Anita K Seipel at Handy Mart as presented under the Consent Agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Business Agenda - Mayor's Report:** Mayor Milliren gave an update of City events. ARPA Funding will be discussed at a future agenda. The Kwik Trip ribbon cutting will be Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The Durand Dazzle Days Parade event went really well. The swimming pool funding and cemetery sexton replacement will be coming up. There are open seats in Wards 1 and Ward 2, the current Alderman filed non-candidacy papers.

**Administrator's Report:** Administrator Rasmussen gave an update City events. Administrator Rasmussen discussed the tax bills that were mailed out on Monday. The City of Durand received our Urban Forestry Grant.

Consider Appointment of election workers for the 2023 - 2024 term: Jan Brunner, Linda Elsner, Sharon Gunderson, Judy Norrish, Rosan Prissel, Patricia Seipel, and Marjorie Traun. Motion by Council Member Hayden, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to appoint the named poll workers for the 2023 - 2024 term. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Discussion and possible action regarding the sale of Lot 1 on Auth Street Parcel #216-01014 and half of 216-01015 (former Lot 5 & half of Lot 6 Tower Hill). Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Roesler to approve the sale of Lot 1 on Auth Street Parcel #216-01014 and half of 216-01015 to the only bidder Herb Schneider for \$15,000. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Façade Grant Application for Bodhi's Saloon at 209 W. Main Street. Motion by Council Member Roesler, seconded by Council Member Hooker to approve Façade Grant Application for Bodhi's Saloon in the amount of \$3,351. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Public Safety – Police Department:** Police Chief Ridgeway gave an update of the Police Department. The two Explorers have passed their final tests today and will begin training soon. Chief Ridgeway would like to have a Safety Meeting in January to discuss grant funds. Chief Ridgeway discussed an incident on Saturday night and how the Police Officer handled the situation. A few residents that were present praised Officer Erickson on how well he handled the incident.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief King gave an update of the Fire Department. A new brush truck was ordered for the Fire Department, the funds were raised through fundraising. There are no City or Rural funds were used to purchase the truck. Santa will be coming to town to hand out candy canes at 4:30 pm on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ambulance Department:** Ambulance Director Miller gave an update on the Ambulance Department. The EMT of the Year is Brooke Polzer, congratulations Brooke.

**Public Works/Utilities: Engineer's Report:** Engineer R. Kiviniemi was unable to attend the meeting.

**Public Works/Utilities:** Public Works Director Gilles gave an update of the Public Works Department. Public Works Director Gilles discussed grants. He discussed the upcoming weather and the plan of action.

**Vouchers:** Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weisenbeck to approve the vouchers presented #28353 – 28361 in the amount of \$29,130.50, 28362 - 28419 in the amount of \$60,468.73, payroll for November 25, 2022 in the amount of \$26525.36, and payroll for December 9, 2022 in the amount of \$26,099.52. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The next City Council Meeting is on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Hooker, seconded by Council Member Gilles at 7:10 pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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Angela Morgan, City Clerk