

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Bauer

Roll Call: Present – Council Member Schofield, Council Member Lieftring, Council Member Weissinger, Council Member Polzer, Council Member Gould and Council Member Schoonover.

Due and proper notice of meeting given by the administrative staff.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Input – none

Action Items:

Consideration to renew a one-year contract from May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008 with 3-D Strategies. A motion was made by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to approve renewal of contract. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Ben Campbell, the City's new building inspector, and Mr. Charlie Jones from Cedar Corporation discussed building permit applications, permits, rates and administrative fees. As of May 9th, Cedar Corporation will take over the issuance of UDC permits for the City including inspections for: new home construction; additions to existing homes; garages; alterations; and decks. Discussion was held on the different rates for inspections by Cedar Corporation and the different percentages of administrative fees that the City could charge. A motion was made by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member Schofield to pass Resolution 07-02, Building Permit Fees Resolution which establishes a building permit fee schedule and establishes an additional administrative fee of 10% for the City of Durand. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Herb Schneider was present to discuss Funfest billing by the City of Durand. A discussion followed relating to the costs and proceeds of Funfest. Usage of Police and City workers at funfest were discussed. Before billing issue can be decided, the Safety Committee will meet with Chief Goethel and review this matter. The Finance Committee will then meet after Safety makes its recommendations.

Consideration of the purchase of a new ambulance. A motion was made by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to purchase a 2006 Ford E450 chassis with all the amenities quoted for the 2007 chassis for a net price, including the Ford GPC rebate of \$28,000.00 from Tri-State Ambulance Service and the box from Road Rescue Emergency Vehicles. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Wendy Sander from Cedar Corporation discussed City of Durand Resolution 07-01, a resolution to vacate and discontinue a portion of 11th Avenue and the statutory process to vacate a street. Resolution #07-01, A Resolution to Vacate and Discontinue a Portion of 11th Avenue was offered by Council Member Lieftring, motion to adopt by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Gould. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bauer announced that the Durand Rural Fire Department will be holding its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at 8:00 p.m. at the Durand Fire Hall.

Bill Hooser was present and discussed the status of the bike trail project. The trail should be completed by the first part of June.

A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger and Second by Council Member Lieftring to approve the vouchers payable as presented. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 6-0.

A discussion was held concerning Durand Royalty Funding for 2006. There will be no refund of 2006 money at this time.

The City employee dental plan with American Medical Security will terminate May 1, 2007 and the new carrier will be United Healthcare. There will be no lapse in coverage and costs will stay the same.

A motion was made by Council Member Gould and second by Council Member Weissinger to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Voice vote with all voting ayes.

Gerald M. Bauer
Mayor