

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 16, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Bauer  
Roll Call: Present – Council Member Schofield, Council Member Lieffring, Council Member Weissinger, Council Member Polzer, Council Member Gould and Council Member Schoonover. Administrator Gurney, Legal Counsel Behling, and City Engineer Jones were also in attendance.

Due and proper notice of meeting given by the administrative staff

Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Input** – none

**Scheduled Appearances:** Herb Schneider made a request for the City to consider installing lights on the back of the band shelter. The matter was listed on the agenda as an possible action item later in the agenda.

**Appointments:** Mayor Bauer asked for the Council to confirm the following appointments: Roger L. Poeschel to the City Plan Commission, Don Hayden to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Mike Miles to the Community Development Committee. Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to accept the Mayor's appointments as presented. Voice Vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried unanimously. It was pointed out that the citizen members appointed to boards and committees would need to have the Oath of Office administered by the City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer.

**Administrator's Report:**

Community Development-

A motion was made by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to convene into closed session at 6:42 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. for the purpose of reviewing a draft developer's agreement and discussing other development negotiations for TID #3. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to reconvene into open session at 7:28 p.m. Voice Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Schoonover to extend a Development Agreement to Daniel and Phyllis Acker, pending final legal counsel and Mayoral review. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Gurney and City Engineer Jones reported that the Community Development Committee recently approved three new housing grants with an additional five pending. Reasons for the recent delays in activity were discussed.

Finance-

Motion by Council Member Weissinger, seconded by Council Member Gould to approve Resolution Number 07-05 Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Administrator Gurney to Withdraw Public Monies as well as authorizing Angela Morgan and Lance Gurney to cash checks at Security National Bank. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

### Park Board-

Discussion relating to utilities provided into Chippewa View Park and costs. Administrator Gurney provided an explanation of the previous expenses approved by the Council for water and sewer extensions, the DOT's plans to place the pole back in its original location with a guy wire anchored in the park, and the quotes obtained from Xcel to bury the electric service near the park. Motion by Lieftring, seconded by Gould to accept the quotes from Xcel in the amount of \$1,920.15 to bury the electrical lines and service as TIF eligible expenses and to pursue a partial reimbursement from WisDOT for their original project costs. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion relating to the need for a safety light on the back of the Memorial Park Band Shelter mounted above the bathroom doors. Motion by Weissinger, seconded by Schofield to approve up to \$500 in funding to install lighting on the back wall of the band shelter. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Safety-

Police - Administrator Gurney provided the Council with an update of the police officer recruitment process.

Fire and Ambulance – Mayor Bauer updated the Council that the previously approved bid for a new ambulance with a 2006 chassis will be upgraded to a 2007 chassis at or below the accepted bid price per Lawrence Plummer, Ambulance Director.

### Public Works-

Discussion regarding the need to do some additional crack-sealing on Main Street prior to seal coating. Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to approve the bid of Bergman Companies at a price of \$1.61 per pound with an anticipated amount of 1,200 lbs. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding two bids received by Scott Construction, Inc. and the Pepin County Highway Department for seal coating Main Street. Specifications of the bids and pricing were discussed in detail. Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to accept the bid by Pepin County in the amount of \$17,275. Roll call vote: ayes 4, nays 1, with 1 abstention. Motion carried 4-1-1 with Council Member Schoonover in opposition and Council Member Schofield abstaining.

### Zoning-

A rough draft copy of proposed amendments to the City's zoning ordinance were distributed that would allow for zero lot line residences within the R-1, R-2 and R-3 residential zoning districts as a conditional use. The item will appear on the Plan Commission agenda for May 30, 2007 as a discussion item.

### **Engineer's Report:**

An update on the River Walk project was provided. Design funding will be available through the ISTE grant after July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2007 with construction funding available after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Bauer reported that he had a discussion with Heidi Hughes relating to promoting the City of Durand, the river corridor and the newly finished bike trail.

**Previous Minutes:**

Motion by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to approve the April 11, 2007 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Schofield to approve the April 18, 2007 Organizational Meeting Meetings of the Council with two amendments to the appointments. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the April 18, 2007 Special Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to approve the May 2, 2007 Special Council Meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Vouchers:**

Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the vouchers as presented. Roll call vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

A discussion took place regarding the City of Durand's website and the need to update it. Administrator Gurney indicated that a presentation will be made to the Council in June regarding some possible changes and updates to the site by Bill Hoeser and WollyNet. Additional discussion regarding posting of agendas, minutes and other notices on the site versus the local paper.

Administrator Gurney reported that the street construction project on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue East had been completed, the roof on storage garage was finished, and the bike trail paving was finished on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A ceremony is planned for Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the opening of the newly pave segment.

A motion was made by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member Schofield to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Gerald M. Bauer  
Mayor