

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 12, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Gerald Bauer

Roll Call: Present – Council Member Schofield, Council Member Schoonover, Council Member Lieffring, Council Member Weissinger and Council Member Gould. A quorum was present. Administrator Gurney was also in attendance. Council Member Polzer arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Due and proper notice of meeting was confirmed by the administrative staff.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment** – Bill Hoeser appeared to comment on the City's web site. He was very happy with the changes made in the last year and discussed how the web site address could be better utilized for promotions. For instance, he thought that the address could be displayed on the City's various vehicles and would be willing to donate the time and materials.

**Scheduled Appearances:** None.

**Administrator's Report:**

Administration-

The Water Tower Equipment Location Lease between the City of Durand and ALLTEL was discussed. Administrator Gurney highlighted changes and a few of the remaining issues to be resolved. Administrator Gurney outlined several options for the Council to consider in order to move forward. Motion by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to authorize Administrator Gurney and Legal Counsel Behling to resolve remaining issues and to have Mayor Bauer sign the lease. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Finance-

Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to approve the November Ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$877.03. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Public Safety-

Police – Administrator Gurney reported that the Click-it Enforcement Grant was awarded to the City of Durand and that the program enforcement had already begun.

Fire/Ambulance – no report.

Public Utilities-

Consideration of retirement acceptance of Gary Sweeney as Superintendent of the City of Durand Public Utilities as of January 31, 2008. Motion by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Schofield. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consideration of recommendation by the Public Utilities Committee to promote Ed Sabelko to the position of Superintendent of the Public Utilities to coincide with the completion of Gary Sweeney's retirement on January 31, 2008. The Public Utilities Committee conducted an interview with Mr. Sabelko on December 3, 2007. Motion by Council Member Weissinger, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to confirm appointment of Ed Sabelko. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of recommendation by the Public Utilities Committee to confirm appointment of Matt Gilles and Michael Blair as Water/Wastewater Operators to the City of Durand Public Utility Department effective December 24, 2007. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to confirm appointments. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes; 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Works-

Administrator Gurney updated the Council on progress with the southbound snowmobile crossing along the USH 10 sidewalk and its closure to bicycle and pedestrian traffic between December 1, 2007 and April 1, 2008. A written letter of acceptance from the WisDOT had been received as well. The sidewalk will be posted this week. Parking signage along the south side of Durand Street near the McDonald's restaurant was also discussed. The signage should be in place by the end of the week as well.

#### Community Development-

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gould to convene into closed session at 6:57 p.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing development negotiation updates for TID #3 and related economic activity within the City of Durand. City Engineer Staff and Maureen Carlson from 3-D Strategies were invited to stay. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger, seconded by Council Member Schoonover to reconvene into open session at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. No action was taken as a result of the closed session discussions at this time.

Administrator Gurney reviewed the final draft of the proposed Façade Enhancement Program. He recommended that the Community Development Committee be allowed to review the proposed program and provide a recommendation to the City Council. The Community Development Committee would be the designated committee to review and recommend approval of grants to the City Council. It is anticipated that consideration of the program will be on the next regular Council Meeting agenda in January.

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

Charlie Jones and Jeff Marquardt were in attendance. The signed and executed Three-Party Contract has been received as of Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, and the design project is now authorized to proceed. Cedar Corporation will be meeting in the near future with Administrator Gurney and Mayor Bauer to discuss the timeframe of the project and proposed schedule for public input sessions.

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

Mayor Bauer acknowledged the Thank You card received from the Schoonover family. Mayor Bauer also distributed several letters of correspondence he had recently received as well. He reported that he had attended several community organization meetings recently to discuss the City's involvement with or in the respective organizations. Attendance at the upcoming Chippewa Valley Rally in Madison on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> was discussed. Mayor Bauer and Administrator Gurney were authorized to attend.

#### **Previous Minutes:**

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieftring to approve the Council minutes from October 31<sup>st</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **Vouchers:**

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

#### **Other Business:**

A retirement recognition and year-end celebration for City Staff and Council Members was planned for Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Weissinger, seconded by Council Member Lieftring at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Lance Gurney  
Administrator/Clerk