

City of Durant, Iowa  
City Council Meeting Minutes 05/22/2023

Durant City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Spengler at 6:00 p.m. Roll call of members present: Quiram, Sterner, Daufeldt and Mundt. Member Price was absent. City staff present: Public Works Dir. Jared Semsch, Community/Economic Director Dawn Smith, Police Chief Orville Randolph and City Operations Officer/Clerk Deana Cavin.

Consent agenda: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approval of agenda, city bills and minutes from 05/08/2023 council meeting. Ayes: Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried. Public Input: None

Consider Business owner request for change on 5<sup>th</sup> Street sidewalk project to void greenspace.: Rich Budelier owns a business property building in the 600 block of 5<sup>th</sup> Street. He expressed concerns with part of the improvement involving sod to be planted, citing mowing, and snow removal issues for that block. MSA Engineer Kevin Bailey explained the new sidewalk will extend six feet from the foundations of the existing buildings, and then there is a steep almost forty-five-degree slant to the curb. The thought was grass would assist with storm water run off for clean water, and the design had to meet S.U.D.A.S requirements for A.D.A. There was discussion concerning future downtown improvement with decorative light fixtures. Clerk stated Durant Municipal would like the City to consider that, because they would have to dig up new concrete to install the electrical and poles, whereby the grass would not be as costly to remove. Dir. Semsch recommended mounting pillars of some sort or piers for future lighting access. Whereby the grass would not be as costly to remove. Further discussion followed with option of two steps across, which Kevin explained until the reconstruction of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, we cannot disturb the curb due to not knowing the elevation of the street at the time of reconstruction. A railing was recommended to separate the concrete (walk area) from the slanted surface for safety. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, approved directing Kevin Bailey, with MSA, to plan a new design to void the greenspace and replace with possibly pavers and installation of railing. Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Ayes: Mundt, Daufeldt, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None

Consider approval to renew cigarette permits for Casey's and Jeff's Market: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the renewal of the cigarette permits for Jeff's Market and Casey's. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for park equipment for Feldhahn Park as recommended by Park Board: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram, to approve playground equipment from Boland Recreation for \$31,450 delivered. A portion of \$15,000 will be funded by grant from Carver Trust. This equipment will go to the north of the west field, near the new shelter structure. Ayes: Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of flower purchase for Tri County Community Club Park: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the invoice in the amount of \$447.80 to Hilltop Greenhouse for Tri-County Community Club Park flowers; not to exceed \$500.00 in cost annually. Ayes: Quiram, Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt. Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval of Res. 2023-30 for annual water and sewer rate increase as specified in City Code of Ordinances. Clerk explained the increases assist to cover the revenue bonds loan payments in water and sewer each year along with rising costs for operations, and this is part of the ordinance. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt to approve the following: RESOLUTION 2023-30 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WATER AND SEWER RATE CHANGES AS SPECIFIED IN THE DURANT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, THE City of Durant, Iowa, City Council has followed the recommendations of their financial advisor with Northland Securities by including annual rate increases over the next five years in the City Code; and WHEREAS, the City of Durant City Council, has the authority to amend the current ordinance if they so choose; and WHEREAS, the following rates shall change as follows effective July 1, 2023 by as per Chapter 92 Water Rates and Chapter 99 Sewer Rates:

WATER

Gallons Used Per Month Household or Business	7/1/2022	7/1/2023
0 to 1,000 Minimum Bill, plus tax	From \$19.68	To \$20.08
All over 1,000 per gallon	From \$0.00337	To \$0.00344

SEWER

Gallons Used Per Month Household or Business	7/1/2022	7/1/2023
0 to 1,000 Minimum Bill, plus tax	From \$47.86	From \$48.82
All over 1,000 per gallon	From \$0.008791	From \$0.008967

Ayes: Mundt, Quiram, Sterner, Daufeldt. Nays: None Motion carried

Discuss/Consider Change Order 3# for 5<sup>th</sup> Street 600 Block Sidewalk Project: MSA Engineer Kevin Bailey explained originally Apex Inc. was planning to install a new driveway from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to replace existing and pave the parking lot. They have now decided they do not want a driveway off 5<sup>th</sup> Street, so that will be regular sidewalk, same as the rest of the block and elevation will not have to change, as it would have with a new driveway. The increase for concrete would be \$6,712.50, bringing the project total so far to \$140,680.50, under the budget of \$170,000. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve Change Order #3 as presented. Ayes: Sterner, Daufeldt, Mundt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Public Works: Dir. Semsch had the new fire turn out gear on hand showing the difference between gear purchased in 2016 and now in 2023. The new gear is lighter weight, provides better water wicking and bands to keep smoke out of the coats and pants. This will greatly reduce cancer risks firefighters face from the smoke. A grant from Cedar County Foundation of \$7,500 helped fund the 19 pairs of turn out gear.

Community Center Ctr and Economic Dev. Report: Dir. Smith reported on the Iowa Municipal Utilities Board Development conference she attended last week; the community center floor was redone last week, and is still not up to par. This time it took the company six hours instead of three (in January), and there were dried bubbles that had popped leaving the floor looking like spots all over it. The company rep is having a meeting with his employees to find out why this is happening-was it product failure or the fact they did not strip the work done in January, they merely went over it. The City has not paid the invoice yet until this is resolved and the contractor understands this.

Police report: Chief Randolph handed out flyers explaining this weekend (Memorial Day weekend) the department is required to work Governor’s Safety Traffic Bureau checking for seat belt compliance. The department receives a grant every year to help cover equipment and over time costs for the program.

City Clerk’s Report: Consider approval for Res. 2023-33 approving the monthly budgeted transfers for water and sewer sinking funds for FY 2023. ( per auditors) Clerk explained the auditors are recommending approval by council for the monthly required transfers for the water and sewer sinking fund ( like a savings for the revenue loan payments), as budgeted every year. These resolutions will cover FY 2023, and she will prepare one for July 1 2023 for FY 2024. This was a new recommendation this year. Member Quiram motioned, seconded by Member Mundt to approve Resolution 2023-33 as presented for monthly amount for water \$\$7,528.33 and for sewer \$29,008.96. Ayes: Daufeldt, Mundt, Quiram, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for Res. 2023-31 transfer for water and sewer funds for loan payments May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1, 2023. Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Sterner to approve Res. 2023-31 transferring from water sinking to water fund in amount of \$90,340.00 and from sewer sinking fund to sewer fund in amount of \$348,408.00 Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: Nome Motion carried.

Consider approval of required loan payments as presented: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Daufeldt, to approve the required loan payments for May 31, and June 1; General Obligation

Bonds total \$405,989.00; Sewer Bond \$338,863.66, and Water Bonds \$\$84,392.50. Ayes: Sterner, Quiram, Mundt, Daufeldt Nays: None Motion carried. Clerk reported One G.O. Bond for storm water would be paid off as of this payment cycle as well as the G.O. Bond for Leaf Machine.

Consider approval for clerk’s attendance to Iowa Municipal Professionals Academy in July: Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to approve the registration fee of \$195.00 plus costs for lodging two nights and travel to Ames Iowa, not to exceed \$600.00. Ayes: Quiram, Daufeldt, Mundt, Sterner Nays: None Motion carried.

Consider approval for sidewalk reimbursement: Member Mundt motioned, seconded by Member Quiram to approve \$500.00 to Carol Marolf and Jeff Stone for \$412.50 for reimbursement of concrete for replacing public sidewalks. Ayes: Sterner, Mundt, Daufeldt, Quiram Nays: None Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Report: Consider future of abatement program that ends December 31, 2023. Member Sterner motioned, seconded by Member Mundt, to let the abatement program expire. Any pending structures must be completed, have had final inspection and certificate of occupancy by December 31, 2023 to qualify. Dir. Smith noted in order to offer Tax Increment Financing to developers to help pay for roads, water, sewer and storm sewer, to help keep lot costs reasonable, we cannot offer abatement to the property owners. Ayes: Daufeldt, Quiram, Sterner, Mundt Nays: None Motion carried.

With no other business before council, meeting was adjourned at 7:12p.m.

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Scott Spengler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deana Cavin, City Operations Officer/Clerk

City of Durant		Claims List 05-22-2023
Vendor Name		
7G Distributing *	CC bar beer	247.80
Airgas USA LLC	CC bar rent co2 cyclinders	75.10
Bosch Pest Control Inc	Fire-pest control mice	40.00
Cintas Corporation #342 *	CH & CC mats	179.24
EFTPS *	Fed/FICA tax	6300.61
Hawkins Inc	WA chemicals	499.22
Hi-Line Inc	Shop supplies	55.60
Images in Ink	PD-business cards	120.00
Ineichen, Evan	CC deposit refund	250.00
Intoximeters Inc	PD Alco sensor FST PBT state bid price	415.00
Iowa Beverage *	CC bar beer	168.00
Iowa Interstate RR LLC	Norfolk Dr sign/maint/elec	242.07
Kiesler's Police Supply Inc	Police ammunition	370.60
Liberty Insurance Agency Inc	Fire-accident policy	711.36
Menards	CC supplies	8.91
MidAmerican Energy *	Natural gas	651.85
MSA Professional Services	Feldhahn Park, GIS mapping, 9th Ave SS 2nd St WA Main	43451.94
MidWest Pressure Washers	Fire-powerwasher parts	20.19
Municipal Emergency Services	Fire-turn out gear wash (5 gal) & drip torch	604.88
Olderog, Kyle	Reimb WWTP certification cont education	229.95
Panther Uniforms	PD uniform expense-Utter	99.00

Paper's Lumber & Supply Inc	Fire-misc supplies	20.43
Postmaster	WA billing postage-stamps	336.00
Sam's Club MC/SYNCB *	CC bar beer	77.06
Shaffer Automotive Inc	PD-F150 service	69.50
Smith, Dawn *	Economic dev conference mileage reimb	465.05
Sprague Law PC	Legal fees April 2023	460.00
State Hygienic Laboratory	WA & WWTP testing	147.00
Streicher's	PD-12 gauge bean bag rounds 30	201.90
Thoma, Judy	Reimb flowers JC Park garden	96.24
Tipton Conservative/Advertiser	Part time PW ad 2 weeks	84.38
Tri County Builders	CH-retrim around new west window	1840.00
Utility Equipment Co	5th St watermain parts	697.83
Payroll		18542.27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>77,778.98</b>

\* Denotes paid early due to invoice due date

<b>Fund Totals</b>		
General	44,212.64	
Road Use Tax	2,627.55	
Employee Benefits	99.00	
Fire Department	1,534.72	
Water	9,958.31	
Sewer	8,321.76	
Storm Sewer	11,025.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,778.98</b>	