

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 9, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Council President Schoonover.

Roll Call: Present – Council Member Schofield, Council Member Weissinger, Council Member Polzer and Council Member Gould. Absent – Mayor Bauer and Council Member Lieffring. A quorum was present. Administrator Gurney was also in attendance.

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment** – None.

**Scheduled Appearances:** None.

**Administrator's Report:**

Administration-

Discussion regarding the City's health insurance plan renewal. Administrator Gurney made a presentation to the Council regarding the renewal of the existing health care plan compared to the option of switching plans to a health savings account plan. The Finance Committee had discussed the option of switching plans and was in agreement with the recommendation to switch plans. In addition, Administrator Gurney and Mayor Bauer met with eligible City staff to discuss the two plans and obtain feedback. Staff were in support of the switch to the HSA plan. The switch would result in minimal savings in the first year, but would result in greater savings in the future due to the lower projected renewal costs. Council Member Gould offered Resolution #08-01 Approving the Change in Health Insurance Plans from February 1, 2008 through February 1, 2009. Motion by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve Resolution #08-01. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Gurney also provided the Council with a monthly report for Public Works, Public Utilities, Police, Fire and Ambulance. Upcoming training sessions were discussed.

Finance-

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Gould to approve the December Ambulance write-offs in the amount of \$595.75. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Administrator Gurney provided background into the delinquent sundry charges the City of Durand currently holds with a recommendation to write-off the uncollected charges. Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the write-offs as recommended. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Community Development-

Administrator Gurney reviewed the proposed Façade Enhancement Program information. Discussion relating to the program specifics, funding, and utilization followed. The Community Development Committee had reviewed the grant program components and recommended its approval. Resolution #08-02 Creating the City of Durand Façade Enhancement Grant Program was offered by Council Member Schofield. Motion by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve Resolution # 08-02 Creating the City of Durand Façade Enhancement Grant Program. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of a Façade Enhancement Grant application by Accola Gallery in the amount of \$2,000 for facade renovations. Project Costs were reviewed by the Council. Jean Accola of the Gallery was also in attendance and answered questions. Motion by Council Member Gould, seconded by Council Member

Polzer to approve the grant application in the amount of \$2,000. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Engineer's Report:**

A preliminary topology and floodplain report will be provided to the Council on January 24<sup>th</sup>. From there, two public input sessions will be held in February seeking input into the desired outcome and design of the Chippewa Riverwalk Project.

**Mayor's Report:**

None.

**Previous Minutes:**

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Lieffring to approve the December 12, 2007 Council minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Vouchers:**

Motion by Council Member Schofield, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to approve the vouchers as presented. Roll call vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

Council Member Gould asked for an update on the Tower Lease. The issue regarding subordination has still not been resolved. A letter was sent to ALLTEL clearly indicating the City's position on the matter and a final timeline to resolve the difference.

A Special Council Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2007 to discuss the Riverwalk Project. Representatives from Cedar Corporation will be present to present topo. and floodplain information.

The upcoming Chippewa Valley Cities meeting was discussed. Durand will be the host community. The event will be January 30<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Gurney will put together a program.

The Safety Committee scheduled a meeting for January 14, 2008.

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Polzer, seconded by Council Member Weissinger at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Lance Gurney  
Administrator/Clerk