

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 11, 2007**

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

Roll Call: Present – Council Member Gould, Council Member Schoonover, Council Member Weissinger, Council Member Polzer, and Council Member Lieftring. Absent -- Council Member Wahl. Also in attendance: City Attorney, John Behling.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment Period –

Questions were asked concerning the Riverwalk Enhancement Grant and the status of the TIF. Mr. Charlie Jones from Cedar Corporation explained the Riverwalk Enhancement Grant, location of the project, and estimated timeframe. The TIF grant program was also discussed. Several Durand business owners were present to discuss the new highway 10 development and their concerns on how it would affect the City and their businesses.

Action Items:

Consideration of the funding request by Durand Royalty with Ms. Faye Owen and royalty present. A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger, seconded by Council Member Schoonover to provide up to \$3,500.00 in funding for the 2007 Durand Royalty Program. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of requests for Funfest. Mr. Herb Schneider discussed his plans for 2007's Funfest, including activities. Fireworks will not be held this year. Herb discussed his costs and expressed concerns about being billed for extra police force and clean-up efforts. He asked the City to revisit the amount billed to him at the end of the event. The Council decided to continue this matter at their April 18th meeting.

Consideration of amendment to Chapter 16.1, Building Permit Ordinance. A motion was made by Council Member Lieftring, seconded by Council Member Weissinger to suspend the rules under Section 2.2.14 to allow an ordinance to be introduced and passage to occur at the same meeting. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried, 5-0. A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger and a second by Council Member Polzer to adopt the ordinance amendment to Section 16.1.5 of the Durand Municipal Code; Building Permit Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried, 5-0.

Consideration to adopt a resolution establishing a building permit fee schedule. Mr. Ben Campbell from Cedar Corporation presented their proposed building permit fee schedule and a resolution to adopt these fees. Cedar Corporation will be taking over processing building permit applications and doing building inspections for the City on May 9. Mr. Campbell discussed the proposed fees and pointed out that the schedule does not take into consideration any administrative cost for the City of Durand. No action was taken on the matter, which will be revisited at the April 18th Special Council Meeting.

Consideration to renew a one-year contract from May 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008 with 3-D Strategies to assist the City with economic development. Ms. Maureen Carlson was present and explained that 3-D has been working for the City for a year now on economic development and that their priorities are development in the downtown area – first; new bridge corridor – second; and industrial and commercial development – third. Ms. Carlson currently has a database on property owners and prospective developers and is working on a community newsletter. She

receives no commissions. Attorney John Behling will review and this issue will be revisited at the April 18th Special Council Meeting.

Public Utilities Report by Mr. Gary Sweeney.

Consideration of sale of used sewer equipment. A motion was made by Council Member Schoonover and a second by Council Member Lieftring to sell the used sewer equipment to the highest bidder. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of request by Arkansaw Cycle Park, LLC to utilize Tarrant Park's RV park site to empty the waste for their proposed RV Camp. There was no objection by Council to use Tarrant Park's RV Park site provided usage is not abused.

The recommendations by the Park Board for the 2007 pool staff were discussed. A motion was made by Council Member Polzer and a second by Council Member Weissinger to approve the following pool staff for 2007: Lesson Director – Becky Baier; Director – Jennifer Gianforte; Assistant Director – Kayla Reinhardt; WSA Lifeguard – Vanessa Johnson; WSI Lifeguards – Jariann Hurlburt, Melissa Rhiel, Ben Chilson, Jadalyn Hurlburt, and Lisa Retzloff; Lifeguards – Lisa Richardson, Jonathon McDonnell, Janie Bauer, Trent Hutter and Kyle Walczak; Bathroom – Julie Retzloff, Amber Zierl and Jackie Johnson. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0. It was noted that swimming lesson sign-up will be on Saturday, May 19th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. and Monday, May 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. There will be two evening swimming lesson sessions this year.

Consideration of funding request to install water and sewer utilities for Chippewa View Park at the cost of approximately \$2,000, which would be TIF eligible expenses. A motion was made by Council Member Schoonover, seconded by Council Member Gould to approve said request of approximately \$2,000 with the understanding that the expenses could be TIF eligible. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Work's Report by Mr. Don Poechel.

A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger and a second by Council Member Lieftring to approve the purchase of a nozzle at the cost of \$3,500.00 to clean 36 inch storm sewers pipes. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Poechel reported that Xcel Energy is in town to trim trees under power lines. A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger and a second by Council Member Lieftring to approve removal of trees along the streets as requested by several residents. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Spring Clean will be held April 23 thru April 27.

Mr. Poechel reported that the scoreboard at the City softball field has rusted and a new one is needed. Coca-Cola will donate a new scoreboard if Coca-Cola is the official beverage of the field.

Public Safety Report – Police.

Chief Goethel and the City Council discussed vehicle lock-out policy. Chief Goethel recommended doing emergency lockouts by the Police after calls are screened by dispatch. Examples would be a child or pet locked in the car. Anything other than emergency presents liabilities. It was the consensus of Council to follow Chief Goethel's recommendation.

Public Safety Report – Fire/Ambulance

Ambulance Director and Fire Chief Lawrence Plummer explained that a repeater went out on the water tower and needs replaced. The rural fire department will pay for half the cost so the City only pays \$450.00. A motion was made by Council Member Lieftring and a second by Council Member Polzer to purchase a repeater for \$900.00. Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

The Fire Department Pancake Breakfast will be April 29th.

Mr. Plummer submitted a proposal for a new ambulance and requested permission to buy it. The 2006 Chassis will be purchased from Tri-Star and the box from Road Rescue Emergency Vehicles. This was not properly listed on the agenda and will be tabled until the April 18th Special Council meeting.

Mr. Plummer requested that the Mayor or members of Council attend the Durand Rural Fire Department meeting on April 25th at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Polzer and a second was made by Council Member Gould to approve Ambulance write-offs for the month in the amount of \$1287.54. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Council Member Schoonover gave the Finance Report.

Engineers Report.

Cedar Corporation gave updates on their projects with the City.

Ms. Bonnie Carter expressed her concerns of the new development and the closing of her house. She requested that her debt with the City be forgiven should the closing be postponed again. Attorney John Behling will review this situation.

In the Mayor's report, Mayor Bauer reported that the City of Durand's Organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. rather than Tuesday, April 17th due to scheduling conflicts. The Organizational meeting will be closed and then followed by a Special Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bauer congratulated newly-elected Council Member Polzer, Council Member Schoonover and Council Member Schofield.

The Mayor thanked Mary Ann Bautch for the work she did while filling in for the City Clerk.

Consideration of the issuance of bartender's licenses. A motion was made by Council Member Gould and a second by Council Member Schoonover to approve the Application for License to Serve Fermented Malt Beverages and Intoxicating Liquors to Victoria L. Wittig and Dana J. Bauer Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Schoonover and second by Council Member Weissinger to approve prior minutes from 2/26, 3/5, 3/8, 3/19, 3/22, and 3/28 Special Council Meetings and the 3/14 Regular Council meeting as received, photocopied by members of the Council from Mary Ann Bautch. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney John Behling discussed how policy, committee, employee and financial matters responsibilities would be handled with the new Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer compared to a Clerk/Treasurer.

The Mayor informed the Council that Linda Elsner earned her certificate of achievement and is now a new Chief Election Inspector for the City of Durand.

Motion by Council Member Lieftring and Second by Council Member Schoonover to approve the vouchers payable as presented. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

No other items were presented to Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Weissinger and Second by Council Member Gould to adjourn. All present voting aye. Council adjourned at 9:50.

Gerald M. Bauer
Mayor