

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Leeming called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Matt Cooper, Denise Donohue, Dave Hunsaker, and Frank Waters

Excused: Trevor VanDyke and Jennifer Whitman

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, Lisa Grysen, Bruce Ferguson, and Brian Goodenough, City Attorney

AUDIENCE:

John Koskela

AGENDA:

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved as presented.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the minutes from the May 9, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

CATEGORY B GRANT APPLICATION

The applications have been released by MDOT and we are working with C2AE to submit an application for the 2023 round. The resolution of support will be on the June 13, 2022 council agenda. The following local streets are anticipated to be included in the application: Birchwood, Pine, and South DeWitt Drive.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The parade is set for Memorial Day at 10 am downtown and the route will be the same as in years past; start at the Memorial Building and proceed down Washington to Bridge to the DeWitt City Cemetery. Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker will be delivering a speech as a part of the ceremony at the cemetery.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTAL UPDATE

In September it will be one year since the start of rentals in the Community Room. To date, we have generated approximately \$1,580.00 in rental fees and generally, things have gone smoothly. As the one-year gets closer there may be a couple of recommendations on modifications to the policy. Up to this point, there has been only one (1) non-profit group, Wildflower Homeowners Association, that has utilized the “no-charge” hours for a meeting.

CHARTER PETITION LAWSUIT – MEDICAL MARIHUANA

A court date has been set for June 9 at 9 am in Clinton County Courts to hear the suit on the Charter Petition that was submitted in August 2021. The plaintiffs have filed a Writ of Mandamus, which essentially means they are asking the court to order the City put the question on the ballot in November 2022.

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET

The additional communications included in the General Information Packet are:

- Current Areas of Economic & Investment Focus – Huntington Bank Report
- DAESA Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2022
- General Ledger Report – May 5 – May 19, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Leeming called the public hearing to order at 7:28 pm to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for all City funds, DDA Budget, Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan, and set the millage rate of 13.00 mills for General Operating.

City Administrator, Daniel Coss gave a brief overview of the Downtown Development Authorities' budget.

Hearing no comments either written or oral, Mayor Leeming closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Leeming called the public hearing to order at 7:37 pm to receive comments on the creation of a Commercial Rehabilitation District at 110 S. Bridge Street.

Hearing no comments either written or oral, Mayor Leeming closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of FY 2022-23 Budget:**

A public hearing has been published in the May 15, 2022, *DeWitt Bath Review* for the public's consideration of the FY 2022-23 Budget, Fee Schedule, Millage Rate, DDA Budget, and Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan per the requirements of PA 2 of 1968 and the City Charter.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve prepared resolution 2022-09 adopting the FY 2022-23 Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, FY 2022-23 Schedule of Fees, DDA FY2022-23 Budget and setting FY 2022-23 Operating Millage Rate at 13.0 mills.**

2. Commercial Rehab District – 110 South Bridge Street:

The owner of 110 South Bridge Street, AWJ Holdings, LLC, has applied to create a Commercial Rehab District at the aforementioned property.

The creation of the rehab is the first step in issuing a certificate for a rehab district project on the parcel of property.

The district would be in existence for the same duration as the certificate. Once the district is established the owner, AWJ Holdings, LLC will submit an application for the exemption certificate and at that time City Council will establish the duration.

The project, as it is proposed currently, would be requesting a six-year exemption certificate.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Cooper and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve prepared Resolution 2022-10 establishing Lot 304, Assessor’s Plat North, City of DeWitt, Clinton County, Michigan commonly referred to as 110 South Bridge Street as a commercial rehabilitation district and forward approved resolution to Clinton County.**

3. Road Closure Request for June 14 DDA Car Show:

The 17th Annual Car Cruise-In is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The DDA requests Council approval to close the following downtown city streets from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm:

- Bridge Street from the north side of Washington Street to the south side of Madison Street.
- Main Street from the west side of Scott Street to the east side of Franklin Street.

The Car Cruise In will be held in conjunction with the weekly Farmers Market, 4-7 pm, and a band, Life Support, will provide music from 5-8 pm.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Waters and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the road closure request for the 100 blocks of North Bridge, South Bridge, East Main, and West Main on June 14, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm for the DDA Car Cruise In.**

4. Consumption of Alcohol in the Right-of-Way for the DDA Car Cruise In:

City Ordinance Chapter 58, Article I, Section 58-1 Consumption of alcoholic liquor in public areas states: “The city may permit the consumption of beer, wine and alcoholic liquor in its designated municipally owned or controlled areas, other than public parks, for a limited time, by the issuance of a written license by the State of Michigan filed with the city clerk, upon written application to the city and approval by the city council and the chief of police or the designee of either of them.”

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is requesting the approval of street closure and approval to allow for the consumption of alcohol in accordance with the City ordinance for the Car Cruise In on June 14, 2022. Each of the licensed establishments in the downtown district would be responsible for complying with the provisions of their license to determine if carry-out, off-premises consumption is permitted.

The limits of the consumption in the downtown would be Bridge Street from Washington to Madison, and Main Street from Scott Street to Market Street from 4:00-8:00 pm. Signage will be in place delineating the areas where the consumption of alcohol is permitted.

Chief Ferguson has reviewed the request and is satisfied with the proposed measures to keep the area safe and secure.

Motion by Waters, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the DDA request to allow for the consumption of alcohol in the City right-of-way from 4-8:00 pm, June 14, 2022 on Bridge Street from Washington to Madison, and Main Street from Scott to Market, in accordance with City Ordinance, Chapter 58, Article I, Section 58-1.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- He was a medal recipient in the 5K run
- Working on updating the peddlers permits
- Working on the Water Districts

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Ordered two new laptop computers, large monitors, keyboards, and signage for the precincts with a HAVA (Help America Vote Act) grant
- AV applications will be going out shortly
- In Court on June 9th regarding Charter Amendments

DARA:

- No Meeting

DAESA:

- Meeting on 5/26

DDA:

- No Meeting

Planning:

- Meeting on 5/26

Parks:

- No Meeting

Police Chief:

- ½ Marathon went well
- Crisis Intervention Training last week
- Suspect for the breaking and entering at the party store has been caught and most of the merchandise has been recovered

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Gysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor