

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:

Members Present: Matt Cooper, Denise Donohue, Dave Hunsaker, Trevor VanDyke, Jennifer Whitman, and Mayor Leeming

Excused: Mark Kellogg

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Stella Gallagher and Maria Ostrander

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman, carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the minutes from the June 26, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting as amended.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Riverside Park Playground Construction Started

The playground equipment installation crews started construction on Wednesday, July 5, and are making good progress. All the equipment has been delivered to the site and installation should start by the week of July 10. The large ship did have to get adjusted slightly due to a conflict with a sanitary sewer pipe that runs under the playground.

Turner Street Resurfacing

The contractor finished resurfacing and restoration on Friday, June 30. The pavement markings are completed and the street has been opened to traffic.

EV Charging Station Reports

There are two reports included in your general information packet on the usage of the EV stations over the last 90 days. One report shows the amount of energy used and the other report shows the number of charging sessions. The website will not let me isolate each station. I will have the laptop at the meeting and show Council some additional reports that I was unable to print.

General Information Packet

- EV Charger Graphs – Usage & Total Sessions
- Planning Commission Meeting – June 22, 2023 (Draft)
- General Ledge Report 6-23 to 7-6
- Assessor’s Office June 2023 Summary
- InvoiceCloud Report
- Chamber of Commerce News

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MML – Workers’ Compensation Fund:

The slate of six individuals seeking election or re-election to the MML Workers’ Compensation Fund Board of Trustees is attached. City Council was provided with a brief biographical sketch of the candidate for their review.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to cast a ballot for the six candidates seeking election for the six open board seats for four-year terms beginning October 1, 2023, to the MML Workers’ Compensation Fund Board of Trustees.**

2. Resignation of Mathew Cooper from City Council:

Councilmember Cooper has submitted a letter of resignation from the office of Councilmember.

The DeWitt City Charter in Section 6.8. – Resignations; states: “Resignations of all elective officials and appointive officers shall be made in writing and filed with the clerk, and shall be acted upon at the next regular or special meeting of the council following their filing.”

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Donohue, carried by a majority vote of the Council **to accept, with regret, Councilmember Cooper’s Letter of Resignation from the DeWitt City Council effective immediately.**

Council Member VanDyke voted no

3. Confirmation of Mayor Leeming’s Appointment:

Due to the resignation of Councilmember Mathew Cooper, there is a vacancy in the elective office of Councilmember.

The City of DeWitt Charter Article 6, Section 6.10 states “a vacant elective office shall be filled within 30 days...the office of councilmember shall be filled by appointment of the mayor and confirmation by the council.”

Mayor Leeming is appointing Maria Ostrander to fill the remainder of the term.

Ms. Maria Ostrander previously served as a council member from 2012-2019 and has served on many boards and commissions including, DARA, DAESA, Parks and Rec, and most recently on the Public Art Committee for the LEAP grant.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to confirm Mayor Leeming's appointment of Maria Ostrander to fulfill the vacant office of a Councilmember.**

Council Member Ostrander was sworn in at 7:15 pm by City Clerk Grysen

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- Working on some code enforcement issues
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City Clerk-Treasurer:

- All Clerks are meeting at Clinton County next week regarding Proposal 2 and what was passed by the State Legislators

DARA:

- Meeting on July 11

DDA:

- Meeting on July 11 at noon

DAESA:

- Meeting on July 20

Planning:

- Meeting on July 27

Parks:

- Meeting August 9

Police Chief:

- Still having key issues with the new patrol car
- Mail thefts out of mailboxes and removal of the mailboxes on the drive-thru of the post office
- No complaints on July 4th

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor