

CALL TO ORDER CITY COUNCIL:

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Leeming led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Councilmembers: Donohue, Ostrander, VanDyke, Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker and Mayor Leeming

Excused: Kellogg, Whitman

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, City Administrator; Sarah Stoltzfus, Interim Clerk-Treasurer; Bruce Ferguson, Chief of Police; and Brian Goodenough, City Attorney

AUDIENCE:

Stella Gallagher, 110 N Logan St, DeWitt, MI 48820
Loretta Spinrad, 113 S. Bridge St. DeWitt, MI 48820
Lisa Stow
Lisa Bozung
Karen Burns, 1132 W. Valley Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820
Alex Crippen
Jeremy Sinke

AGENDA:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved as amended to reorder agenda and move the business items before the City Administrator's report.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke, carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the minutes from the August 28, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting as amended.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Loretta Spinrad, 113 S. Bridge St. DeWitt, MI 48820 – Addressed Council with concerns about how the Ox Roast is viewed by the downtown business community, the hurtful comments posted to social media about the committee and that “DeWitt Ox Roast” is trademark protected.
Lisa Stow, No Address Given – Addressed Council with concerns about how the volunteers for the Ox Roast were treated by downtown business owners and that the committee was done organizing the Ox Roast.
Jeremy Sinke, No Address Given - Addressed Council with concerns about how the volunteers for the Ox Roast were treated by downtown business owners and that the committee would be retiring and would not be organizing the 2024 Ox Roast.
Lisa Bozung, No Address Given – She announced that the 77th Ox Roast would be the committee's last year organizing the event.

Alex Crippen- She is a new business owner downtown, Tin Cup Café, and was unaware of the set-up for events and tried to communicate multiple times with Ox Roast committee, but said she did not receive a response.

Karen Burns, 1132 W. Valley Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820 – Addressed Council with concerns about the Ox Roast and that the current committee was done organizing the Ox Roast.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

The special presentation from Clinton County Catalyst (C3) has been postponed until September 25, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. East Madison Street Storm Sewer Repair

DPS Supervisor Rich Miller was in attendance to discuss 140-feet of storm sewer repair in front of 207 East Madison.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize Verlinde Excavating and Trucking, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$12,055.00 to complete the Storm Sewer Repair and Replacement work at 207 East Madison Street.**

2. MML Delegate Appointment

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Ostrander, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to appoint Mayor Leeming as the Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting held October 18-20, 2023.**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Administrator Coss went over the City Administrator’s report that was provided to the council in the agenda packet.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: Nothing to report

City Clerk-Treasurer:

Attending an election meeting at DeWitt Twp. on September 12th to discuss the early voting procedures and the equipment required.

DARA: Stella Gallagher gave City Council the following update: Met on Tuesday September 5th and reported that program numbers are up and the budget has been approved.

DDA:

Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 12th.

DAESA:

Next meeting is Thursday, September 21st.

Planning:

Next meeting is September 28th.

Parks:

Next meeting is October 11th.

Police Chief:

Continuing with Vorce trial prep this week. DeWitt High School football season has started.

Mayor Leeming:

Thanked those in attendance and announced she would stay after the meeting to hear comments about the Ox Roast.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 7:31 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
Interim Clerk-Treasurer

Sue Leeming
Mayor