

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: Kellogg, Ostrander, VanDyke, Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker, and Mayor Leeming

Excused: Donohue and Whitman

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Stella Gallagher
Chad Stevens
Sheryl Landgraf

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by VanDyke, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheryl Landgraf acknowledged DPS Supervisor Rich Miller and his crew for what a wonderful job they do; especially in the cemetery. She also gave praise to the City Administration for their hard work.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Coss went over the City Administrator's report that was provided to the council in the agenda packet. Administrator Coss also expressed his appreciation for the assistance that all the neighboring communities have provided over the last few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review DARA FY 2024 Budget – Executive Director, Chad Stevens

Director Stevens was present to go over the 2024 Budget and answer any questions as necessary.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the Fiscal Year 2024 DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Budget.**

2. Annual Audit Presentation for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 ending June 30, 2023, by Maner Costerisan Auditors

Aaron Stephens, Maner Costerisan, was in attendance to present the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and answer any questions as necessary. He was pleased to report that the City of DeWitt is in excellent financial health.

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Ostrander, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the City of DeWitt Audit for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by Maner Costerisan.**

3. Capital Benefit Charge Proposal- Property Owner Agreement

Council members discussed the options in which capital benefit fees can be resolved. Mayor Leeming expressed the importance of developing a plan to address the capital benefit districts and welcomed feedback on how the city could do that. Payment plans and methods for payment were discussed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by roll call vote of the Council to adjourn to enter into closed session per the Open Meeting Act Article 15.268 Section 8 Sub (d) for negotiations connected with the purchase of real property at 9:14 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Donohue	Absent	Ostrander	Yes
Hunsaker	Yes	VanDyke	Yes
Kellogg	Yes	Whitman	Absent

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to reconvene to the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.**

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to direct the City Administrator to proceed as discussed in closed session.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: Mr. Goodenough commented there was nothing of interest to report.

City Clerk-Treasurer:

Ms. Stoltzfus will be attending the Government Finance Officers Association training in Okemos tomorrow.

DARA: There is ongoing concern about organization and staffing issues.

Mayor Leeming /DDA: She reported on the how the first Ox Roast Committee meeting went. There are a lot of motivated people who want to make this event a continued tradition.

DAESA: Policy language has been updated and amended. They are also trying to get a full-time dayshift position implemented at the Fire Department.

Planning: Next meeting is Thursday, the 26th and Chief will be doing an active violence training.

Parks: Nothing to report.

Police Chief: Chief reported that football season is officially over and went well. He also reported that the Prosecutor's Office has hired three new prosecutors.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Hunsaker, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 9:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
Interim Clerk-Treasurer

Sue Leeming
Mayor