

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

Excused: None

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, City Administrator; Sarah Stoltzfus, City Clerk-Treasurer; Bruce Ferguson, Chief of Police; Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift.

AUDIENCE:

Floyd Lenneman, 403 Snapdragon Ln., DeWitt, MI 48820
Joe Costigan, 608 Senna Trail, DeWitt, MI 48820
Dave Ladd, 216 Brookstone Circle, DeWitt, MI 48820
Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market St., DeWitt, MI 4820
Stella Gallagher, 110 N. Logan St. DeWitt 48820

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented, with a correction showing that Whitman seconded the adjournment.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. McGuire Park Playground Equipment and Installation Proposal

Administrator Coss reviewed the playground upgrades that will be happening at McGuire Park and shared videos/ pictures of how it will look when assembled. Floyd Lenneman expressed his excitement for the project and reiterated the success of the other two parks that have been renovated. Joe Costigan expressed his gratitude to the Mayor and City Council for making this renovation a possibility. Dave Ladd also shared his excitement for the potential economic success of the city.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize the purchase and installation of playground equipment from Penchura for McGuire Park in an amount of \$305,042.00, which includes a 5-percent contingency, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the final contract, contingent on City Attorney review.**

2. Consumers Energy Invoice- Relocation of Overhead Utilities

The invoices were recently received for the relocation project of overhead utility lines on South Bridge Street, which was approved in July of 2020.

Motion by VanDyke, seconded Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the Consumers Energy invoices dated February 6, 2024, in an amount of \$46,606.90 for relocation of overhead utility lines on South Bridge Street.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: Nothing to report, but did share that Foster Swift is happy to be a primary sponsor for the Cabin Fever Reliever in March.

City Clerk-Treasurer: Absentee ballots are steadily being returned. Almost 650 have been sent out and about 46% have been returned.

DARA: Stella Gallagher gave updates on the policy manual and job description process that they've been working on.

Mayor Leeming /DDA/Ox Roast: Sheryl Landgraf, chair of the Leadership Committee, reported on the Ox Roast. She was happy to report that they are booking vendors and have made remarkable progress. There will be a carnival, music, food trucks, and an art festival, and more ideas are in the works. The committees are looking into sponsorships, as well. The Cabin Fever Reliever is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 4-8 pm.

DAESA: There has been a refreshing new committee change. Councilmember Hunsaker expressed his appreciation for Sheryl Landgraf and her hard work on the budget.

Planning: They met on January 25th and discussed the importance of addressing the parking ordinance. Officer nominations for the Planning Commission were held.

Parks: Next meeting is Wednesday, February 14th.

Police Chief: Discussed an incident involving mail theft in multiple jurisdictions. He also gave updates on the new legislation pertaining to firearms.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

Sue Leeming
Mayor