

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:

Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market St, DeWitt, MI 48820

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheryl Landgraf gave an update on the progress that has been made by the Ox Roast committees. She also made a comment on the term length of the mayor as it relates to the City of DeWitt Charter.

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. Police Department Patrol Car Purchase

The budget has allocated for the purchase of a new police vehicle. Information was provided to Council on the cost and the upfitting proposal.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to authorize the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 Police package from Lunghamer Ford of Owosso, MI in the amount of \$50,723.00 and the upfitting charge with Pro Comm in the amount of \$15,885 for a total of \$66,608.00 and authorize a budget amendment in Motor Pool to cover the difference of \$21,608.00.

2. **Spicer Group Proposal – Playground Equipment Replacement**

Motion by Whitman, seconded VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the Spicer Group Proposal for McGuire Park LWCF Grant in an amount not-to-exceed \$60, 100.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City of DeWitt.

3. **Extension of City Attorney Contract**

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve a four-year (4) extension of Municipal Attorney Services Agreement between the City of DeWitt and Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

4. **Election Inspector Compensation**

Council was presented with a recommended pay schedule for the Election Inspectors. There are both new and returning inspectors for the 2024 election cycle.

Motion by Whitman, seconded Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve Election Inspector Pay Schedule, effective for the 2024 election cycle, as follows: Chair and Co-Chair hourly rate at \$18.00 per hour and Election Inspector hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour.

5. **Fire Authority Professional Services Agreement**

The City and Fire Authority have had a Professional Services Agreement in place for financial services for several years. This agreement will be expiring on June 30, 2024. **Discussion Only.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: Reported that they have been very busy. Foster Swift will also be providing a FOIA training and will be inviting DAESA and City employees to attend.

City Clerk-Treasurer: Reported that she is in full preparation for the election tomorrow. The nine days of Early Voting went really well.

Mayor Leeming /DDA/Ox Roast: Reported that there has been great discussion on the current committees and also great communication between the staff and business owners.

DAESA: Budget discussions continue.

Planning: Nomination of Officers and discussion of parking requirements were topics at the meeting.

Parks: Discussions of the new park equipment has been going on. There is also discussion of making Plaques for the Mayoral Park Gazebo of the past mayors of DeWitt.

Police Chief: Discussed the training opportunities for officers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:47 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

Sue Leeming
Mayor