Regular City Council Meeting Monday, April 22, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER FINANCE COMMITTEE- MAYOR PRO-TEM HUNSAKER

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024 Finance Committee meeting as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Finance Committee to adjourn at 7:01pm.

CALL TO ORDER CITY COUNCIL:

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Leeming led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Leeming, Hunsaker, VanDyke, Whitman, Donohue, Ostrander, Kellogg

Excused: None

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, City Administrator; Bruce Ferguson, Chief of Police; Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift

AUDIENCE:

Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market St., DeWitt Paul Nadrowski, 319 N. Logan St., DeWitt Lance Gackstetter, 319 N. Logan St., DeWitt

AGENDA:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of item #3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market St., commented on Mayor Leeming's appointment of Lance Gackstetter to the Planning Commission and thinks this is an excellent choice to represent the city. She also thanked Foster Swift for their donation to the Ox Roast.

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.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Committee Appointment- Appointment to Board/Commission

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to confirm Mayor Leeming's appointment of Lance Gackstetter to the Planning Commission with a term expiring on January 18, 2027.

2. Presentation of DeWitt Police Department 2023 Annual Report

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to receive and place on file the 2023 Annual Report for the DeWitt Police Department.

3. Authorize the City Attorney to review lack of funding for additional staff

Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker discussed the budget process and Chief Spagnuolo's resignation. There is still concern with the fire department missing calls of service.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to authorize City Attorney to prepare a communication to DAESA for City Council to review at the next meeting, May 13, 2024.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

-Updated Council on conversations with Clinton County Prosecutor.

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- -Established a Resolution to have an Absent Voter Counting Board for elections.
- -Attending Year 1 of Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Institute this week.

DDA/Mayor:

-The Budget Committee met to go over FY24-25 budget. The DDA will contract \$7500.00.

DAESA:

-Pro-Tem Hunsaker updated Council on some billing issues with DAESA and Fire Authority Attorney.

Planning:

-Next meeting is Thursday, April 25th.

Parks:

-No meeting

Police Chief: Received FOIA requests regarding DeWitt Schools incident on April 18th.

DARA: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that the meeting is adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Coss City Administrator Sue Leeming Mayor