

CALL TO ORDER CITY COUNCIL:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Hunsaker, VanDyke, Whitman, Ostrander,

Excused: Leeming, Donohue, Kellogg

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Benjamin Miller
Sheryl Landgraf

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 Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

MaLissa Schutt, Director of Clinton Area Transit System, was present to give a presentation on the Clinton Area Transit updates and share that they are continuing to make changes to benefit the community. Dan Skorich, CATS Board member, gave a presentation of transit initiatives the board is considering.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DeWitt Ox Roast Company Additional Street Closure

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to amend the original closure request of the DeWitt Ox Roast Company to close Bridge Street, Main Street and Jefferson Street inside the carnival area for an additional day starting on Wednesday, August 14th at 7am.**

2. Appointment to Sister City Board

Ben Miller and Roma Rogers have been appointed by Mayor Leeming to the Sister City Community Board. Ben expressed his appreciation for the appointment and looks forward to serving the City of DeWitt in this capacity.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to confirm Mayor Leeming's appointment of Roma Rogers and Benjamin Miller to the Sister City Board with a term expiring on January 1, 2028.**

3. MML Delegate Appointment

The MML Fall Convention Annual Meeting requires the city to designate a voting delegate on behalf of the City of DeWitt with authorization to vote on the Core Legislative Principles document and any other business that may be brought forward at the annual meeting.

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Ostrander and 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 September 11-13, 2024.**

4. Draft Animal Ordinance Update Review

Council members were provided with the first draft of the Animal Ordinance for review. Foster Swift has made some recommendations and City Attorney Brian Goodenough was present to answer any questions that council members may have. **Discussion.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- Nothing to report

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Ballots are steadily being returned
- Clinton County Clerk meeting was this afternoon.
- Early Voting begins July 27, 2024 and goes through August 4th
- Sister City Meeting is on Wednesday, July 24th at 4pm.

DDA/Mayor/Ox Roast:

- Nothing to report

DAESA:

- Sheryl Landgraf is drafting an RFP for legal services

Planning:

- Next meeting is on July 25th

Parks:

- Nothing to report

Police Chief:

- Discussed municipal civil infractions and Quality of Life policing methods.
- The department has a new academy recruit

DARA:

- Updates on staffing positions
- Things are going smooth with the summer program

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

Dave Hunsaker
Mayor Pro-Tem