

**CALL TO ORDER CITY COUNCIL:**

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember VanDyke led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Whitman, Ostrander, Kellogg, VanDyke and Donohue

Excused: Leeming, Hunsaker

**STAFF:**

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

**AUDIENCE:**

Sheryl Landgraf

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by Donohue 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 August 14, 2024, Special City Council Meeting as presented.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market Street, shared updates from the Ox Roast and expressed her gratitude toward the City of DeWitt staff, DPW staff and the Police Department for all of their efforts during the event and the time leading up to it.

Councilmembers thanked Sheryl for her time and dedication to the event, for creating a sense of ownership of the community, and for unleashing the opportunity for creativity.

**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. Animal Ordinance Amendment- First Reading**

City Attorney Goodenough presented Council members with revision ideas for the Animal Ordinance in Chapter 10 discussed at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Councilmembers also discussed having the language stay consistent throughout the entire ordinance and discussed the importance of language clarification and updating verbiage based on statutory requirements.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to postpone the action until the September 9, 2024 City Council Meeting, pending amendments for Ordinance Amendment 2024-01, an ordinance to amend sections of Chapter 10 – Animals.**

**2. Planning Commission Parking Ordinance**

Administrator Coss went over the revisions of the Parking ordinance that the Planning Commission has provided to Council for review. There will be more discussion on the “definition of recreational vehicles” and continued discussion for parking requirements in the Central Business District.

**COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:**

**City Attorney:**

- Nothing to report

**City Clerk-Treasurer:**

- Sister City Goodwill Mission “DeWitt Day” update

**DAESA:**

- The Department has authorized the hiring of a full-time firefighter
- Administrator Coss and Finance Director Willoughby attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding finances

**Planning:**

- Nothing to report

**Parks:**

- Nothing to report

**Police Chief:**

- Ox Roast went well and there was great feedback on the new parade route and the omission of the beer tent
- Scam calls are going around

**Councilmember Reports:**

- Councilmember Donohue publicly noted her disappointment in the lack of support and public acknowledgement by the DeWitt Chamber of Commerce in regard to the success of the Ox Roast.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Whitman seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Trevor VanDyke  
Councilmember