

**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: Leeming, Hunsaker, Ostrander, Kellogg, VanDyke and Donohue

Excused: Whitman

**STAFF:**

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

**AUDIENCE:**

Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market St., DeWitt, MI 48820  
April Kirchen, Wilson St, DeWitt MI 48820  
Alex Crippen, 14688 Idylcrest, DeWitt, MI 48820

**AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ox Roast committee members Sheryl Landgraf, April Kirchen and Alex Crippen were present to give an update on the success of the 2024 Ox Roast and to share that planning for 2025 is already underway. Sheryl Landgraf gave a financial update and reported that it was a very successful year, finishing with approximately \$25,000 in profits. They did not receive any negative feedback about the carnival company. Mayor Leeming expressed her gratitude toward the group and is so proud of the event's success this year.

**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- Second Reading**

There was no further discussion on the Animal Ordinance Amendment.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue and carried by majority vote of the Council to **approve a Resolution to adopt Ordinance 2024-04 regulate Animals, Chapter 10 in the City of DeWitt, and authorize the publication of the ordinance with an effective date seven (7) days after publication.**

**2. City Credit Card Policy Update**

Council reviewed the updates to the credit card policy.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the updated City Credit Card Policy dated September 23, 2024.**

**3. MML Liability & Property Pool Election- Board of Directors**

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **cast a ballot for Thad Beard, Manager, City of Rockford; Dan Swallow, Manager, City of Tecumseh for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025, for the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors.**

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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**COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:**

**Mayor/DDA:**

- Mayor Leeming attended a seminar at a conference and was inspired by one of the speakers. She asked Chief to give a brief presentation on what to do during Active Violence Incidences.
- She also reported that there are busy times ahead for the DDA. The Fall Fest is October 8<sup>th</sup>, Toys for Tots begins in November, and the Christmas Market is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**DARA:**

- They are meeting next month

**Planning:**

- Next meeting is October 9th

**Parks:**

- Councilmember Donohue shared contractors will be starting soon on the McGuire Park project.

**DAESA:**

- The full-time staff member has started and numbers are showing that this is a successful change.

**Clerk-Treasurer:**

- Prepping for the General Election is well underway
- Permanent Ballot list is growing quickly

**City Attorney:**

- Nothing to report

**Police:**

- Chief gave a brief presentation on what to do in an Active Violence Incident situation and showed council members mass casualty bags & Roman bags.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by VanDyke seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan Leeming  
Mayor