

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, Whitman

Excused: VanDyke, Donohue

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Aaron Stevens, Maner Costerisan
Chris Pearson, Granger Waste Services
Lynn Reust

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lynn Reust, Chimney Hill complex, was present to express her concerns on the parking ordinance not being enforced in her neighborhood and the issues it is causing with her tenants.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Coss went over the City Administrator's report that was provided to the council in the agenda packet. He added that there will be a bid opening on Wednesday October 30th at 2pm for demolition at 110 N. Scott and 119 W. Jefferson

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual Audit Presentation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 ending June 30, 2024, by Maner Costerisan Auditors

Aaron Stevens, with Maner Costerisan, was present to give the Audit presentation for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. He reported that the city is in good standing with a very healthy fund balance in the General Fund.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Ostrander and carried by majority vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the City of DeWitt annual Audit of Financial Statements Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 by Maner Costerisan.**

2. Review DARA FY 2025 Budget- Executive Director, Chad Stevens

Executive Director Chad Stevens of DARA was present to report on the DARA budget. Good changes have been made to accommodate changing staff and they are finding ways to generate more revenue for their program.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the Fiscal Year 2025 DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Budget.**

3. 2023 Annual Report by Chris Pearson of Granger Waste Services

Chris Pearson, Community Relations Manager for Granger Waste Services, was present to give the 2023 Annual Report and answer any questions. Mayor Leeming inquired about having yard waste carts available to City residents to improve the yard waste collection process and make it safer for the Granger drivers doing the lifting of bags and containers.

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the 2023 Granger Waste Services Annual Report.**

4. 3LD Turkey Trot Special Event Application of Road Closure

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the Road Closure request for the 3LD Turkey Trot beginning Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 7:00am and ending Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 8:15a.m.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor/DDA: Mayor Leeming shared that the DDA is discussing the parking ordinance. The DDA is also prepping for a couple of busy months ahead including The Toys for Tots campaign, Christmas Market, and the Cabin Fever Reliever.

DARA: The program numbers are looking very good.

Planning: A Public Hearing was held on October 9th for the Parking Ordinance. Discussion on amending the parking ordinance is in progress.

Parks: Nothing to report

DAESA: Budget meetings are underway and Board member Landgraf attended the first one. Discussion on funds took place.

Clerk-Treasurer: November General Election is fast-approaching. Early Voting begins October 26th through November 3rd. The City of DeWitt will have an AVCB and is able to begin preprocessing AV ballots on Monday November 4th.

City Attorney: He is working with Administrator Coss on amendments to the SCCMUA Board Articles of Incorporation.

Police: Chief Ferguson reported that he met with the new Superintendent and they are discussing revamping school security policies. He also reported that they are hoping to have the new truck delivered soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Whitman seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan Leeming
Mayor