

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, VanDyke

Excused: Donohue

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, City Administrator; Sarah Stoltzfus, Clerk-Treasurer; Bryan Curtis, Interim Police Chief; Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift

AUDIENCE:

Adam Gerlach, C2AE

AGENDA:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of Closed Session.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the minutes from the October 28, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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. Demolition Bids- 110 North Scott Street and 119 West Jefferson Street

Adam Gerlach, C2AE, was present to answer any questions regarding the bid opening. He shared that they've only had positive references and experiences with this company. Administrator Coss went over the bids report and was pleased that they came in lower than anticipated.

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to award the demolition contract, Alternative A & F, for 110 North Scott Street and 119 West Jefferson Street in the amount of \$75,669.00 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City of DeWitt.**

2. Review Draft 2025 Schedule of City Council Meetings

Council members reviewed a draft of the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule and there were no issues foreseen. **Discussion only.**

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke and carried by roll call vote of the Council **to adjourn to enter into Closed Session per the Open Meetings Act Article 15.268 Section 8 Sub (d) for negotiations connected with the purchase of real property at 7:30 pm.**

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Donohue	<u> excused </u>	Councilmember Ostrander	<u> Y </u>
Councilmember Hunsaker	<u> Y </u>	Councilmember VanDyke	<u> Y </u>
Councilmember Kellogg	<u> Y </u>	Councilmember Whitman	<u> Y </u>

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to reconvene to the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to direct the City Administrator to proceed as discussed in Closed Session with regards to negotiations connected with the purchase of real property.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

Mayor/DDA: DDA had a meeting today. They discussed the proposed parking ordinance and got valuable feedback from the downtown business owners. Mayor Leeming also reposted that she attended the Japanese breakfast at the school. She said it was very nice. The Farewell Dinner for the Japanese students is on Thursday.

DARA: They are meeting on November 12th

Planning: Next meeting is November 13th. They will be continuing the parking ordinance discussion and reviewing the 2025 Planning Commission Meeting calendar.

Parks: They haven't met.

DAESA: There was discussion on how many firefighters are supposed to be responding to calls. The Fire Chief has the discretion to respond to any call.

Clerk-Treasurer: Clerk-Treasurer Stoltzfus gave a recap on the Election Day outcome and the overall success of the 2024 Election Cycle. The Absent Voter Counting Board and all the Election Inspectors did a fantastic job during November General Election. Early Voting had a phenomenal turnout. Countywide had almost 9,500 voters between the North and South sites. For absentee ballots, there was a 97% return rate. Overall, voter turnout was 80.2%.

City Attorney: Nothing to report

Police: Chief Curtis met with Clinton County Central Dispatch Director and shared that the user agreements between, Central Dispatch, DAESA and DeWitt Public Schools have been updated and signed off on. He also shared that the DeWitt Varsity Football team will be playing Petoskey this Friday, the 15th for their next round of Playoffs. The DeWitt Marching Band will not be present at the game because they are headed to Nationals in Indianapolis! Good luck, Panthers!

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan Leeming
Mayor