



CITY OF DEWITT

DEWITT CITY HALL · 414 EAST MAIN STREET · DEWITT, MICHIGAN 48820

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the DeWitt City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Leeming.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Leeming led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Leeming, Mayor Pro Tem Hunsaker, VanDyke, Whitman, Donohue, Kellogg, and Landgraf

Staff: Daniel Coss, City Administrator; Alyssa Ramirez, City Clerk; Bryan Curtis, Police Chief; and Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift

Audience

Signed in: April Kirchen, Melissa DeMong Shafer, Sofia Barber, Claire Shoemaker, Grace Otori, Maria Barber, Amber Shoemaker, Fred Render, and John Braska

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Landgraf, seconded by Kellogg, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the August 24, 2026, meeting agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Whitman, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the August 10, 2026, meeting minutes.

Public Comments The public is encouraged to address the City Council at this time. Generally, citizens are not recognized to speak at any other time during the meeting. Unless granted additional time by the Mayor, each member of the public is limited to three (3) minutes.

Chief Braska and Assistant Chief Render spoke about repairs that were made to the 1937 fire truck; were thankful for the restoration project.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator Coss reviewed the City Administrator's report that was provided to council in the agenda packet; noted correction of dates for the DALMAC ride.

Old Business – None

Special Presentation – A 2026 Ox Roast Update was provided by April Kirchen. Stephanie Sanchez spoke about the Royals competition and introduced this year's winners.

New Business

1. Interlocal Agreement of Cemetery Excavation Services – City of DeWitt and DeWitt Charter Township

Motion by Landgraf, seconded by VanDyke, and carried by unanimous vote of the council to approve the interlocal agreement with DeWitt Charter Township for the City



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of DeWitt to provide cemetery excavation services and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of DeWitt.

2. Request for Consumption of Open Alcohol in the Right-of-Way During Farmers Market for Remainder of 2026 Season

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Landgraf, and carried by unanimous vote of the council to vote on the Christmas market as a separate event from the 2026 Farmers Market dates.

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by Landgraf, and carried by a 5-1 vote of the council to approve the DDA Board of Directors request to allow for the consumption of alcohol at the Christmas Market per City Ordinance, Chapter 58, Article I, Section 58-1 as presented in the staff report dated August 20, 2026.

Yea: Hunsaker, Whitman, VanDyke, Kellogg, and Landgraf

Nay: Donohue

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman, and carried by unanimous vote of the council to approve the DDA Board of Directors request to allow for the consumption of alcohol at all remaining 2026 Farmers Market dates except the Christmas Market per City Ordinance, Chapter 58, Article I, Section 58-1 as presented in the staff report dated August 20, 2026.

Council/Staff Reports

Chief Curtis: Spoke about Ox Roast events; said it went well and there was excellent cooperation with external agencies.

Clerk Ramirez: Gave an overview of the election debrief she had with her August Chair and Co-Chair including what challenges were faced and steps will be implemented to mitigate back ups in the precinct, and spoke about some professional development opportunities ahead.

Planning Commission: No meeting was held in August

DARA: Mayor Pro Tem Hunsaker said it was a good meeting and that Director Chad Stevens has been with DARA for 20 years; is glad for the leadership.

DDA: Mayor Leeming reminded council that the August DDA meeting is 8/11/2026.

Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, and Tree Commission: Donohue stated that the group launched its five-year park plan which qualifies them for a DNR grant. She also noted that kayak storage is incoming, they are looking into park swings, and the columbarium discussion is ongoing.

DAESA: Mayor Pro Tem Hunsaker commended the organization for assisting with a house fire in Saint Johns. Stated that the last meeting included good, cogent, and professional discussion.



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Councilmembers Landgraf, Kellogg, Whitman, and VanDyke: Commented on the Ox Roast

Adjournment

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Ramirez, City Clerk

Sue Leeming, Mayor



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