

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Leeming, called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Matthew Cooper, Denise Donohue, Dave Hunsaker, Frank Waters, (virtually in the City of DeWitt, Michigan) and Jennifer Whitman (arrived at 7:06 pm)

Excused: Trevor VanDyke

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, Lisa Grysen, Bruce Ferguson, and Brian Goodenough, City Attorney

AUDIENCE:

Mike Bloom, Foster Swift, Charles Hauser, Granger Services, Jason Hagle, and Robert Carrigan

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Cooper, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as amended.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Hagel, 1234 Senna Trail and Robert Carrigan, 1244 Wineleaf, spoke regarding the controlled burn that is done periodically in the Wildflower Meadows Subdivision.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

FEDERAL STIMULUS

The recently passed stimulus package by the House of Representatives includes direct relief to municipalities nationwide. Based on the census data to be used the National League of Cities is estimating that the City of DeWitt would receive \$474,734.00 in replacement revenue. The House Bill has been sent to the Senate where it is being debated now. As details emerge on the bill, I will keep City Council posted.

MDHHS EPIDEMIC ORDERS

The MDHHS amended the Epidemic Order on March 2. The new order allows for indoor gatherings up to 25, with no household limit and the outdoor gatherings up to 300 people.

COMMUNITY ROOM CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

The Community Room drywall is complete. The painter has applied the first coat of primer on everything, and the HVAC system is being installed. The electrician is expected to be back the week of March 8, and the flooring contractor should start the week of March 15. Completion is still on-schedule for mid-April.

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The March Board of Review was held virtually this year. There were six (6) residential appeal cases heard by the Board of Review.

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET

The additional communications included in the General Information Packet are:

- General Ledger Distribution Report 3/19-4/8
- DAESA February Meeting Minutes
- Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2020 Annual Report by Charles Hauser of Granger Services:

City Council was provided with the City of DeWitt Refuse/Recycling - Annual Report. Charles Hauser was in attendance to give City Council a verbal report of the service provided over the last 12 months, as required by the contract with Granger Services.

Mr. Hauser also mentioned that they have 96-gallon containers with green lids for yard waste.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the 2020 Granger annual report.**

2. Downtown DeWitt Development Authority (DDA) Road Closures for the Farmers Market:

The **2021 Farmers Markets** are scheduled for:

June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27	
August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28	
October 5	October 12			

The Farmers Market hours will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The DDA requests Council approval to close the following downtown city street(s) from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to allow for set-up and tear-down time at:

- **Bridge Street** – from downtown traffic light north to the north side intersection of Jefferson Street.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Cooper and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the DDA’s request to close sections of Bridge Street from Main Street during the specified dates for the Farmers Market.**

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue and carried by roll-call vote of the Council **to enter into closed executive session per Section 15.268 (h) of the Open Meetings Act of 1976 to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute at 7:30 pm**

Cooper	Yes	Donohue	Yes
Hunsaker	Yes	VanDyke	Absent
Waters	Yes	Whitman	Yes

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to return to regular session at 9:35 pm.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- Court date coming up regarding 204 S. Bridge Street

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Possible election in November of 2021

DARA:

- Meeting this week

DAESA:

- Meeting this week and will be discussing purchasing a new fire truck

DDA:

- Meeting tomorrow

Planning:

- Meeting cancelled

Parks:

- Meeting April 14

Police Chief:

- Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor