

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Leeming, called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. She led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Dave Hunsaker, Trevor VanDyke, Jennifer Whitman and Frank Waters

Excused: Matt Cooper and Denise Donohue

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

None

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

REFERENDUM INITIATED ORDINANCE PETITION

The petition for the Medical Marihuana Charter Amendment was turned in on July 27 and the City Clerk is in process of reviewing the petition to determine if it meets the State of Michigan certification requirements. As soon as a determination is made, I will update City Council.

OX ROAST FROG JUMP CONTEST

Anyone wishing to donate to the Frog Jump contest can bring their donations to the meeting. We have ordered some additional t-shirts for the winners of each race. C2AE is going to donate bikes again this year.

JOINT MEETING WITH DDA AND PLANNING COMMISSION

A doodle poll was sent out with a few dates, but unfortunately there is not enough participation on any of the suggested dates to set a meeting. I will send out another poll in the near future.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS

Starting August 11, 2021, the City will be officially accepting reservations for the Community Room. DARA has had a couple adult exercise programming classes in the room that have been well attended. The feedback on the room has been very positive so far.

CLINTON COUNTY LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners did not extend the local state of emergency declaration, which expired on July 31, 2021. Meetings of the City boards and commissions will return to in-person, subject to the conditions of the Open Meetings Act.

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET

The additional communications included in the General Information Packet are:

- General Ledger Distribution Report 7/23-8/05
- Assessor Monthly Report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Certificate of Proclamation - Constitution Week:**

The Daughters of the American Revolution have requested that the City of DeWitt proclaim the week of Friday, September 17th through Thursday, September 23rd as Constitution Week which marks 233 years since the adoption of the United States Constitution. In the past few years the City has adopted this Proclamation.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to proclaim September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week in the City of DeWitt.**

2. **Traffic Control Order ST-40-01-21 – Stop Sign at Snapdragon Lane and Wineleaf Lane:**

This Traffic Control Order (TCO) authorizes the placement and enforcement of a stop sign at the corner of Wineleaf Lane and Snapdragon Lane for northbound traffic on Wineleaf Lane (City Council was provided with a map).

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve Traffic Control Order ST-40-01-21 and authorize the City Clerk, Mayor and Traffic Engineer Chief Ferguson to sign the Traffic Control Order on behalf of the City of DeWitt.**

3. **Traffic Control Order ST-40-02-21 – Stop Sign at Verbena Lane and Senna Trail:**

This Traffic Control Order (TCO) authorizes the placement and enforcement of a stop sign at the corner of Verbena Lane and Senna Trail for northbound traffic on Verbena Lane (City Council was provided with a map).

Motion by Waters, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve Traffic Control Order ST-40-02-21 and authorize the City Clerk, Mayor and Traffic Engineer Chief Ferguson to sign the Traffic Control Order on behalf of the City of DeWitt.**

4. Confirmation of Mayor Leeming's appointment of Mr. David Ladd to the Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Tree Commission:

The following citizen is being appointed to the respective commission assignment to fulfill a vacancy for Dave Hunsaker for the specified term:

Parks, Recreation, Cemetery & Tree Commission (3-Year Term)

David Ladd 216 Brookstone Circle 1/5/2024

Motion by Waters, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve Mayor Leeming's appointment of David Ladd, 216 Brookstone Circle, to the Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Tree Commission with a term expiring on January 5, 2024.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- Will appear in court on a dog-at-large ticket on 8/13
- Working with City Administrator and City Clerk on petition filed

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Continue to work on petition submitted/denial
- Auditors will be here/virtually next week

DARA:

- Funding formula has been worked out
- Still experiencing issues with special need kids
- DARA is not experiencing any staffing issues

DAESA:

- Meeting on August 19th at Olive Township Hall

DDA:

- Nothing to report

Planning:

- Meeting on August 26th

Parks:

- Discussed the Spicer Group's report on the park equipment inventory
- Will be discussing what needs to be replaced, what new additions are needed, and a timeline for completion. They will report back to City Council with their recommendations.
- Councilmember Hunsaker is no longer on the Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Tree Commission

Police Chief:

- Director and Deputy Director of EGLE will be here tomorrow for fish counts
- Staff from EGLE was at Riverside Park today preparing for tomorrow and treated the kids playing at the park to a science lesson

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor