

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, Trevor VanDyke, Frank Waters and Jennifer Whitman

Excused: None

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

None

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Waters, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

BRIDGE STREET RESURFACING AND BRIDGE WORK

The projects are scheduled to be bid on Friday, August 7 with MDOT. I will be able to give City Council an update on the bid pricing at the City Council meeting Monday.

DEWITT SCHOOLS RETURNING ONLINE

The schools did announce that for the initial start of school they will be starting the students as remote learning. The school district will look at phasing in students for in-person instruction as the fall progresses.

ELECTION VOTER TURNOUT

Total voter turnout for the August 4 Primary was 37% in the City (Precinct 1 – 32% and Precinct 2 – 41%) and approximately 34% for Clinton County.

FORMER CITY HALL DEMOLITION

The contractor expects to start demolition on Monday, August 17. The asbestos abatement has been completed and the building has passed all air quality tests. Consumers Energy is expected to disconnect the electric and gas services during the week of August 10.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bridge Street Road Paving, Bridge St Bridge and Schavey Road Bridge MDOT Contract:
City Council was provided with the prepared resolution and contract for the Federal Aid eligible work on the bridges and resurfacing of Bridge Street from Washington to Herbison Road.

While the funds are federal funds; they flow through MDOT to the City. The road resurfacing project is an 80% Federal and 20% Local match. The bridge funds are 95% Federal and 5% Local Match.

The bid opening for these projects is Friday, August 7. An update on the bid results will be provided at the City Council meeting.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize the MDOT Contract #20-5322 and authorize Mayor Leeming and City Clerk Grysen to sign on behalf of the City of DeWitt.**

2. 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report:
Council Representative Trevor VanDyke will present activities listed in the 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report and answer any questions.

Section 2-122 of the City Code requires the Planning Commission to file an annual report of the activities with the City Council outlining projects, proposals and requests that the Planning Commission considered throughout the calendar year.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- Nothing to report

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- August election is over and preparations for November has begun
- Auditor will state the 2019-2020 audit on Monday

DARA:

- Met last week and discussed the budget since the summer fun club cannot start
- Currently working on small outdoor activities, such as baseball and soccer clinics

DAESA:

- Meeting next Thursday
- The firefighters have participated in several controlled burns
- Received \$1500 in donations

DDA:

- Meeting tomorrow
- Discuss chamber advertising and crosswalk designs

Parks:

- Meeting next month

Planning:

- Meeting on August 27th

Police Chief:

- Handled one election sign complaint

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor