

**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: Matt Cooper, Denise Donohue, Dave Hunsaker, Trevor VanDyke, Jennifer Whitman and Frank Waters

Excused: None

**STAFF:**

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

**AUDIENCE:**

Anna Shafer and Stella Gallagher

**AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Waters, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Stella Gallagher, 110 N. Logan Street, stated that she enjoyed the ox roast this year and provided the City Administrator with some suggestions. Her only complaint was that the carnival opened later than advertised on Sunday.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**REFERENDUM INITIATED ORDINANCE PETITION**

At this point it doesn't appear the City will be served a lawsuit to contest the failure to certify their petition. A community that is similar to DeWitt received notice of dismissal for their lawsuit earlier this week due to November being a Special Election for them as well.

**ARPA FUNDS**

The first payment of ARPA funds should be received by the City sometime in early-September per the latest communication from the MI Department of Treasury. The formula for calculating "lost revenue" has been released by Michigan Government Finance Officers Association (MGFOA) and with the City's audited figures the calculation shows \$918,157.00 in revenue reduction.

**DDA FAÇADE GRANTS**

The DDA Façade Grant application for 2021 closed on August 13 and the DDA received 12 applications that total \$157,000 in new investment in the downtown district. The Façade Grant Review committee will be making their recommendation for grant funding to the full DDA Board on September 14.

**GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET**

The additional communications included in the General Information Packet are:

- General Ledger Distribution Report 8/6-8/19
- DAESA Minutes from July 15, 2021

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Police Department Video Recording System Policy:**

City Council was provided with the video recording system policy for the City of DeWitt Police Department. The policy was adopted on June 1, 2018. The policy covers all devices in the Police Department that have video recording capabilities, including, but not limited to body worn camera and in-car camera system.

Chief Ferguson and Sergeant Stoltzfus were in attendance to go over the policy, discuss the new vendor for the equipment and answer any questions the Mayor and Council may have.

Discussion only

2. **US-27 Motor Tour Car Cruise:**

The DDA has requested permission to close certain City streets to accommodate this year's US-27 Motor Tour, which will be Wednesday, August 25, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Postings have been made on the City and DDA Facebook Page.

**US-27 MOTOR TOUR STREET CLOSINGS**

<b><u>Streets</u></b>	<b><u>Limits</u></b>	<b><u>Time/Date to be Closed</u></b>
Bridge	Jefferson to Washington	3:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Main	Scott to Franklin Street	3:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**(Streets to re-open to traffic by 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2021)**

Motion by Cooper, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the DDA request regarding street closures in the Downtown area for the 2021 US-27 Motor Tour Car Cruise on August 25, 2021 from 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm.**

3. DeWitt Lion's Club Mint Candy Drive - Permission to Collect Charitable Contributions in City Roadway:

The City has received a request from the DeWitt Breakfast Lion's Club to collect charitable contributions downtown as part of their annual Lion's Club Mint Candy Drive on September 24-26, 2021. This annual collection is used to assist Lion's projects helping the sight and hearing impaired.

All members of the Lions Club that will be collecting charitable contributions in the roadway will be required to sign the City's Charitable Contributions in Roadway agreement as required by Public Act 300 of 1949, as amended.

Motion by Waters, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to grant the request from the DeWitt Lion's Club for permission to solicit donations at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets on September 24-26, 2021 as part of its Annual Mint Candy Fundraiser upon compliance with Section 62-35 of the City Code.**

**COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:**

City Attorney:

- Nothing to report

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Petition has been denied and attorney does not appear to be filing a lawsuit
- Auditors completed the audit remotely

DARA:

- No Meeting
- Had to close summer fun club down for 1.5 weeks due to Covid 19

DAESA:

- Meeting was held at Olive Township Hall for August and will be held at Riley Township Hall in September

DDA:

- Façade grants discussed and new banners for downtown

Planning:

- Meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>

Parks:

- Welcomed new member David Ladd
- Reviewing the survey
- Meeting Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm at Riverside Park
- Mayor Leeming would like the Parks Commission to consider a basketball court on the vacant lot across from Percy Caris Park.

Police Chief:

- Issue at the ox roast with a carnival worker and the fence at the beverage tent

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Gysen  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming  
Mayor