

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Waters, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

DDA REIMAGINING 2020 CHRISTMAS MARKET

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions currently in place and the amount of pre-planning involved with the market the DDA Board has decided to change the look of the Christmas Market for this year. The DDA is evaluating having 3-4 small events on Saturday's throughout the end of November in to mid-December.

BUILDING REVENUE REPORT

Attached in your General Information Packet is a revenue report for building permits issued year-to-date. The report outlines several different types of permits; commercial, residential, etc... Year-to-date the City has generated approximately \$82,000 in revenue.

PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

MI Department of Treasury is still reviewing applications. They have received 750+ applications and have reviewed approximately 500. Treasury expects to start making announcements in early September.

MML FALL CONVENTION

Registration is complete for the fall conference. This link outlines the agenda for the different sessions: <https://convention.mml.org/agenda>

The conference sessions start 9/30 at 9:15 am and conclude 10/2 at 1 pm. Those that are interested in attending any of the sessions virtually, a laptop will be set up at City Hall on each of the days to participate.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019 City Assessor Annual Report – Chris Coucke:

The agreement between the City of DeWitt and the City of Grand Ledge for service requires that the Assessor appear before the Council annually to provide an annual report of activities. A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is attached.

Chris Coucke was in attendance to go over the presentation and answer any questions City Council may have.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to receive and place on file the 2019-2020 Assessor’s Annual Report.

2. Extension of City Attorney Contract:

The agreement for legal services with Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift, is due for renewal. City Council was provided with a copy for their review is a three-year extension with Foster Swift and Brian Goodenough as City Attorney.

The agreement would provide for a rate increase from \$175.00 per hour to \$190.00 per hour. The current rate of \$175 per hour has been in place since 2016. The rate increase would be locked for the entirety of the three-year (3) extension expiring on June 30, 2023.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve a three-year extension of Municipal Attorney Services Agreement between the City and Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

Streaming of Football Games:

Foster Swift is willing to donate the \$60 membership fee for the streaming service.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the street closure of the 100 block of North Bridge Street for the live streaming of the home football game on September 18 from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Donohue, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the street closure of the 100 block of North Bridge Street or South Bridge Street, as determined by the City Administrator, for the live streaming of the home football game on September 25 from 6 pm to 10 pm.**

City Attorney:

- Ordinance interpretation regarding placement of fencing
- Ordinance violations for 122 E. Main and 110 E. Webb

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Ballots should be arriving late this week or early next week

DARA:

- Sports are starting back up
- Looking for new creative ideas for learning

DAESA:

- Meeting on 9/17

DDA:

- Looking into three or four Saturdays instead of one Saturday for Christmas Market

Parks:

- No Meeting

Planning:

- Meeting on August 27th

Police Chief:

- Met with the new attorney for code enforcement
- Speed complaints on Geneva
- Staffing for Football Games

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor