

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 (arrived at 7:10 pm and left at 8:00 pm)

Excused: None

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Stella Gallagher

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stella Gallagher, 110 N. Logan, would like to see a committee created to “Welcome” new home owners to the city. They would be provided with information about the City Council, City services, refuse/recycling information, important events held etc. She would be more than happy to help with this.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

ARPA FUNDS

The first of two installments, \$251,623, of the federal funds were received by the City on September 22.

CITY ANNUAL AUDIT

Aaron Stevens, City Auditor, will be in attendance on October 11 to present to City Council the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 audit. The complete audit will be delivered with the packets for the October 11 meeting.

DEWITT SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DR. SHANNA SPICKARD VISIT

Dr. Spickard will be in attendance at the October 25, 2021 City Council meeting for introductions and to provide information on the upcoming Sinking Fund Bond Renewal proposal on the November 2 election ballot.

WEBSITE REDESIGN

Shumaker Technologies is working with staff to redesign the City website and update the design software. Shumaker will be converting many of the City forms in to online fillable forms and we are looking at a couple different vendors for accepting online payments. If there are any specific improvements/features Council would like to see on the website they can be implemented with the redesign.

CROSSWALK ART PROJECT

The crosswalk art painting project is scheduled for community involvement on Saturday, September 25, from 10 am to 3 pm. Anyone wishing to participate can show up anytime during the day on Saturday, regardless of artistic ability.

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET

The additional communications included in the General Information Packet are:

- General Ledger Distribution Report 9/10-9/23

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review DARA FY 2022 Budget – Executive Direct Chad Stevens:

Chad Stevens, Executive Director, was in attendance to present the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) Budget Summary for 2022. City Council was provided with the following materials electronically for their review:

[2022 DARA Budget Cover Page](#)

[2022 DARA Expenditure Report](#)

[2022 DARA Funding Formula](#)

[2022 DARA Scholarship Report](#)

[2022 DARA Miracle League Field Capital Budget](#)

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the Fiscal Year 2022 DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Budget.**

2. MML Liability & Property Pool Election – Board of Directors

There are three (3) candidates for three (3) positions on MML Liability and Property Pool Board (City's General Liability carrier). Attached is information for each of the three candidates.

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to cast a ballot for Robert Clark, Mayor, City of Monroe; Thad Beard, Manager, City of Rockford; Dan Swallow, Manager, City of Tecumseh for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022 for the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors.**

3. Camera and Taser System replacement for the DeWitt Police Department:

The current body worn cameras and in-car cameras were acquired in 2017 and need to be replaced. The taser equipment that each officer is assigned, is approximately three (3) years old and needs replacement as well.

The police department has tested and evaluated the newest technology and have chosen Axon Enterprises, Inc. to supply the camera systems and tasers and replace the current Digital Ally equipment.

Axon Enterprise, Inc. has a program called the Core Bundle Plus that allows the department to bundle all the equipment into a single yearly cost. The program allows for automatic replacement, upgrades, redaction technology for video (FOIA requests) and cloud storage of video.

Yearly Cost*.....\$20,031.99
Five-Year Cumulative Cost*.....\$100,159.94
(* - training and installation included)

City Council was provided with the official proposal for their review.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Cooper and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to authorize a five-year (5) lease to purchase with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for tasers, in-car camera system, body-worn camera system and installation/training for the DeWitt Police Department in an annual amount of \$20,031.99 per year for a total cumulative amount of \$100,159.94.

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- Arbitration hearings will be held Wednesday and Thursday with Mike Blume will be the attorney handling this hearing. Continue to monitor the charter amendments that were submitted to several jurisdictions.

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Clinton Area Transit 20th Anniversary celebration will be September 25th from 11 am to 2 pm
- Ballots have been mailed
- New voter ID cards for Precinct 2 have been mailed

DARA:

- Nothing in addition to what Chad Stevens reported on

DAESA:

- No Meeting

DDA:

- No Meeting

Planning:

- Approved special land use for 210 W. Washington. They will need to apply for a variance for the site set backs

Parks:

- Met at Sports Park
- Another field trip scheduled
- Will present in December with their recommendations

Police Chief:

- Homecoming parade had no issues

Mayor Leeming and Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker:

- Attended annual Michigan Municipal League Conference

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