

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

Excused: Matthew Cooper

**STAFF:**

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

**AUDIENCE:**

Dave Less, Jo Codde, MaLissa Schutt, Gail Watkins, Ryan Wood and Christine Collum

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman 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 January 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting and the January 21, 2020 Goal Setting Meeting as presented.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dave Less, 100 W. Madison asked to have the sidewalks watched on the west side of North Bridge Street

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

1. 9-1-1 Upcoming Millage:  
Christine Collum, 9-1-1 Director and Ryan Wood, Clinton County Manager, were present to discuss the upcoming millage request on the March 10<sup>th</sup> ballot.
2. MaLissa Schutt, Clinton Area Transit General Manager, and Gail Watkins, Clinton Area Transit Chairperson, were in attendance to give a recap of the 2019 Transit operations and discuss the possibility of a millage question in either August or November of 2020.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Interior work continues on the building. Drywall, HVAC and IT infrastructure are almost complete and a few rooms have had the first coat of primer applied. Consumer's Energy has tied in the gas and electric service and Parish Corporation anticipates the HVAC system to be fully operational by the end of January. Once the furnace is operational, cabinets, flooring and wood trim can start being installed. The target for moving in is expected to be end of March or early April.

**COMMERCIAL REHAB DISTRICT FOR 122 WEST MAIN STREET**

The owner of 122 West Main Street, Wayne Lacy, will be submitting a request in the near future requesting a Commercial Rehab District Tax Abatement for the proposed renovations. The developer is proposing a major rehabilitation of the first floor, west and south façade and the alleyway. A Commercial Rehab allows the City to freeze the taxable value at pre-rehab levels to help offset the additional costs of renovations for the alley and facades.

**2020 COMMUNITY SHOWCASE**

The Community Showcase will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30 pm this year. The event will be structured very similar to last year. As more details are available, I will keep City Council updated.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance Amendment for Consumption of Alcohol in Public Areas-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

The current City ordinance provides for City Council to authorize the consumption of only beer and wine in public areas, other than in the City parks system.

The ordinance amendment would allow for City Council to approve all types of alcohol to be consumed in public areas; other than in the City parks system.

The ordinance will still require each applicant to seek approval from City Council.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Hunsaker, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve a resolution to adopt ordinance amendment 2020-01, to amend Chapter 58, Article I, Section 58-1 Consumption of Alcohol Liquor in Public Areas and to make it effective upon publication in the DeWitt Bath Review, February 2, 2020.**

2. **DeWitt Road Bike Path Resolution of Support:**

The City, Clinton County Road Commission and DeWitt Township have received a conditional commitment of funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the shared-use path along South DeWitt Road from Herbison to Clark Road. The resolution commits the City of DeWitt to funding the local match, engineer's estimate of \$77,000.00, and committing to maintaining the path.

If approved, the project would be constructed this summer in conjunction with the other projects inside the City.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by Whitman, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve Resolution 2020-02 committing City of DeWitt support for the Transportation Alternative Program funding for the shared-use path on South DeWitt Road from Herbison Road to the City limits.**

3. Appointments to the City's Election Commission:

Section 5.7 of the City Charter states that the City Council shall appoint an Election Commission at least 90 days prior to the regular election. Per the Charter, the Election Commission consists of the Clerk-Treasurer and two other City Officers. The Election Commission is responsible for appointing the election inspectors and resolving election disputes.

Motion by Waters, seconded by Donohue, and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to appoint the City of DeWitt's Election Commission for the 2020 Election cycle to consist of the City Administrator, City Clerk, Chief of Police and the City Assessor as an alternate.**

**COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:**

City Attorney:

- Still working on property located at 1009 E. Webb Drive

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Ballots for the March 10<sup>th</sup> Election have finally arrived.

DARA:

No Meeting

DAESA:

- No Meeting

DDA

- No Meeting
- Cabin Fever Reliever will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 9 pm

Police Chief:

- Explained the process from the clean- up of 1009 E. Webb to the home owner
- Participated in Hot Chocolate with the Chief (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Herbison Woods get to skip school for 1 hour and talk with the Chief of Police at Tim Hortons.
- The YMCA is looking at holding a cooking/nutrition class for kids hanging out at the library and causing trouble
- New part-time officer starting soon
- Principal Vicky Milner is retiring on January 31<sup>st</sup>

Parks:

- No Meeting

Planning:

- Meet on January 23<sup>rd</sup> to start the masterplan update
- Joint meeting with Panning Commission, City Council and Downtown Development Authority will be scheduled

City Administrator Daniel Coss, will be receiving a mentoring award on Friday in Gaylord

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Gysen  
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming  
Mayor