

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Leeming called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00pm. She led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Denise Donohue, Dave Hunsaker, Trevor VanDyke, Frank Waters and Jennifer Whitman

Excused: Matt Cooper

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Stella Gallagher, Brad Gurski, SCCMUA, Dave Soltow, and Mark Kellogg

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Kellogg, 302 W. Spring Meadows Lane, introduced himself and stated that he is running for City Council.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

GRANGER YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES

Granger resumed yard waste collection on April 6. Residents can place compostable bags or x-containers curbside with any yard waste. The yard waste program runs until November 30.

SPRING BRUSH PICK UP

The DPS spring brush collection has been set for the week of April 25.

DDA CABIN FEVER RELIEVER

Unfortunately, the weather was not the greatest, but despite that there was still a pretty good turnout. There were approximately 800 participants, and a good/safe time was had by all.

DEWITT COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

The Community Showcase is coming back for 2022. The date has been set for June 2 at the High School. The remaining details are still being worked on

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET MEETING

Just a reminder that the Finance Committee meeting is April 18, 2022 @ 6 PM to go over the FY22-23 Budget. Food will be served.

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET

The additional communications included in the General Information Packet are:

- General Ledger Report February 25 – March 10
- Planning Commission Minutes from February 24, 2022
- DAESA 2021 Annual Report
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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **DeWitt Duathlon Special Event Application of Road Closure:**

On Saturday, May 7, 2022 the DeWitt Duathlon is being proposed to be held in downtown DeWitt. The event(s) will consist of a run-bike-run, with the start/finish line at the intersection of Bridge and Main streets. The first race will start at 7:45 am and the second race will go out at 8 am. Both races are expected to be completed by 11 am.

The organizer of the event, Dave Soltow, will start set-up at approximately 2:00 am on the morning of the event and tear down should be completed by 12:30 pm.

City Council was provided with the Special Event Application, Road Closure Request, including maps, and Certificate of Liability Insurance naming the City of DeWitt as an additional insured.

The road closure request is for one block in each direction of the intersection at Main Street and Bridge Street (see map). The organizer and volunteers will handle the placing the barricades in place for the closure and re-opening of the streets. The police department will assist.

As the races begin the police department will assist with traffic control at some of the key intersections within the city limits. The bike portion of the races extend north out of the City of DeWitt and the organizer has secured the necessary permits from Clinton County Road Commission and traffic control assistance from the Clinton County Sheriff department.

The application and road closure request are complete, and Mr. Soltow has submitted everything required for Council review of the application.

Dave Soltow was in attendance to answer any questions City Council may have regarding the request.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the Special Event Application and Road Closure request for the DeWitt Duathlon beginning Saturday, May 7 at 2 am and ending Saturday, May 7 at 12:30 pm.**

2. SCCMUA Resolution of Support for SRF Funding:

The Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) completed a Facilities Master Plan in 2021. The Master Plan identified several critical points in the treatment plant and processing that needed upgrades to maintain the 10 States Standards and keep the plant operating within the permit limits, as established by Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE).

With the proposed upgrades to the plant the treatment capacity is expected to be expanded from the original design capacity of 5 MGD (million gallons per day) to 6 MGD, with a peak capacity of 14.5 MGD. The peak capacity is the ability to treat additional flows during wet-weather periods (excessive rainfall) and still meet the permit limits.

The following components of the plant/process will be upgraded:

- Headworks Pumps
- Grit Chamber
- Sand-filter
- Electrical System (plantwide)
- Incorporate Ultra-Violet (UV) Disinfection
- Sandhill Lift Station Upgrades
- Tertiary Filter Upgrades

The proposed project has a cost estimate of \$16.4 million and the City of DeWitt's portions is approximately \$2.04 million.

At this point the project financing appears to be best suited for the State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) administered by EGLE.

The SRF Project Plan will be submitted to EGLE requesting SRF Funding this summer. The SRF program is a low-interest loan program designed for municipal wastewater treatment projects. Applicants are notified in September-October of 2022 by EGLE if they are going to receive funding through the program. The SRF program is expected to utilize federal stimulus dollars as a partial grant for projects that receive funding.

SCCMUA is required to submit a Resolution of Support for the SRF Project Plan application as a part of the By-Laws for the authority. The resolution of support is attached for your review.

The SCCMUA Board of Directors recommended and authorized moving forward with the SRF Project Plan at their January 18, 2022 meeting.

The Director of Operations for SCCMUA, Brad Gurski will be in attendance to answer any questions City Council has about the project.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approval of Resolution 2022-08 a Resolution of Support for Plant Improvements to SCCMUA and submittal of the project plan to EGLE for SRF Funding.**

3. Police Department Annual Report:

City Council was provided with the 2021 Annual Report for the City of DeWitt Police Department. Chief Ferguson was in attendance to provide an overview of the Annual Report.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the 2021 Annual Report for the DeWitt Police Department.**

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Waters and carried by roll-call vote of the Council **to enter in to Closed Session per the Open Meetings Act PA 267 of 1976 as amended, 15.268 Section 8 (h) to consider a written legal opinion by the City Attorney at 7:54 pm.**

ROLL CALL:

Cooper	Absent	Donohue	Yes	Hunsaker	Yes
VanDyke	Yes	Waters	Yes	Whitman	Yes

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Waters and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to return to regular session at 8:15 pm.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney:

- April 4th was the court hearing for 122 E. Main Street. The City was awarded court costs and fees

City Clerk-Treasurer:

- Nominating petitions are due by April 19th at 4 pm
- Invoice Cloud should be operational in June

DARA:

- Soccer signup is greater than the 2019 participation
- Flag Football is equal for 2021 participation

DAESA:

- Meeting is April 21st

DDA:

- Very interested in the park improvements
- Cabin Fever will continue
- Discussed spending 20 to 30k of the fund balance
- Discussed recycling containers in the downtown
- Discussed art projects/functional art
- Discussed having a Fall event
- Discussed having an annual business owners meeting

Planning:

- No Meeting

Parks:

- Looked at examples and should having pricing for the April 20th meeting

Police Chief:

- New patrol car has **FINALLY** arrived
- Met with Dave regarding the duathlon and Melinda for the ½ marathon

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

Susan J. Leeming
Mayor