

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Rundborg called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Matt Cooper, Dave Hunsaker, Sheryl Landgraf, Sue Leeming, and Tony Stoker

Excused: Maria Ostrander

STAFF:

Lisa Grysen, Police Chief Bruce Ferguson, Daniel Coss, City Assessor Gail Watkins, and Brian Goodenough

AUDIENCE:

Dave Less

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Leeming, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

RIVERSIDE/MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN

The Parks, Recreation, Cemetery and Tree Commission have been meeting with the consultant, Spicer Group, on the Master Plan. A community survey has been posted on the website www.dewittparksurvey.com. As of January 5th, 429 surveys have been completed. The survey will be posted until January 29.

2016 LOCAL STREET RESURFACING

Attached in your General Information Packet is a report on some recommended modifications to the 2016 Resurfacing Program.

221 NORTH BRIDGE STREET

The developers have completed their inspections and are moving forward with closing. A closing date should be scheduled in the near future.

FEDERAL STREET FUND PROJECT SELECTION

The project selection for Federal Funding was held on January 15, 2016. The City competes for dollars in the Tri-County Area. The City received funding for reconstruction of Main Street, from Scott Street to Market Street in 2019. In addition, Federal Funds for modernizing the traffic signal were secured for 2019. These projects will be bid and constructed together. The City/County also received funding for the Bike Lane along Herbison Road, from the School Entrance to Business 27, in the years 2017-2019.

CITY ASSESSOR, GAIL WATKINS TO RETIRE

Included in your General Information Packet is a letter of retirement from City Assessor, Gail Watkins. Gail has served the DeWitt Community since 1985 and has decided to retire effective June 30, 2016. Gail will be in attendance at the meeting.

January 2016	
26	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
28	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00PM
February 2016	
8	Last day to register to vote for the March 8 th Primary Presidential Election
9	DDA – 7:30 AM
9	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
10	Parks, Recreation, Cemetery & Tree Commission – 7:00 PM
15	City Hall Closed for Presidents Day
16	Goal Setting Workshop – 6:00 PM
16	Winter Tax Bills Due
23	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
25	Planning Commission – 7:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sidewalk Installation Costs for Logan Street:

The engineer’s estimate for the total cost of approximately 1,484 linear feet of five-foot wide sidewalk is \$27,200. The breakdown is \$21,875 for 1,271 lineal feet of four-inch concrete sidewalk and \$5,325.00 for 213 lineal feet six-inch concrete sidewalk. The six-inch sidewalk is used in the area of drive approach for homes along Logan Street to

protect against large vehicles using the driveway as a turnaround, i.e. garbage trucks, delivery vehicles, etc...

The sidewalk will be placed in front of 16 different parcels. Of those parcels two (2) are corner lots with the longer portion of the lot facing Logan Street and one parcel, 402 West Main Street, was assessed for sidewalks along West Main Street in 2001 for \$93.75. An item of note, the sidewalks along West Main Street are 4-foot wide sidewalks.

In prior City sidewalk construction projects a cost-sharing approach was used to cover the costs of sidewalk construction. The cost-sharing was broken down 75-percent homeowner and 25-percent City of DeWitt.

In the Logan Street sidewalk project based on the Engineer's Estimate the cost per lineal foot of four-inch sidewalk would be \$12.90 for homeowners and \$4.30 for the City of DeWitt. The cost breakdown for six-inch sidewalk would be \$18.31 per lineal foot for homeowners and \$6.25 per lineal foot for the City of DeWitt. These costs are approximations and would be adjusted after bids are received on the project.

Based on this formula the cost for a homeowner with a standard 66-foot lot along Logan would be \$1,000.56. The corner lots would have a cost of approximately \$2,001.12.

The primary purpose of the sidewalk installation in this area was to connect a dead-end sidewalk on Scott Street to West Main Street and connect the sidewalk with a crosswalk that leads to Scott School.

Discussion Only

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief Bruce Ferguson reported that the police radios will become obsolete and no longer function after 2021. Clinton County is submitting a grant to help offset the costs.

DARA reported that they are working on their budget and are introducing a new DARA program called "Couch Potato to 5K".

DAESA is getting estimates for a new sign at Station 1. This sign also includes a digital message board. DAESA would like the City to assist with the cost, since the City would be able to utilize the digital message board. The City's cost is estimated to be between \$3,600 and \$4,000. Fire Authority Chairman, Tony Stoker, provided City Council with the proposed drawings for the sign.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stoker, seconded by Langraf, carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

James F. Rundborg
Mayor