

**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, Sue Leeming, Maria Ostrander, Tony Stoker and Trevor VanDyke

Excused: None

**STAFF:**

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

**AUDIENCE:**

Clay Coey, Dave Less, Bob Hill, Jim Minster, C2AE and Bob Showers, County Commissioner

**AGENDA:**

Motion by Leeming, 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 Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

**SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

County Commissioner Bob Showers gave an update on Clinton County.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**BRIDGE STREET SOCIAL**

Bridge Street Social was open for their first night of business on Tuesday April 19. Opening night was very successful and they will be open to the general public starting the week of April 25.

**115 NORTH BRIDGE STREET (Old Church) FINANCING**

The developers are continuing to work on finalizing their financing. They are working with two banks, each with a different proposal and style of financing.

**LOCAL ROAD RESURFACING BID OPENING**

The bid opening for the 2016 Local Road Resurfacing Project was held on April 21, 2016. The bid award recommendation will be on the May 10, 2016 City Council Meeting.

**CEC AWARDS BANQUET**

The Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Award Banquet will be held on May 5 at Hawk Hollow in Bath Township. The banquet starts at 5 pm, with the awards ceremony starting at 5:30. Bob Showers, Clinton County Commissioner Chair, will be the Emcee for the evening.

**AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION**

The City of DeWitt has been invited to participate in a presentation at DeWitt Township by AARP and the Tri-County Office on Aging. The presentation will be held on May 12 at 6 pm at the DeWitt Township Hall on Herbison Road. The presentation will focus on “Aging in Place Housing” and the Tri-County Office on Aging will be providing information on a regional needs assessment that they recently conducted.

<b>APRIL 2016</b>	
<b>26</b>	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
<b>28</b>	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
<b>MAY 2016</b>	
<b>3</b>	Finance Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM
<b>10</b>	DDA Meeting – 7:30 AM
<b>10</b>	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
<b>24</b>	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
<b>26</b>	SCCMUA Open House – 5:00 to 8:00 PM
<b>26</b>	Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 PM
<b>30</b>	Memorial Day - City Offices Closed Trash Service will be Thursday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. DeWitt Lion’s White Cane Program - Permission to Solicit:

The City has received a request from the DeWitt Breakfast Lion’s Club to solicit downtown as part of their annual White Cane Drive on April 29 and 30 (Friday–Saturday). This annual collection is used to assist Lion’s projects helping the sight and hearing impaired.

Motion by Leeming, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to grant the request from the DeWitt Breakfast Lion’s Club for permission to solicit donations at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets on April 29 through April 30, 2016 as part of its Annual White Cane Fundraiser upon compliance with Section 62-35 of the City Code.**

2. Request for Downtown Street Closures – Farmers Market & Car Cruise-In:

The **2016 Farmers’ Markets** are scheduled for:

<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 28</b>	
<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>July 26</b>	
<b>August 2</b>	<b>August 9</b>	<b>August 16</b>	<b>August 23</b>	<b>August 30</b>
<b>Sept 6</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>	<b>Sept 20</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>	
<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 11</b>			

The Farmers’ Market hours will be from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The DDA requests Council approval to close the following downtown city streets from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm to allow for set-up and tear-down time at:

Bridge Street at light north to north of intersection at Jefferson  
Jefferson from east to west will still be accessible to traffic.

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Cruise-In** is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The DDA requests Council approval to close the following downtown city streets (from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm) and the 100 Block of N. Scott Street for additional display of vehicles should there be an overflow of participants at:

Bridge Street from the north side of Washington Street to the south side of Madison Street.

Jefferson Street from the west side of Scott Street to the east side of Franklin Street.

Main Street from the west side of Scott Street to the east side of Franklin Street.

Scott Street from the north side of Washington Street to the south side of Main Street.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Cooper and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the DDA’s dual request to close sections of Bridge Street and Main Street during the specified dates for the Farmers’ Market and the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Cruise-In on June 21, 2016.**

3. 2015 DARA Annual Report - Chad Stevens, Executive Director:

Chad Stevens, Executive Director for DARA presented the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Annual Report for 2015.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to receive and place on file the 2015 DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Annual Report**

4. DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Appointment – John McCarty:

John McCarty of 1307 Waxwing Drive will be appointed to the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority to fill a vacancy created by Maria Ostrander who has been appointed to the DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to confirm Mayor Rundborg's appointment of John McCarty to fulfill the vacancy on the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority.**

5. Bridge Grant Resolution of Support:

Each year MDOT offers funds to assist with repairs of bridges throughout the State. The grant would cover 95-percent of the cost of repairs. The engineers estimate is approximately \$186,000 for Preventative Maintenance. The grant would fund Scour Countermeasures at both the Schavey Road Bridge and the Bridge Street Bridge. Based on these figures the local match would be \$9,300. If approved the funding would be available in 2019. A representative with C2AE will be in attendance to answer any questions about the proposed preventative maintenance work.

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the Resolution of Support to apply for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Program.**

**COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS**

The Police Department will be conducting interviews next week. They have it narrowed down to four candidates.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has a verbal agreement for a new DDA Coordinator.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Stoker, seconded by VanDyke, carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen  
City Clerk-Treasurer

James F. Rundborg  
Mayor