

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem 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, Dave Hunsaker, Sue Leeming, Maria Ostrander, Tony Stoker and Trevor VanDyke

Excused: Mayor Rundborg

STAFF:

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

AUDIENCE:

Dave Less, Bob Hill, Gina Feguer, Anna Shafer, Clay Coey, Paul Brown and Wendy Foster

AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the minutes from the May 24, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following resident spoke in opposition of the sidewalk installation on Logan Street:
Anna Shafer - 402 E. Main Street
Gina Feguer-115 N. Logan Street
Wendy Foster-111 N. Logan

Bob Hill-1509 S. DeWitt (former resident on Logan Street) suggested that the sidewalk be placed closer to the road instead of close to the house.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

HERBISON ROAD BIKE PATH PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting was well attended with approximately 35 people participating. The meeting lasted approximately two hours and lots of questions were asked. The most common question was in regards to landscaping and/or trees that may have to be removed for the project. For these properties the homeowners will be met with on an individual basis prior to that phase of the path that is getting designed to try to accommodate their concerns.

FAITH FEST AT ST. FRANCIS RETREAT

The Faith Fest will be held on June 25 for most of the day with activities concluding at dusk. Chief Ferguson has been working with them on traffic control and parking. They are expecting close to 5,000 attendees for the event.

DOG PARK PROGRESS

The Friends Group is still working toward getting their non-profit status approved. They continue to work on getting quotes for the fencing and other amenities for the park. They have received three quotes for fencing, with approximate costs of \$9,000-\$10,000.

ASSESSING RFP

The Request for Proposals is being advertised on the Michigan Association of Assessing website, City website and a posting on the City Facebook page. RFP's for the position are due by June 17.

CAR CHARGING USAGE REPORT

Enclosed in your General Information Packet is a Unique Vehicle Usage report for the charging station downtown. This is a follow-up to the report provided in April. This report shows how many different vehicles used the charging station per month for the last 12 months.

JUNE 2016	
14, 21 & 28	Farmers Market 4-7 PM
14	DDA – 7:30 AM
14	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
21	Car Cruise In Downtown – 6-8 PM
22	City Charter Review Meeting – 6:00 PM
28	City Council Meeting – 7:00 PM
30	Planning Commission – 7:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MML Liability and Property Pool Renewal (MMLLPP):**

The City subscribes with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) for liability and property insurance. The Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool provides comprehensive property, general liability, auto liability, public officials' liability insurance and related services to cities, villages, townships and other public entities. The City of DeWitt carries coverage up to \$10,000,000.00 each occurrence.

The City of DeWitt has been with the MML Liability and Property Pool since 1992. The premium for 2016-17 is an increase of \$1,592.00. Upon receiving payment of the

2016 invoice the City of DeWitt will receive a \$4,741.00 dividend payment from the MML Liability and Property Pool.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize the renewal to the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool for the term of July 1, 2016 through July 1, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$39,875.00.**

2. South DeWitt Road Water District Capital Benefit Charge:

In 1999 the City installed a municipal water main along South DeWitt Road, South of Herbison Road, with the cost to be partially defrayed by future capital benefit charges to be paid by area property owners when connecting to the water main. The capital benefit charge is the property owner's pro rata share of the total cost of the water system, including interest, which is attributable to each property.

The Council adjusts the capital benefit charge annually based on the average annual interest rate on investments held by the Water/Sewer Fund for the past twelve months. The City Treasurer has advised that this interest rate is 0.77% which results in a new per linear foot capital benefit charge of \$47.65 (\$0.37/foot increase).

To adjust the capital benefit charge, Council needs to adopt the prepared Resolution. The new rate will be in effect through March 31, 2017. The rate will be reviewed again next year.

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the prepared resolution approving the annual Capital Benefit Charge adjustment for South DeWitt Road Water District.**

**CITY OF DEWITT
CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEWITT
SETTING A REVISED CAPITAL BENEFIT CHARGE FOR THE SOUTH
DEWITT ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, on April 12, 1999 the City Council established a capital benefit charge for the South DeWitt Road Water Main Extension Project; and,

WHEREAS, the capital benefit charge is defined by the City Code as the property owner's pro rata share of the total cost of the water system allocated, including interest and administration fees incurred by the City, or attributed to the premises utilizing the water main on South DeWitt Road; and,

WHEREAS, in the Resolution establishing the capital benefit charge for this project, the City Council stated that this capital benefit charge would be increased each

April 1st to reflect the average annual interest rate on investments held by the Water/Sewer Fund for the preceding year; and,

WHEREAS, the City Treasurer has determined that this average annual interest rate is .77%; and,

WHEREAS, based on this interest rate, the per foot capital benefit charge for the South DeWitt Road Water Main Extension Project needs to be increased by \$0.37 per foot for a new per foot total of \$ 47.65.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the capital benefit charge for the property owners included in the South DeWitt Road water main extension project is hereby determined to be \$ 47.65 per linear foot for the year commencing April 1, 2016 and expiring March 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that property owners requesting to connect to the water system shall make full payment of these charges at the time of making application to the Board of Water and Light to connect to the municipal water system.

3. City Attorney Agreement Extension FY2016-2017:

The agreement for legal services with Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift, is set to expire on June 30, 2016. City Council was provided with a two-year extension with Brian Goodenough as City Attorney. The agreement would provide for 2015 rate of \$175.00 per hour to be extended through June 30, 2018 and all other provisions of the original agreement to remain in place.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Cooper and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve a two-year extension of Municipal Attorney Services Agreement between the City and Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.**

4. Purchase of a Galion Dump Box for 1998 GMC 7500 Dump Truck:

The Department of Public Service has received three quotes from vendors to replace a dump box for their 1998 GMC 7500 dump truck. Attached is a report from DPW Supervisor, Rich Miller regarding the history of the equipment, vendor quotes and a recommended purchase.

Motion by Stoker, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the purchase of a Galion 408U Five-Yard Dump Box for the 1998 GMC 7500 dump truck from H&H Welding and Repair for a total of \$8,758.00.**

CLOSED SESSION

Enter into Closed Session for a strategy and negotiating sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Ostrander and carried by roll-call vote of the Council **that the City Council moves into closed session as authorized by section 8 (c) of the Open Meeting Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the**

negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement between the City of DeWitt and the DPW union because the City of DeWitt requests a closed hearing at 7:26 pm.

Roll Call:

Ostrander	Yes	VanDyke	Yes
Stoker	Yes	Leeming	Yes
Cooper	Yes	Hunsaker	Yes

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the City Council **to return to the regular Council Meeting at 7:55 pm.**

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the City Council **to approve a three-year contract, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019, with the Michigan AFSCME Council 25 AFSCME Local 1059 and authorize the Mayor, City Clerk and City Administrator to sign the approved contract.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS

The Police Chief reported that the mobile speed limit sign is out again.

Council Member Hunsaker reported that DeWitt Area Recreation Authority has a new intern.

Mayor Pro-Tem Leeming reported that Planning Commission is continuing to work on the sign ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Stoker, seconded by VanDyke, 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 Pro-Tem