

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: Sue Erickson, Dave Hunsaker, Sheryl Strouse, Tony Stoker, Tim Kangas, and Jim Lancaster.

Council Members Excused: None

STAFF:

Lisa Grysen, Police Lieutenant Joe Spagnuolo, Daniel Coss, Rich Miller, and Dan Matson

AUDIENCE:

Jim Fyvey (Clinton County 9-1-1), Loretta Spinrad (DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce), Jeremy Freed and Paul Schneeberger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Reverse 911 – Jim Fyvie, Director Clinton Co. Central Dispatch:

Director, Jim Fyvie of Clinton County Central Dispatch/9-1-1 was present to give a brief presentation regarding the 9-1-1 Operational Surcharge that will appear as a proposal on the May 3rd election ballot.

He outlined the procedure that must be followed in making notification by May 16 to the State 9-1-1 Office. The law authorizing the surcharge assessment requires voter approval every five (5) years and Clinton County's surcharge authorization expires December 31, 2011.

Mr. Fyvie also included a list of frequently asked questions for City Council review and information regarding the Reverse 911 self-registration portal.

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Kangas and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to share these facts concerning the upcoming 9-1-1 surcharge ballot proposal, and the need to enhance our emergency public safety communication system with city residents via the usual communication methods, such as the quarterly newsletter, the city website and the WITT channel.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Strouse, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2011 Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Dan Coss, City Administrator, gave an update on the Riverwind Apartment B10 health and welfare complaint received. He also mentioned a walking audit that Michigan Department of Transportation is willing to do regarding the pedestrian sidewalks connecting DeWitt Township and the City of DeWitt. There will be no out of pocket costs and staff time involved in this audit.

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **authorize the City Administrator to submit a joint application with DeWitt Township for a walking audit.**

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Downtown Street Closure-Mother's Day program on May 7:

The DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce has requested a street closure for the 100 block of North Bridge Street (Main to Jefferson). They would like to close Bridge Street from the traffic light at Main to the south side of the Jefferson Street intersection on May 7, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Downtown/business owners were notified of this request by mail on March 9, 2011, and were invited to comment at this meeting

Motion by Strouse, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce request to close North Bridge Street from the traffic light at Main to the South side of the Jefferson Street intersection on May 7, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

2. 2010 DARA Annual Report – Clay Summers, Director:

Clay Summers, Executive Director for DARA presented the DARA annual report for 2010 and mentioned the following highlights:

- 2900 participants involved in youth and adult programs as well as special events during 2010.
- Utilized over 300 volunteers throughout the year to assist in running quality programs.
- Employees 25-30 seasonal workers
- Licensed its popular Summer Fun Club Day Camp with the State of Michigan and averaged 36 kids per week for 11 weeks.
- Participant, volunteers and spectators spent over 77,000 hours in DeWitt Township and City of DeWitt parks and facilities during 2010.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Lancaster and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **receive and place on file the 2010 DARA annual report.**

3. Watermain Upgrades Athletic Complex and Junior High School:

The City of DeWitt, with the assistance of C2AE, has been in discussion with the DeWitt Public Schools regarding upgrades to the water distribution system near the Athletic Complex and the Junior High School. Based on conversations with the Dr. Deiter the school district is still

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interested in working towards completing the upgrades, possibly as early as this spring. The first item would be to up-size approximately 500 feet of four-inch watermain to an eight-inch watermain for a future loop near the Athletic Complex. There have been discussions in the past regarding monetary participation for this section by the City. The other area would loop two dead ends on the west side of the Junior High School. In order to complete this loop an easement must be obtained from two adjacent property owners in DeWitt Township. The costs for each of these upgrades have not been provided to the city or our consultants, C2AE. Adam Falkowski, C2AE, was present to answer any questions.

Motion by Kangas, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize the City Administrator to continue discussions with DeWitt Schools regarding the two possible upgrades to the water distribution system. Once actual costs for the upgrades are provided to the city they will be brought back before council for further consideration.**

4. 2011 Great Lakes Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Grant:

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) is seeking proposals for streambank erosion and stabilization focused projects. The funding is being provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The City of DeWitt had applied for this grant in the past and was turned down. The program is projected to select between 8-12 small scale projects with a maximum funding of \$30,000.00. The original grant application could be modified, with minimal effort and resubmitted for funding in 2011.

Motion by Strouse, seconded by Lancaster and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize the City Administrator to submit a grant proposal for the 2011 Great Lakes Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control for the streambank stabilization area along Riverside Park.**

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to cancel the April 5, 2011 Regular City Council meeting and reschedule it for April 12, 2011.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Lancaster and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **this meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

James Rundborg
Mayor