

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim 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: Dave Hunsaker, Sue Erickson, Jim Lancaster, Tony Stoker, and Sheryl Strouse

Council Members Excused: Ray Knick

STAFF:

Lisa Grysen, Rich Miller, Police Chief Larry Jerue, Dan Matson, and Chris Olson

AUDIENCE:

Karen Hunsaker, Pat Sebrell, Tammy Hahn, Darcy Shoals, Leri McClure, Cindy Maher, Mitch Maher, Marissa Gordon, Abby Goerge, Michael Vilona, Lexi Shoals, Kyleigh Rodriquez, Amelia McNutt, Shelby Allen, Dawn Wallace, Paige Wallace, Curt Wallace, Sam Spagnuolo, Kay Udry, Emily Udry, Karen Crubb, Diamond Gurd, Tyler Gurd, Taylor Ward, Jordan Livermore, Pat Mollitor, Brian Grubick, and Julie Gordon

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Strouse, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved with NB#8, Update on Cemetery Rules and request for temporary allowance for artificial flowers being moved to Public Comment.**

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the minutes for the June 1, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting be approved as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

22 people spoke against the enforcement of the current rules and proposed changes.

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

City Administrator, Chris Olson reported on the following:

Correspondence – Received a communication from the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce for the grand opening of the Motz County Park, Breakfast on the Farm, as well as a report from C2AE on engineering activities.

AFSCME/DPS contract negotiations – We met twice with the DPS union representatives to exchange and discuss proposals. Two more meetings are scheduled this month before the business agent will be going out of the country for a few weeks.

Riverbash 2010 – A good amount of time was spent this week to get paperwork into place. A hand drawn sketch was sent from the High School FAX the morning of June 11 to show the placement of the various activity apparatus. The park was inspected the morning of June 11 to assess and document

conditions. The facilities and grounds were in good shape and ready for usage. We did need to wash the pavilion floor in the afternoon, as a small children's party in the morning left a good amount of sticky orange drink on the floor.

Downtown Coffee Shop – I expedited the change of use application for Tim Brannan's new coffee shop in the former Curves location on East Main Street. A lack of information from the contractor had stymied the building permit review, so Tim got me the info that was needed. I worked with Rob Nesbitt and Bert Gale to determine that his intensity of use was the same or less than the prior uses, thereby getting the building permit on track.

DeWitt Public Schools site plans – Reviews were performed for the Junior High, Schavey and Herbison Woods plans submitted by Kingscott Associates. These largely dealt with driveway and parent drop-off lands. A new parking lot will be installed at Herbison Woods, adding 9,000 SF of new pavement. The school is installing a grassy retention area with a catch-basin that will capture sediments in that location.

GASB 45, OPEB study – We are required to do a study of our "Other Post-Employment Benefits" by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Our auditors performed this study and sent me the results this week, which are attached for your review. Essentially, this is a study of the City's future liability to pay the premiums for retiree health care. The study indicates that our police liability is about \$13,180 per year (contract limits the City to \$400/month per employee). However, the liability for general employees, where City policy indicates that we will pay 100% of the premium for single person coverage, calculated that \$888,483 per year is needed to cover the future anticipated liabilities for those eligible for the benefit. This assumes a low rate of return on investments and premium increases of 10%-12% over the next 5 years, with 15%/year increases from 2016 to 2049. While this large number may appear alarming, please realize that the City is not required to put this amount into any sort of account. The purpose of the GASB requirement is to make sure that we are aware of the cost for providing this benefit in upcoming years.

Downtown Wireless Microphone – the external antenna have been installed on the Reed Insurance Building, and the receiver unit/microphone are expected to be installed and calibrated on Tuesday, June 15.

City Hall telephone server – A bid document was produced and sent to Mitel vendors to receive prices to replace the City's PBX. Bids are due on June 25, and Council's consideration on July 6.

Oaks subdivision – The developers were invoiced for the latest set of engineering and planning bills in the amount of \$2,257. They did install the subdivision entrance sign at the north end of the development. We have not seen the as-built drawings yet, but have seen a number of the on-site tasks completed. Kevin and I will schedule an on-site review in the near future.

PASER analysis/street paving – Due to the size of the agenda and the other business since the last Council meeting, I have not completed the PASER work. This has become sizeable in terms of maps, financial information, and road paving schedules and I suggest that it is suitable for a work-study session. Additionally, there is a sanitary sewer component that we want to make sure we include for those lines that may need to be repaired or replaced along with paving. When complete, I will provide to you for your review.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission has a very large agenda for June 24 with public hearings on special land uses, the downtown parking ordinance revision, site plans, downtown design guidelines, etc.,

Bridge Street paving – still no word from MDOT or the federal government on the status of the grant application.

DeWitt Sports Championship Sign – A larger sign has been formulated by our sign vendor. The sign size will be 66" X 42" with 4" and 3" lettering for better visibility. We will order a sample sign and install it for your review.

Parks, Recreation & Cemetery matters – Materials regarding the Cemetery are on the 6-15 agenda. There was a lengthy discussion at the June 9 Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Advisory Commission meeting on the topic. The park sponsorship sign (ballfields) was tabled for further information,

All-Kids Playground – More information will be coming to you as it becomes available from vendors so that you can examine the proposed engraved boulder and bronze plaque. A plaque design was selected by the Parks, Rec. and Cemetery Advisory Commission along with Pat Sebrell, but there were a number of revisions that are needed. We are also looking to integrate the City logo on that plaque as well. The standard park sign (blue and white) has been ordered to go near the street, and arrangements need to be made with a brickmason for the pedestals.

Farmer Building – I received a call from Paul Opsommer's office this week. In the course of bill formulation, legislative attorneys now have a concern that the IRS may not accept the waiver notice for the lien extinguishment even if the legislation goes through. This is worst-case speculative at this point: while Treasury has attempted to make contact with IRS, there has only been an exchange of voice-mails. What is necessary is for a contact to be made with someone in a decision-making position at IRS to see if they would be willing to waive notice.

Ash Tree removals – DPS has been removing 11 of the listed tree removals, and stump grinding by contractor has been accomplished. Additionally, an emergency street tree removal at 615 Dill was done (cracked trunk by resident's power service). Rich will schedule more ash tree removals as part of the work. We are getting calls from residents for removal of other dead/dying street trees (some ash, some not).

SWPPI Plan – An update of the the City's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Initiative Plan (SWPPI) is due to MDNRE by July 1. I am working on this document. Largely, it will be a continuation of existing policies and practices.

DPS report – Due to the amount of work this week with the cemetery, streets and parks, along with participating in union negotiations and other meetings, Rich will have the DPS monthly report on Monday. In summary, a number of diseased ash trees have been removed by the DPS, there has been assistance to the Millennium Garden Club, and the normal ongoing mowing and cleaning work. Personally, Rich has invested considerable time into the cemetery with the diagrams you see in the agenda items as well as handling citizen inquiries. He also met with SCCMUA personnel on sewer work that will accompany the PASER study work.

Assessing Services contract – I spoke with Dan Matson about the contract changes for Watkins Assessing Services. There are some changes that he and Gail have been working on due to a legal issue raised in an Upper Peninsula community regarding assessor status (employee or contractor). The revised contract to address these issues will be on your next meeting, when Dan has everything completed.

Other Work – Several other smaller projects, follow-ups and other work mentioned in prior reports is still ongoing.

June/July Dates to Keep in Mind

Tuesday, June 15 – SCCMUA, 5:30 pm
Tuesday, June 15– City Council, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, June 22 – Car Cruise, 7:00 pm; streets closed at 5:30 pm
Thursday, June 24 – Planning Commission, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 6 – City Council, 7:00 pm
Tuesday Evenings – Farmer’s Market

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Amendment to Chapter 30 - Environment, Nuisances Ordinance
Amendment to Chapter 78 - Zoning Ordinance; Wind Energy Conversion Systems

The final Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) ordinance and the related amendment to the nuisance ordinance as recommended for your second reading and final approval.

The final version addresses all of the prior concerns regarding flicker, interference, noise, structural matters, national standards and abandonment, as well as incorporating the changes discussed at the May 18, 2010 meeting.

All departments, agencies and local units, as listed within section 78-601 of the zoning ordinance were provided with the WECS and nuisance ordinance for review and commentary. The only comment received was from the Drain Commissioner.

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the prepared resolution which approves the second reading of these ordinances and to proceed with newspaper publication in the June 20 *DeWitt-Bath Review*, and an effective date upon publication.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the following prepared Resolution allowing the record of the June 15, 2010 Council Meeting to reflect the second reading of an amendment to Chapter 78 (Zoning), Section 78-46 (Wind Energy Conversion Systems) of the City Code of Ordinances:

WHEREAS, an amendment to Chapter 78 entitled Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) of the City Code of Ordinances and an amendment to Chapter 30, Nuisances within the City Code of Ordinances was introduced and the first reading approved by the City Council on May 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the amendments is to establish standards and procedures by which the installation and operation of an On-Site Service WECS shall be governed within the City of DeWitt; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended to the City Council the amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding WECS be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the record of the June 15, 2010 Council Meeting shall reflect the second and final reading of an amendment to Chapter 78, (Zoning), Section 78-46 (Wind Energy Conversion Systems) of the City Code of Ordinances, and Chapter 30 (Nuisances) of the City Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of

DeWitt, is adopted at a regular meeting of the DeWitt City Council held June 15, 2010, and shall become effective upon publication.

2. AGS - Building and Trade Inspection Services Contract adjustment regarding Development Official:

An updated contract from Associated Government Services (AGS) has been prepared. AGS will continue to provide the City with building permit issuance and inspections, trade permit issuance and inspections (electrical, mechanical, plumbing), plan review and zoning enforcement services for 2010-11. AGS has not requested any fee increases for FY 2010-11.

Since 2004, AGS has been designated as the City's "Development Official" as defined in the zoning ordinance. The duties that AGS has performed generally coincide with the more-commonly used title "Zoning Administrator," or "Zoning Enforcement Officer" and AGS has performed the fieldwork and plan reviews as defined in the zoning ordinance.

At the June 1 Council meeting, the possibility of not having AGS be named as the development official and to have the city administrator be named that officer was discussed. Dan Matson, City Attorney and Chris Olson, City Administrator have discussed this possibility, and believe that the duties of the development official under the ordinance as currently written requires specific expertise and state certifications to perform the plan approvals and related inspection and enforcement duties. Additionally, the City's ability to prevail in an enforcement action would be reduced if the development official does not have the state certifications and other field qualifications as listed within the ordinance.

AGS would prefer to not perform the public notice and hearing duties that are contained in the ordinance in the following sections:

- Section 78-601: notice requirements for amending the zoning ordinance.
- Section 78-624: public hearings.

This goes along with the informal understanding between AGS and the City that the City Administrator and staff would perform the above aspects of the development official duties related to public notices and other administrative functions due to the following:

- a. AGS would charge for the work.
- b. City staff is here on a daily basis and have access to all the information needed to handle public hearings, notices, to answer basic zoning questions, to assist persons with applications, and other basic administrative aspects as needed. AGS is in 2-3 times per week for one office hour on designated days since the construction slowdown. Inspections and enforcement actions are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

While there has been a major reduction in construction activity over the past few years, there has been an upswing in enforcement issues (mainly related to the maintenance of foreclosed/vacant/ abandoned properties). Of late, the City is seeing some new development proposals, use changes and special land uses. AGS, LSL and the city administrator have worked together on these to assist applicants with those matters.

The only proposed change in the contract other than the proper references in the current ordinance would be to add the city administrator as a listed person in the section for land use inquires. This is to reduce City costs for routine inquiries that do not require incurring the expense of the planning firm.

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve contract extension with AGS from July 1, 2010 until June 30, 2011 for the services as

described in the contract and amendment, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the proposed agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Fee Waiver; special approval land use 320/322 Hickory duplex:

As a result of zoning ordinance revisions in recent years, certain parcels have zonings that differ from older records of prior approvals. At this time, one of those changes adversely affects one of our residents' ability to sell a parcel for its original intended (and platted) use. Additionally, the revision also makes a neighborhood change from an established use.

Duplexes for the cul-de-sac at the north end of Hickory were part of the Fedewa plat that was approved by the City in 1977. The Fedewa plat allowed for the duplexes and multiple-family uses that are now largely built-out in that neighborhood.

However, subsequent zoning ordinance language changes in 1999 (approximate) and 2007 in the R-65 and R-3 zoning districts made duplexes a special approval land use. The last duplex was built at 403/405 Hickory; it was approved in 2001, and the owners were required to follow the special land use and site plan approval processes. All other parcels at the Hickory cul-de-sac are built as duplexes. This is the sole remaining undeveloped lot in the cul-de-sac, making this a unique situation.

Mr. John Allen, 316 Hickory, desires to sell the vacant property next to his house (lot #5; assigned address is 320-322 Hickory Street). The buyer, however, wants an assurance that the zoning will allow him to build a duplex, which necessitates the special approval process.

Mr. Allen stated that he was never made aware of the zoning language change and has verbally requested that the special use application fee of \$389.00 be waived. Statute requires that a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation be made for ordinance revisions, and this was followed at that time. It is understandable that a public notice regarding a zoning change from a decade ago would not be memorable. Statute does not require individual notices to every parcel owner in the city. Therefore, Mr. Allen has submitted an application for the special land use to obtain zoning approval for the duplex, and that application is scheduled for the June 24 planning commission meeting agenda.

Motion by Stoker, seconded by Strouse and failed by unanimous vote of the Council to waive the fee for a special approval land use application for lot #5 of the Fedewa plat, addressed as 320-322 Hickory, be granted to Mr. John Allen, 316 Hickory.

2. Extension of City Attorney Service Agreement:

The Municipal Attorney Services Agreement between the City and Dan Matson and Dan Skorich of Matson & Skorich, expires on June 30, 2010. The proposed extension for the upcoming fiscal year has been prepared.

Dan Matson and Dan Skorich desire to continue work for the City at the rate of \$140 per hour. His rate has not increased since 2007.

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the FY 2010-11 Extension of Municipal Attorney Services Agreement between the City and Dan Matson and Dan Skorich of Matson & Skorich, and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

3. Water System Agreement Extension – Lansing Board of Water and Light:

The City and the Board of Water and Light (BWL) entered into a Water System Agreement on August 8, 2000 which brought BWL water to DeWitt and also put the BWL in charge of water system operation and maintenance. Based on State law, the City and the BWL could not enter into an agreement that is longer than 30 years although there was a desire to have a perpetual agreement.

In order to keep the Agreement term at 30 years an “ever-greening” provision was placed in the Agreement which states that each year the City and BWL can agree to extend the agreement for another year. The decision to extend the agreement by one year each year has to be made by June 1st.

The Water System Agreement Extension has been prepared and if approved would change the expiration date of the Water System Agreement from August 8, 2039 to August 8, 2040

Motion by Strouse, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to approve the Water Service Agreement Extension between the Lansing Board of Water and Light and the City and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

4. Master plan status update, approved minutes from Planning Commission:

The approved minutes from February 25, 2010 and April 22, 2010 from the Planning Commission relative to the master plan have been handed out. At these meetings, the Planning Commission deliberated on the City Council’s specific objections to the August 2009 draft of the master plan.

A summary of Planning Commission actions is as follows:

<u>Master Plan section</u>	<u>Planning Commission’s Voted Action</u>
Chapter 2, Objective #3; Page 2-9 <i>Commuter lot</i>	Accepted Council’s proposed change
Chapter 2, Objective #1, Page 2-4 <i>Designated areas for office use</i>	Accepted Council’s proposed change
Chapter 2, Objective #3, Page 2-5 <i>Allow office use in area 6</i>	Rejected Council’s proposed change (2-25 & 4-22)
Chapter 5, Mixed Residential, Pages 5 and 3-4 <i>Only allows residential uses in Area 5</i>	Accepted Council’s proposed change
Chapter 5, Page 5-5 <i>Mixed use, PUD</i>	Accepted Council’s proposed change
All other objections	PC rejected remainder of Council’s proposed changes
Failed by lack of a motion	

5. Purchase of Gator:

The City budgeted to purchase two new large-deck mowers with mulch kits for parks/cemeteries work in the FY 2009-10 fiscal year. At the April 6 meeting, one mower was requested and authorized, with the idea that the remaining mowers would be on an annual replacement schedule (rather than two in one year).

With the reduction to purchase one mower only, there is some funding freed up in the present year capital outlay budget within the Equipment Fund. DPS Supervisor Rich Miller and City Administrator Chris Olson have discussed the possibility of a second Gator utility-type vehicle to satisfy a few needs of the City, as follows:

- a. Sports Park has a used rebuilt lawn tractor for field dressing. This tractor is underpowered for that use and has several mechanical problems. DARA typically takes care of field preparation, but has complained several times about this piece of equipment not working at all, or not working properly. DPS employees make several trips over the course of the summer to make repairs.
- b. A second utility-type vehicle would be convenient for Ox Roast and other events.
- c. There would be added flexibility for parks, trails and cemetery work where it is not convenient to get a pick-up truck in-and-out.

We would keep both Gators for City use.

DPS Supervisor Rich Miller obtained prices from two vendors; all followed the MI-DEAL state purchasing plan. The State bid process satisfies the competitive bidding requirement in the City’s purchasing ordinance. There one difference in the two bids that were solicited, except for some of the add-on items. The City does regular business with both Bader and D&G. Prices were received as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Base Price</u>	<u>Eqpt. Options</u>	<u>Dealer Add-ons*</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Net Purchase Price</u>
D&G Eqpt. Mason	\$6,499	\$1,738	\$200	\$1,912	\$6,525
Bader & Sons Grand Ledge	\$6,499	\$1,768	\$418.82	\$1,735.82	\$6,950

* delivery, set-up, freight

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the **Council to purchase a 2010 Gator, equipped with all-terrain tires, cargo power lift, rear hitch, bed liner, front bumper, and light kit for a purchase price of \$6,525 from D&G Equipment, Mason, MI.**

6. Salary and Benefit Review for Lieutenant Spagnuolo:

Lt. Spagnuolo’s one year anniversary with the City is on July 12, 2010. In reviewing the other agencies within our county that have a position similar to ours I’ve discovered the following:

DeWitt Township Lieutenant..... Base Salary \$59,700, plus 1.5 for overtime
 Bath Township Lieutenant.....Base Salary \$59,000, plus 1.5 for overtime
 St. Johns Lieutenant.....Base Salary \$59,300, no overtime pay
However he does have a take home car.

Currently Lt. Spagnuolo receives \$53,286 and no overtime for hours exceeding 40 hours. Often times, Lt. Spagnuolo will work in excess of the 40 hours including but not limited to such events as; Ox Roast, Football games, Cruise-in, court cases, training and many others. While we attempt to adjust the schedule in most cases this cannot be accomplished without leaving a gap in the coverage.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the salary increase for Lt. Spagnuolo to \$56,500 and one additional week vacation be added to his annual leave time. The total compensation including the vacation time represents an increase of 7.5% to his current package.**

7. Request permission to purchase new Police Vehicle:

In the FY 2010-11 budget, \$26,000 has been allocated for the purchase of a new Police Vehicle. A quote from Shaheen Chevrolet has been obtained for the purchase of a 2011 Chevy Tahoe 2WD Police Package. This

quote is based on the Oakland County bulk purchasing bid which is less than the State of Michigan bid. The City's bidding requirements are satisfied, as that was an open bid process. I have also negotiated a trade-in value of one of our existing 2007 Chevy Impala police vehicles with Shaheen Chevrolet.

Purchase Price.....	\$25,502.40
Additional Equipment Back seat cage, lights, sirens, decals, crash bar, etc.....	\$3,500.00
<u>Labor to install equipment.....</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Purchase price.....	\$30,502.40
<u>Minus the trade-in value.....</u>	<u>(\$6,500.00)</u>
TOTAL COST.....	\$24,002.40

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **approve the purchase of a 2001 Chevy Tahoe for the 2010-2011 fiscal year for a net cost of \$24,002.40.**

8. Update on cemetery rules and request for temporary allowance for artificial flowers: (discussed after public comments)

City staff and the Parks, Recreation and Cemetery Advisory Commission have been working on the cemetery rules revisions since April 2010. The last time the cemetery rules were revised was 1997. There have been three lengthy meetings that included 12-20 citizens at each meeting, numerous individual conversations with members of the community, and a lot of effort to assemble the rules revisions, particularly by Councilmember/PRC Advisory Commissioner Dave Hunsaker.

It is recognized that this is the next step of the rules and ordinance revision process for the cemetery. If it is desired by Council to move forward, then the process would go through the first and second ordinance readings, a public hearing and publication.

The proposal is based on achieving the following:

- Consistency with other area cemetery rules
- Clearly defined terms for greater understanding
- Control of maintenance budget
- Less subjectivity for employees in rules interpretation
- Safety for employees and passers-by

The proposed set of rules that would amend and clarify the existing rules that were last updated in 1997, along with diagrams which show the areas allowed for decoration.

Clarifications – example/summary of changes:

- The proposed rules provide a definition of “unsightly” that was not previously defined.
- The proposed rules state that allowable items must be securely fixed.
- What constitutes “curbs” to delineate an area has been debated thoroughly. The revised definition includes an updated list with landscape edging, fencing, and similar items. The full list is in section 22-39A

Summarized, the proposed rules restrict the following:

- Allowable area of decoration – maximum is 12” on each side of the monument foundation.
- Wind chimes, solar lights, plaques, toys are not allowed.
- No plastic, glass or clay pots.
- Restricts area, type (no thorny plantings) and size of plantings.
- Shepherd’s hooks are limited to one per plot.

Summarized, the proposed rules will now allow for the following:

- Allow for the use of artificial flowers year-round, which has been requested by a number of persons attending meetings and as individuals.
- Statues and memorabilia at grave sites, if securely affixed.
- Allow for flags and certain seasonal decorations (Easter, Memorial Day, Veteran’s Day) one week prior and one week after.

There are several other proposals contained in the revisions that you will want to review.

Additionally, the PRC Advisory Commission has requested that persons be allowed artificial flowers at grave sites, provided they are properly secured, while the approval process is underway. This would be a waiver of an existing rule. All other cemetery rules are expected to be enforced.

Motion by Stoker, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to forward the proposed changes on to the City Attorney, Dan Matson and to move forward with a public hearing.

9. *Creating Entrepreneurial Communities* Project:

The managers of Bath and DeWitt Townships and City Administrator of the City of DeWitt received information from CCEA’s John Czarnecki regarding a project that has been proposed by Professor Barbara Fails of MSU regarding the *Creating Entrepreneurial Communities*. The proposal from MSU describing the project, and more information can be found at www.landpolicy.msu.edu.

The Township managers and City administrator participated in a webinar on June 8 to hear more about this program. Watertown Township has also verbally committed to this cooperative venture; we are all seeking permission from our elected governing bodies over the next two weeks to participate.

This is a competitive grant-funded program with a local match that we would apply and compete for. The June 8 webinar was the “kick-off” to announce the program, and there is a July 2 application date. Bath Township has agreed to be the lead applicant in the program.

If we are selected, we would be looking at a three-year commitment of \$5,000/year. If the four communities split the amount equally, it would be for \$1,250/year. There are some possibilities of other entities becoming contributors as well – but those would need to be approached. No obligation would be incurred until September 2010.

If applying and participating in this is agreeable to the Council, we would then be soliciting the private sector and other partners in this venture. This would be a program that the Council’s new economic development committee might want to also be engaged in.

Motion by Strouse, seconded by Erickson and failed by unanimous vote of the Council to participate in the *Creating Entrepreneurial Communities* Project as an equal partner with Bath Township, DeWitt Township and Watertown Township, and commit up to \$1,250 per year if selected as a program participant.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS:

Council member Hunsaker thanked Tammy Hahn for having the courage to stand up and voice an opinion different than everyone else and that she did so eloquently.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Stoker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **this meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Grysen
City Clerk-Treasurer

James Rundborg
Mayor