



ONS 'N' BOWS' — Button-centered flowers and multi-bows are being readied by Mrs. Robert Hawker, Edna Lewis, Mrs. Keith Blizzard, Mrs. Henry Fur-

man and Mrs. Bruce Johnston, left to right, for the style show scheduled for next Thursday by the DeWitt Child Study Club at the DeWitt Junior High School gymnasium.

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*DeWitt
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Show Set*

DeWITT—Large, floppy button-centered flowers will decorate the stage at the eighth annual "Buttons 'n Bows to Buy 'n Sew" style show to be staged Thursday evening by the DeWitt Child Study Club.

All 28 members of the club have taken part in the preparations for the 7:30 p.m. show, the club's main event of the year, to be held in the Junior High School gymnasium.

The latest spring fashions in round-the-clock wear will be modeled, including the Cavalcade of Cottons collection of the National Cotton Council, which emphasizes the versatility of home sewing.

Proceeds from the style show will help sponsor the DeWitt Girl Scout troops and several community projects such as Headstart, food baskets for needy families and teaching materials for the elementary schools.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. Robert Hawker and Mrs. Roland Lewis.

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Commission Reviews Program Now Started

By FAYE HANSON

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DEWITT — The DeWitt Planning Commission has started a two-phase program for the future development of the city and surrounding area.

Tuesday night, the commission reviewed its revision and updating of city ordinances and preparing a master plan for the development of the DeWitt city area.

The commission is divided into two groups to work on the projects.

Howard Courtland visited Alma, where city ordinances were recently revised. Alma loaned DeWitt a copy of its master ordinance which took nine years to develop, Courtland said.

Turning to area planning, the commission heard Orla McGuire, a member and also a state engineer. He presented a map of the development area, bounded on the east by US-27, west by Airport Road, north by Cutler Road and the south by Herbison Road.

The commission discussed need for updating zoning laws

and need to control spot developing in this area.

Jack Lenneman, city building inspector, also suggested that the commission consider state plumbing and electrical inspection for the city. His recommendation was taken under consideration.

Honored Queen Also Serves as State Officer

Nancy Ann Locher, recently installed as honored queen of DeWitt Chapter, Order of Job's Daughters, has been notified of her appointment at third messenger of the Grand Bethel of Michigan. She will be installed in her state office on July 2 in Grand Rapids.

Nancy Ann At the local installation, other officers installed for the DeWitt Chapter were Martha Jean Locher, senior princess; Nancy McNaughton, junior princess; Linda White, guide; Debra Taylor, marshal.

Nancy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Locher, 2830 W. Lehman Road, DeWitt, is a junior at St. Johns High School. She also is a line officer of St. Johns Assembly 21, Order of Rainbow for Girls.



Lengthy Clerk Pay Debate Stretches Council Session

By FAYE HANSON
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DEWITT—A \$1,200 annual pay raise for the city clerk was approved Tuesday night by the DeWitt city council during a marathon session that also dealt with sewers, sidewalks and street drainage problems.

Councilmen spent 5½ hours in discussions and finally sent out for coffee as they wrestled with an accumulation of one month's business.

When the meeting broke up at 1:30 a.m., Clerk Ray Price had been granted a pay hike from \$1,900 to \$3,100, but not without a debate during which he threatened to resign.

The pay raise bill had been vetoed by Mayor William Buck, but after a lengthy discussion council voted to approve the increase on Councilman Eldon Smith's motion that Price be required to be in the office 30 hours a week for five days each week. It was pointed out that in addition to his clerical duties, Price must supervise the city maintenance crew and the sewer maintenance and act as superintendent of the cemetery.

PAPERS ORDERED

Council directed Ralph Petrie of R. Petrie and Associates to prepare the necessary papers for extension of the sanitary sewer along Webb and Dil Road.

Petrie had reported it would cost an estimated \$64,000 for the extensions, not counting the \$100 fee in cost for each residence. He said the Webb Road extension would cost about \$28,000 and the longer Dil Road sewer \$36,000.

Council said there is money remaining in the sewer project fund to do the work, and asked that legal papers be prepared.

Councilman Lee Runnells reported that 50 per cent of the sidewalks in DeWitt need repair. He asked that Petrie draw specifications for the work with 75 per cent to be paid by the property owners and 25 per cent by the city.

Gerald DeLine of Cherry Street complained about water almost across the road and three feet deep in the ditches. He said

the situation presented a traffic hazard and was dangerous for children.

CAUSED BY LAKE

Orla McGuire, a planning commission member and an engineer, said Lake Geneva had caused the water table to raise and this was possibly one of the reasons for the water. He suggested the road be filled with gravel and then a study made for a permanent solution for the drainage.

Councilman Lloyd Berkimer told DeLine that as soon as heavy equipment can get onto the road it will be repaired and 300 yards of fill applied.

Don J. Steavens, city assessor, reported to council the city's assessed valuation now totals \$2,234,785, with \$2,040,800 in real property and \$193,000 in personal property.

Steavens added that the city will need 7½ mills for operating revenue, excluding 1.8 mills to meet general obligations.

Assistant Fire Chief Arthur Newman reported that Watertown Township has accepted a proposal for the city of DeWitt to furnish fire protection.

Newman also presented a police and fire board recommendation that Police Chief Charles Anderson operate the fire alarm telephone during alarms and be paid \$1.50 per alarm.

DUTIES ADDED

Other police and fire board recommendations accepted by council included: Chief Anderson be named civil defense director, without added pay; the traffic light at Bridge and Main Streets be in use at all times and not placed on blinker on Sunday; the fire department tanker shall not be used to fill swimming pools, and the ordinance prohibiting parking on city streets from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. be retained.

Curtis Daggett, owner of a sanitary landfill dump on Wood Street, informed council the hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sunday, and the charge for a five-yard truck is \$2.50 per load.

Councilman Berkimer sug-

gested Daggett work out a flat rate for the city's dump truck.

Councilman Eldon Smith recommended that Chief Anderson be given the authority to call an attorney for assistance, with the approval of the mayor, whenever needed.

Mayor Buck recommended the transfer of \$4,500 from the sewer receiving fund to the sewer operating fund.

OPERATOR NEEDED

While on the topic of the sewer system, it was reported the city still does not have an operator for the disposal plant, although there are several applications for the job. McGuire now supervises the operation.

Also under discussion was the traffic hazard created on Washington Street when school buses load and unload in front of the junior high school. Councilmen said traffic is not only delayed, but there is a hazard for the children. No action was taken.

Berkimer told council 500 feet of tile will be needed, at \$1 per foot, for a drain at the Griswold Elementary School. The school board will pay half the cost, he added.

Permission was granted to the Parent-Teachers Association to block off half of the 200 block of Washington Street May 7 for a carnival, and to erect a sign across the street to advertise the event.

As the hands of the clock moved toward 1:30 a.m., Councilman Runnells suggested that the city's mounting business would require two monthly meetings rather than the single session. He found support for the idea and henceforth the city council will meet on the first Tuesday after the first Monday and on the Third Monday of each month. Meetings will start at 8 p.m.

Legal Notice

NOTES—Bidders are bids to construct and remove 2-story brick and frame building located at N. Bridge St. Current Lease Min. Specification and bid sheets are available at the office of the Clerk, City Hall, Grand Ledge. Bids will be received up to 10 p.m. on April 1, 1966. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

ERTRUDIE M. MULLEN

City Clerk-Treasurer

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