

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL AT 121 N. FOURTH ST.
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020.

Chairperson Fabbri called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

Present: Members Anthony Bair, Joanne Bennett, Joe Clark, Samantha Fabbri, Autum Hunter, Sandy Rabidue (arrived at 12:15), Erin Resteiner (arrived at 12:23), Ken Walters, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Others present: Clerk Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, City Manager Frank Goodroe.

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MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2020.

Yes – Bair, Bennett, Clark, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Rabidue, Resteiner Motion carried.

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MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY CLARK, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$520.00

Yes – Bair, Bennett, Clark, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Resteiner Motion carried.

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Manager Goodroe updated the Board on the City’s budget process and the creation of a City Economic Development and DDA Director position including the funding plans.

The Board discussed the funding of the EDC/DDA administrator position.

MOTION BY RABIDUE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE FUNDING OF THE EDC/DDA DIRECTOR POSITION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2020 FISCAL YEAR ONLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00.

Yes – Bair, Bennett, Clark, Fabbri, Hunter, Rabidue, Resteiner, Walters, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried.

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Chairperson Fabbri gave an update on the Gathering Place including a discussion she had with the railroad on easements and that she had been contacted by Jim Sparbeck with his concern that the Pocket Park water fountain has caused water issues in his building.

Member Rabidue gave an update on the downtown flowers and discussed planting and watering options.

Member Bair gave an update on the Historical Preservation Network and noted that a packet of information was being sent to them for review.

Manager Goodroe updated the Board on an upcoming Chamber of Commerce video conference, a summer events update, and noted that the Ogemaw EDC hired Mary Bickell for their open position.

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Chairperson Fabbri adjourned the meeting at 1:06 pm.