

WORK SESSION OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

Mayor Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: City Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Carol Adair, Lois Bergquist, Mike Jackson, Ellen Pugh, Rusty Showalter, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Lori Ann Clover-Gambrel, and DPW Supervisor Mike Killackey.

Manager Dantzer went through the 2024/2025 proposed budget highlighting a few of the changes from the previous year. Manager Dantzer did review and compare salaries from the MML salary survey. Increases in expenses were allowances for the Sesquicentennial Celebration, the purchase or rebuild of the VAT Truck, and the purchase of a Tool Cat. There was a considerable increase in the Airport Budget contribution also. With the net from the Major Street Fund, Council would like to see the sidewalk from Ace to Walker Insurance constructed. Manager Dantzer will get a quote on both asphalt and concrete. Local Street included the pavement striping for the lights at the railroad crossing. Manager Dantzer also reviewed the grants awarded to the city and the increase in interest. Council gave Manager Dantzer accolades for all the grant money he has procured for the City. The Fairview Street bond is almost final and the Plant and Streetscape bond are just beginning.

Work Session ended at 8:04 pm.