REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023.

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

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

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Lori Ann Clover, DPW Supervisor Mike Killackey, Chief Ken Walters, Commissioner Craig Scott, and City Realtor Yvonne DeRoso.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Commissioner Scott gave an update on county activities. The county has approved the 2023 equalization value. Parks and Recreation will be holding a fundraiser at Clear Lake Bar for the Deer Park. MTA has been re-instituted. The County is supporting STING with AARPA funds in the amount of $10,000. The County has received OPIOID money and are looking at the possibility of a body scanner for the correctional facility.

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH TO AWARD THE BID AND SOLE SOURCE VENDOR REQUEST FOR THE CITY TAX ASSESSOR TO MVW AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE SAME FEE AS LAST YEAR AND AUTHORIZES MANAGER DANTZER TO SIGN ON THE CITY'S BEHALF.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ADAIR, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $381,476.34.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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STING requested $2994.60 which was based on our population. However, $4,000 was budgeted this year for STING.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY SHOWALTER TO APPROVE THE CONTRIBUTION TO STING IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,000 WHICH IS THE AMOUNT THAT WAS BUDGETED.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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Council discussed the option of bidding on the foreclosed property at the corner of S. Second and Wright St. but decided against it. If it is not purchased during the auction it will come back to the City for a second option. Member Zimmerman asked if we had a separate land bank authority. Manager Dantzer explained that we are part of the County's Land Bank Authority.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH TO WAIVE THE CITY'S RIGHT TO THE FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF S. SECOND AND WRIGHT AND AUTHORIZE MANAGER DANTZER TO SIGN THE WAIVER OF FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL ON THE CITY'S BEHALF.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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The Planning Commission approved Mr. Wing's Marihuana retail special use and site plan at their meeting on Friday. This is the last retail license available. There are still Marihuana grow and transport licenses available.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY BENNETT TO APPROVE THE SECOND LICENSE FOR AN ADULT USE RETAIL MARIHUANA FACILITY TO RICHARD WING AND WING PROPERTIES LLC AT 109 A PLAZA DR.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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Ms. Fabbri explained that the Jeep Jam will be run the same as the Classy Chassis which we have had in previous years. There will also be live music.

MOTION BY ADAIR, SECOND BY SHOWALTER TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS FOR CLASSY CHASSIS AND JEEP JAM.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 3, 2023 AND THE WORK SESSION HELD APRIL 10, 2023.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY JACKSON TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; WEST BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FROM MARCH 2023; MINUTES FROM THE OGEMAW COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2023; AND MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2023.

Yes —Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None **Absent – None** **Motion carried**

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Member Showalter informed Mayor Frechette that the MML does help with recruiting for positions. He then asked about the restitution for the Alley case. Manager Dantzer responded that it is no longer in the court system as she is off probation. Attn. Meihn is aware and working on acquiring a payment solution. Manager Dantzer will request an update from Attn. Meihn.

Manager Dantzer informed members that there had been some vandalism at the park and Little League Fields. Chief Walters was able to catch the perpetrator in the act and make an arrest.

Ms. Fabbri announced that the wine walk would be held April 29th from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

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Paul Frechette, Mayor Lori Ann Clover, Clerk