

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN PERSON IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023.

Mayor Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Absent: Carol Adair and Rusty Showalter

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer and City Clerk Lori Ann Clover

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mayor Frechette opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG grant application at 6:02 pm. Manager Dantzer explained this would not exceed \$1,000,000 for the downtown Gathering Place Park and City Park amphitheater with a match requirement of \$30,000 from General Fund and \$50,000 from DDA.

No one from the public wished to speak on the subject and no communication was received by City Hall prior to the meeting.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:03 PM.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Adair, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY JACKSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 23-09 AUTHORIZING MANAGER DANTZER TO APPLY FOR THE PUBLIC SPACES COMPETITIVE GRANT, REQUESTING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000, AND TO SIGN THE APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Adair, Showalter

Motion carried

ATTACHMENT G – AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Resolution 23-09

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Public Gathering Spaces (PGS) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch desires to request an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 in CDBG funds for the construction of the downtown “Gathering Place” park and City park amphitheater; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch commits local funds from its DDA in the amount of \$50,000 and from its General fund in the amount of \$30,000 for a committed match; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 59.91% percent of the residents of the City of West Branch are low- and moderate-income persons as determined by the MEDC’s Low/Mod income Community Customers and Project Areas List; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated and will not be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of West Branch hereby designates the City Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

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Manager Dantzer informed Council Members that Representative Hoadley submitted a letter of support for the grant.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:04 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Lori Ann Clover, Clerk