

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, AUGUST 7, 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, City Attn. Greg Meihn, and Commissioner Craig Scott.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Commissioner Scott gave an update on county activities. County Clerk Gildner acknowledged Tracy Turner Deputy Clerk for her contribution to the office. The county has selected their delegates for the MERS annual meeting. A NEMSCA representative presented at the last meeting. The August meeting schedule was amended. An RFP was put out for seasonal snowplowing. A discussion was held considering the reimbursement of per deim’s for attending committee meetings and that instead of the county paying commissioners, the various committees might be able to reimburse commissioners for their time. A credit card was approved for the airport manager.

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Kevin Kardel spoke to Council about the Red E Charging services and contract. They have contracts with several cities in our area. They will pay for the equipment, hosting, and Consumers bill. Currently the contract is for two stations with the possibility of four. The charge to the customer is approximately \$0.30 per kilowatt. There is also a 3% revenue sharing with the city.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY SHOWALTER TO APPROVE MANAGER DANTZER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH RED E CHARGING CONTINGENT UPON THE REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Attn. Meihn informed members the draft building ordinance includes everything. This is a lot for Council to review during the meeting. It was discussed to have Manager Dantzer, Attn. Meihn, and Larry Watson review the proposed ordinance. Member Showalter suggested that a section on blight definitely be included. Mayor Frechette stated the fire section was important. Member Jackson said there was some overlap in our existing ordinances and the new proposed ordinance.

