

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD JOINTLY WITH THE DDA AND PLANNING COMMISSION IN PERSON AT THE WEST BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT, 130 PAGE STREET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024.

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

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

Absent: Member Mike Jackson

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Lori Ann Clover, and Lt. Joe Adams, Planning members in attendance were Cori Lucynski, Yvonne DeRoso, Bob David, and Rusty Showalter DDA members in attendance were Samantha Fabbri, Joe Clark, Alan Bruder, Cathy Zimmerman, Joanne Bennett.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Planning Chair, Corrine Lucynski discussed Planning Commission updates. During 2023, the Commission made recommended changes to the zoning code twice. The two recommendations changed zoning districts for a few parcels in the City to better zone them for uses that were more practical for the area they were located in and better for the City. The Commission also changed the table of uses for uses allowed by right or by special use in the Mixed-Use District. The Commission also reviewed the Masterplan and approved a new Capital Improvement plan. They continued to work towards the implementation of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program guidelines, pursuant to the Resolution of Participation in the RRC Program that was passed by the Planning Commission in November of 2015. They will focus their attention to the development of a marketing strategy during the 2024 calendar year. The Planning Commission participated in a series of virtual trainings on the Michigan Planning Act.

Planning Chair Lucynski informed Council that it has been a pleasure to work with Manager Dantzer.

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DDA Chair, Samantha Fabbri gave a brief DDA update. The projects worked on during 2023 and the main areas of focus for the 2024 calendar year is the development of the Gathering Place which was stalled due to lack of grant funding. They will continue to look for additional funding sources. They are working with City Council on the Houghton Ave redesign project. The Board worked on the streetscape project with the bid being awarded in 2023 and the project taking place from April through November of 2024. The board finalized funding for the project and have a bond in place to pay for the costs. The board approved the addition of plugs in each planter box and is looking into a downtown speaker system. They will meet with a contractor during the February meeting. The Board again sponsored the flowers in 2023 and will look at doing a fall project in 2024 as the MDOT road reconstruction project will not allow for the planting of flowers next spring. They will again sponsor the snow removal from the downtown during the winter. They are also working on seasonal themed banners. No banners were decided upon

during 2023 but they will continue to discuss optional themed banners that would be instituted after the road reconstruction and streetscape is completed in 2024.

Member Showalter thanked the DDA for all their hard work this past year.

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,071.85.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

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Manager Dantzer explained the budget amendment was due to MDOT road costs, expenses for the pocket park, and taxes on the M-30 property. Also, Capital Acquisitions due to radios purchased and paid for in the prior year but actual possession took place this year; DNR grant plaques that were required with the parks and recreation plan approval; and damage to a headstone.

**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-04 BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION #24-04**

WHEREAS, City staff compares the year to date actual with the budgeted amount of all revenue and expenditures monthly; and

WHEREAS, the expenses in Fund 101, General Fund, Municipal Properties, Contractual Services were increased due to expenses incurred for the MDOT road reconstruction project down payment and expenses for the repairs of the pocket park walls that were budgeted in the prior year but not expensed until the current year, and

WHEREAS, the expenses in Fund 101, General Fund, Police Department, Capital Acquisitions were increased due to the payment of the radios taking place prior to the end of the fiscal year but not taking physical possession of them until the current fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the expenses in Fund 101, General Fund, Parks and recreation, Miscellaneous expenses were increased due to the purchase of DNR grant fund plaques that were not budgeted for but needed as part of the approval of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the revenues and expenses in Fund 209, Cemetery Fund were increased due to the damage of a headstone caused by a large branch falling, and

WHEREAS, the revenues and expenses in Fund 248, DDA Fund, were increased due to the recording of funds to account for the streetscape bond, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby adopts the following budget amendments:

Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND

Revenues

Dept 000.000

Total Dept 000.000	1,894,332.00	1,894,332.00
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Dept 262.000 - ELECTIONS

Total Dept 262.000 - ELECTIONS	5,500.00	5,500.00
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Dept 301.000 - POLICE DEPARTMENT

101-301.000-478.000	MARIJUANA PERMITS	10,000.00	10,000.00
101-301.000-528.000	OTHER FEDERAL GRANTS	41,667.00	41,667.00
101-301.000-578.400	IN-SERVICE TRAINING	500.00	500.00
101-301.000-634.400	GRANT	0.00	0.00
101-301.000-640.400	K-9 REVENUE	500.00	500.00
101-301.000-654.400	TRAFFIC BUREAU	12,000.00	12,000.00
101-301.000-655.400	ACCIDENT REPORTS	350.00	350.00
101-301.000-656.400	DISTRICT COURT FINES	1,500.00	1,500.00
101-301.000-674.000	CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	0.00	0.00
101-301.000-695.415	OTHER GOV'T UNITS	75,000.00	75,000.00
Total Dept 301.000 - POLICE DEPARTMENT		141,517.00	141,517.00

Dept 441.000 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Total Dept 441.000 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	33,000.00	33,000.00
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Dept 528.000 - SOLID WASTE

Total Dept 528.000 - SOLID WASTE	12,000.00	12,000.00
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Dept 721.000 - PLANNING AND ZONING

Total Dept 721.000 - PLANNING AND ZONING	750.00	750.00
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Dept 751.000 - PARKS AND RECREATION

Total Dept 751.000 - PARKS AND RECREATION	1,000.00	1,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUES	2,088,099.00	2,088,099.00
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Expenditures

Dept 101.000 - LEGISLATIVE			
Total Dept 101.000 - LEGISLATIVE		18,154.00	18,154.00
Dept 172.000 - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE			
Total Dept 172.000 - CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE		140,433.00	140,433.00
Dept 201.000 - INTERNAL SERVICES			
Total Dept 201.000 - INTERNAL SERVICES		47,211.00	47,211.00
Dept 209.000 - PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW			
Total Dept 209.000 - PROPERTY ASSESSMENT REVIEW		13,912.00	13,912.00
Dept 215.000 - CITY CLERK			
Total Dept 215.000 - CITY CLERK		75,989.00	75,989.00
Dept 228.000 - TECHNOLOGY			
Total Dept 228.000 - TECHNOLOGY		15,100.00	15,100.00
Dept 253.000 - CITY TREASURER			
Total Dept 253.000 - CITY TREASURER		117,196.00	117,196.00
Dept 262.000 - ELECTIONS			
Total Dept 262.000 - ELECTIONS		7,441.00	7,441.00
Dept 265.000 - MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES			
101-265.000-703.700	SALARIES AND WAGES	8,150.00	8,150.00
101-265.000-710.700	OVERTIME	100.00	100.00
101-265.000-714.700	MANDATORY MEDICARE	120.00	120.00
101-265.000-715.700	SOCIAL SECURITY (EMPLOYER)	512.00	512.00
101-265.000-716.700	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,920.00	1,920.00
101-265.000-718.700	MERS RETIREMENT (EMPLOYER)	2,628.00	2,628.00
101-265.000-718.701	EMPLOYER DEFERED COMP.	120.00	120.00
101-265.000-720.700	WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM	285.00	285.00
101-265.000-724.700	UNEMPLOYMENT INS. BENEFIT	5.00	5.00
101-265.000-727.700	OPERATING SUPPLIES	4,300.00	4,300.00
101-265.000-801.700	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	220,432.00	230,000.00
101-265.000-853.700	TELEPHONE/RADIO COMMUNICATION	2,760.00	2,760.00
101-265.000-922.700	PUBLIC UTILITIES	18,700.00	18,700.00
101-265.000-941.700	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	2,200.00	2,200.00
101-265.000-956.700	EXPENSES	500.00	500.00
101-265.000-977.700	CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 265.000 - MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES		262,732.00	272,300.00

Dept 266.000 - LEGAL ASSISTANCE			
Total Dept 266.000 - LEGAL ASSISTANCE		47,300.00	47,300.00
Dept 284.000 - COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS			
Total Dept 284.000 - COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS		12,978.00	12,978.00
Dept 299.000 - CITY SERVICES			
Total Dept 299.000 - CITY SERVICES		53,995.00	53,995.00
Dept 301.000 - POLICE DEPARTMENT			
101-301.000-702.700	PROMOTION/BONUS	350.00	350.00
101-301.000-703.700	SALARIES AND WAGES	328,440.00	328,440.00
101-301.000-705.700	CHIEF OF POLICE	73,078.00	73,078.00
101-301.000-708.700	SICK LEAVE PAYOUT	0.00	0.00
101-301.000-710.700	OVERTIME	12,000.00	12,000.00
101-301.000-713.700	EMP. HEALTH OPTION	3,000.00	3,000.00
101-301.000-714.700	MANDATORY MEDICARE	6,037.00	6,037.00
101-301.000-715.700	SOCIAL SECURITY (EMPLOYER)	25,638.00	25,638.00
101-301.000-716.700	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM	60,480.00	60,480.00
101-301.000-717.700	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM	1,305.00	1,305.00
101-301.000-718.700	MERS RETIREMENT (EMPLOYER)	91,486.00	91,486.00
101-301.000-718.701	EMPLOYER DEFERED COMP.	8,450.00	8,450.00
101-301.000-719.700	LONG TERM DISABILITY	3,864.00	3,864.00
101-301.000-720.700	WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM	10,010.00	10,010.00
101-301.000-724.700	UNEMPLOYMENT INS. BENEFIT	50.00	50.00
101-301.000-727.700	OPERATING SUPPLIES	5,000.00	5,000.00
101-301.000-801.700	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	3,000.00	3,000.00
101-301.000-811.700	MEMBERSHIP AND DUES	2,100.00	2,100.00
101-301.000-817.700	UNIFORMS	6,000.00	6,000.00
101-301.000-853.700	TELEPHONE/RADIO COMMUNICATION	5,000.00	5,000.00
101-301.000-941.700	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	10,000.00	10,000.00
101-301.000-955.700	DATA PROCESSING	6,000.00	6,000.00
101-301.000-956.700	EXPENSES	3,000.00	3,000.00
101-301.000-956.702	YOUTH SAFETY EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00
101-301.000-956.703	K-9 EXPENSES	500.00	500.00
101-301.000-956.707	FORFEITURE EXPENSE	50.00	50.00
101-301.000-957.700	EDUCATION AND TRAINING LOCAL	6,000.00	6,000.00
101-301.000-957.701	EDUCATION 302	500.00	500.00
101-301.000-968.700	STING	4,000.00	4,000.00
101-301.000-977.700	CAPITAL ACQUISITIONS	0.00	7,405.00
Total Dept 301.000 - POLICE DEPARTMENT		677,338.00	684,743.00
Dept 336.000 - FIRE			

Total Dept 336.000 - FIRE		28,165.00	28,165.00
Dept 345.000 - CROSSING GUARDS			
Total Dept 345.000 - CROSSING GUARDS		8,357.00	8,357.00
Dept 441.000 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT			
Total Dept 441.000 - PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		143,112.00	143,112.00
Dept 528.000 - SOLID WASTE			
Total Dept 528.000 - SOLID WASTE		219,292.00	219,292.00
Dept 537.000 - AIRPORT			
Total Dept 537.000 - AIRPORT		54,365.00	54,365.00
Dept 721.000 - PLANNING AND ZONING			
Total Dept 721.000 - PLANNING AND ZONING		9,768.00	9,768.00
Dept 728.000 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Total Dept 728.000 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		1,000.00	1,000.00
Dept 729.000 - CODE ENFORCEMENT			
Total Dept 729.000 - CODE ENFORCEMENT		0.00	0.00
Dept 751.000 - PARKS AND RECREATION			
101-751.000-703.700	SALARIES AND WAGES	26,600.00	26,600.00
101-751.000-710.700	OVERTIME	3,700.00	3,700.00
101-751.000-714.700	MANDATORY MEDICARE	442.00	442.00
101-751.000-715.700	SOCIAL SECURITY (EMPLOYER)	1,879.00	1,879.00
101-751.000-716.700	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM	5,755.00	5,755.00
101-751.000-718.700	MERS RETIREMENT (EMPLOYER)	7,000.00	7,000.00
101-751.000-718.701	EMPLOYER DEFERED COMP.	520.00	520.00
101-751.000-720.700	WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM	1,040.00	1,040.00
101-751.000-724.700	UNEMPLOYMENT INS. BENEFIT	5.00	5.00
101-751.000-727.700	OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,996.00	3,996.00
101-751.000-922.700	PUBLIC UTILITIES	8,029.00	8,029.00
101-751.000-941.700	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	15,000.00	15,000.00
101-751.000-956.700	EXPENSES	300.00	800.00
Total Dept 751.000 - PARKS AND RECREATION		74,266.00	74,766.00
Dept 851.000 - INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT			
Total Dept 851.000 - INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT		16,426.00	16,426.00
Dept 965.000 - TRANSFERS			

Total Dept 965.000 - TRANSFERS	20,000.00	20,000.00
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Dept 965.204 - TRANS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS 204

Total Dept 965.204 - TRANS TO OTHER ACCOUNTS 204	0.00	0.00
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Dept 965.209 - TRANSFER TO CEMETERY

Total Dept 965.209 - TRANSFER TO CEMETERY	20,310.00	20,310.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,084,840.00	2,092,745.00
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Fund 101 - GENERAL FUND:

TOTAL REVENUES	2,088,099.00	2,088,099.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,084,840.00	2,102,313.00
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NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	3,259.00	(14,214.00)
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CARRYOVER	678,213.00	663,999.00
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Fund 209 - CEMETERY FUND

Revenues

Dept 000.000

209-000.000-610.400	TRANS FROM ECON. ADVANCE. 204	20,310.00	23,983.00
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209-000.000-628.400	FOUNDATIONS	500.00	500.00
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209-000.000-629.400	GRAVE OPENINGS	6,000.00	6,000.00
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209-000.000-642.400	SALES OF LOTS	4,000.00	4,000.00
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209-000.000-664.400	INTEREST INCOME	800.00	800.00
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209-000.000-695.400	MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	0.00
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Total Dept 000.000		31,610.00	35,283.00
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TOTAL REVENUES		31,610.00	35,283.00
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Expenditures

Dept 000.000

209-000.000-703.700	SALARIES AND WAGES	12,000.00	12,000.00
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209-000.000-710.700	OVERTIME	500.00	500.00
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209-000.000-714.700	MANDATORY MEDICARE	183.00	183.00
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209-000.000-715.700	SOCIAL SECURITY (EMPLOYER)	775.00	775.00
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209-000.000-716.700	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM	2,877.00	2,877.00
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209-000.000-718.700	MERS RETIREMENT (EMPLOYER)	3,460.00	3,460.00
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209-000.000-718.701	EMPLOYER DEFERED COMP.	208.00	208.00
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209-000.000-720.700	WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUM	442.00	442.00
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209-000.000-724.700	UNEMPLOYMENT INS. BENEFIT	5.00	5.00
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209-000.000-727.700	OPERATING SUPPLIES	200.00	200.00
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209-000.000-782.700	ADMINISTRATION	1,000.00	1,000.00
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209-000.000-922.700	PUBLIC UTILITIES	360.00	360.00
209-000.000-941.700	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	9,500.00	9,500.00
209-000.000-956.700	EXPENSES	100.00	3,700.00
Total Dept 000.000		31,610.00	35,210.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		31,610.00	35,210.00
Fund 209 - CEMETERY FUND:			
TOTAL REVENUES		31,610.00	35,283.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		31,610.00	35,210.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	73.00
CARRYOVER		1,575.00	1,575.00
		2023-24	2023-24
		CURRENT	PROPOSED
		BUDGET	BUDGET
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION		
Fund 248 - DDA OPERATING FUND			
Revenues			
Dept 000.000			
248-000.000-400.400	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	80,000.00	80,000.00
248-000.000-403.400	CURRENT PROPERTY TAX GEN.OP.	10,000.00	10,000.00
248-000.000-408.400	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LOSS REIMBURSEMENT	40,000.00	40,000.00
248-000.000-664.400	INTEREST INCOME	0.00	0.00
248-000.000-691.000	PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BOND	0.00	0.00
248-000.000-692.000	PROCEEDS ON CONTRACT PAYABLE	0.00	96,981.00
248-000.000-695.400	MISCELLANEOUS	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Dept 000.000		131,500.00	228,481.00
TOTAL REVENUES		131,500.00	228,481.00
Expenditures			
Dept 000.000			
248-000.000-729.700	FLOWER PROJECT	5,000.00	5,000.00
248-000.000-750.700	RETAIL MERCHANTS	7,500.00	7,500.00
248-000.000-782.700	ADMINISTRATION	2,400.00	2,400.00
248-000.000-801.700	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	104,800.00	104,800.00
248-000.000-802.700	CONTRIBUTION EXPENSE	0.00	0.00
248-000.000-865.700	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	1,000.00	1,000.00
248-000.000-935.703	SHOWMOBILE EXPENSES	300.00	300.00
248-000.000-940.700	GEN. MAINTENANCE/SNOW REMOVAL	9,000.00	9,000.00
248-000.000-956.700	EXPENSES	1,500.00	1,500.00
248-000.000-959.000	CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL GOV'T	0.00	96,981.00



Total Dept 000.000	131,500.00	228,481.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	131,500.00	228,481.00
Fund 248 - DDA OPERATING FUND:		
TOTAL REVENUES	131,500.00	228,481.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	131,500.00	228,481.00
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES	0.00	0.00
CARRY OVER	296,679.00	296,679.00

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Manager Dantzer introduced the 2024 fee schedule. The increases were in water turn off and turn on, sewer rate fees which were approved last year, bulk water pricing, meter costs, and lot split fees. There will also be building department fees once that program is implemented.

**MOTION BY ADAIR, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2024.**

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

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

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**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE RENTAL OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FOR THE QUILT WALK AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> THROUGH 5<sup>th</sup> AND TO WAIVE THE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RENTAL.**

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

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

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**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE VICTORIAN ART FAIR.**

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

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

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**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY ADAIR, TO APPROVE THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 24-01 REZONING OF PARCEL 052-455-004-00 FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL BUSINESS, PARCEL 052-458-001-00 FROM CENTRAL BUSINESS TO GENERAL BUSINESS, AND PARCEL 052-630-040-00 FROM GENERAL BUSINESS/MULTIPLE FAMILY TO GENERAL BUSINESS.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

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Tommy Dault discussed the proposed plans for the industrial lot. They will be putting in two roads with 136 town houses. They will range from one to three-bedroom units and will cost between \$895 and \$1200. They will be built off site and shipped in. Once ordered they can be ready in six weeks. They are working on hook ups to city water and sewer, and electric. This would be contingent on the rezoning and review of the contract by the attorney.

**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO POSTPONE THE INDUSTRIAL LOT DISCUSSION UNTIL THE DETAILS CONCERNING REZONING AND THE ATTORNEY REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT ARE FINALIZED.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 22, 2024.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; MINUTES FROM THE OGEMAW FIRE BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2023; MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2023; MINUTES FROM THE INFORMATIONAL AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DDA HELD DECEMBER 20, 2023; AND MINUTES FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 30, 2024.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO RE-APPOINT SANDY RABIDUE AND JOANNE BENNETT TO THE DDA FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion carried**

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Communications included a letter from Superior News, previously The Voice and Michigan Public Policy Survey the January edition.

Mayor Frechette stated that the Fire Board annual event went well and was well attended. He reminded Council that the Presidential Primary was February 27<sup>th</sup> and there were also two local millages one being the renewal and restoration of the Ogemaw County Sheriff’s Office road patrol and the other COOR ISD’s area career and technical education proposal.

Member Showalter had questions concerning the closing of the Ogemaw Pharmacy. Manager Dantzer explained that this wouldn’t affect the Brownfield Grant as their work on the project was complete.

Member Adair informed Council that early voting would be held at the county building from February 17<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> during the hours of 8:30 to 4:30. Anyone that is registered to vote in Ogemaw County will be able to vote during that time. Elections will still be held at the townships and municipalities on election day. If you are still not registered to vote you must do so at the township or municipality where you reside.

Member Zimmerman attended the Election Inspector training with Clerk Clover on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot of work that is involved in an election she is amazed and has a new respect for Clerk Clover.

Manager Dantzer shared a portion of the new ACT 51 map. Manager Dantzer asked about the ice rink for this year. There was only one week it would have been cold enough to set and that was the week of the snowstorms. Since it is so late in the season and the forecast is showing warmer weather council agreed not to put it up again this year. Manager Dantzer also informed members that he is looking at combining the IDC and BRA committees and will have a proposal at the next meeting.

Sean Gilbert owner of the Made in USA store brought his idea of an Ogemaw County Fair billboard to Council. Members asked him to contact the owner of the billboard, the current advertisers, and the Ogemaw Fair Board to pursue his idea.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

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Paul Frechette, Mayor

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Lori Ann Clover, Clerk