

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, JULY 18, 2022.

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, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Rusty Showalter

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Lori Ann Clover, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, Chief Kenneth Walters, and County Commissioner Mark Surbrook.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Commissioner Surbrook gave a report. The Ogemaw County Commissioners appointed a new member to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. They approved upgrading the video system at the Ogemaw County Jail. Their new ORV Ordinance was passed.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY PUGH, TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER SHOWALTER FROM THE MEETING.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,259.58.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 22-04, THE PEDDLERS ORDINANCE.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT LITTLE LEAGUE FISHING DERBY WITH MANAGER DANTZER CALLING TO CONFIRM THE OVERNIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT SUPER SHOGUN WRESTLING.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO VOTE FOR LEE KILBOURN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FUND.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT FOR THE CITY PROSECUTOR WITH THE INCLUSION OF AUTOMATICALLY RENEWING AND REASONABLE COMPENSATION OF \$1.00.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ADIAR, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2022 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2022.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; WEST BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTH END REPORT FOR JUNE 2022; APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OGEMAW COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY HELD APRIL 20, 2022; MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD MAY 10, 2022; AND MINUTES FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION HELD JULY 6, 2022.

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

No – None

Absent – Showalter

Motion carried

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Member Bennett stated that she thought the Business Expo participation was a little light due to the weather.

Manager Dantzer reported that he and DPW Superintendent Killackey reviewed the work on State St. Other than a couple of minor issues everything looked good. The whole process went very smoothly.

Chief Walters reported that the new car radios are finally here after a year and a half.

Member Zimmerman asked about the signage from the road work and Manager Dantzer has a call out to get them picked up.

Mayor Frechette asked about the new trash cans as he is still missing one. Manager Dantzer stated that Republic is going to have everything picked up by-July 22nd and he will send a GFL can from DPW.

Under public comment Van Sheltroun stated that the new pavement on State Street looked very nice. Mr. Sheltroun also asked about a five-year plan for repair of the roads? Manager Dantzer said that it is actually a six-year plan and Wright Street will be redone next year with Fourth St on the list as well.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Lori Ann Clover, Clerk