

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 TUESDAY, JULY 5, 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 annual report is in from MSU. Ogemaw County voted to transfer money for the match 75/25 for marine patrol. County fees were updated. BCBS will be purchased for inmates who have no insurance. Juneteenth was not voted as a holiday for the county. The attorney is reviewing the ORV Ordinance. A mistake was made regarding unemployment insurance for certain employees that were considered contractual. They are meeting with the collective bargaining committees. ARPA funds will be used to lay new lines for M33 Access to improve internet access.

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Additions to the agenda were G. Special Event Midnight Madness Softball Tournament under X. New Business.

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197,559.17.

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

No – None

Absent – Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 22-02, THE ORV ORDINANCE.

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

No – None

Absent – Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ADAIR, TO APPROVE THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE 22-03, OFFENSES.

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 INTRODUCTION 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 BENNETT, SECOND BY ADAIR, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS JJKN BASKETBALL CLINIC, CHURCH BALL TOURNAMENT-THE OHFMC BASKETBALL MINISTRY, AND THE MIDNIGHT MADNESS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2022.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PUGH, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE OGEMAW FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2022; MINUTES FROM THE DDA MEETING HELD MAY 24, 2022; AND MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT BOARD MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2022.

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

No – None Absent – Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO EXCUSE MEMBER SHOWALTER FROM THE MEETING.

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

No – None

Absent – Showalter

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette reported that the car show was well attended.

Member Adair reported that the recycle center was pretty messy with people just leaving their recycling with no bins. Manager Dantzer reported that recycle workers had been trying to keep it clean. Republic only picked up half of their equipment and GFL had not dropped any off yet.

Member Pugh reported that the steel beams were up at the old hospital site.

Member Bennett reported that the 4th of July Parade was great.

Member Jackson reported that it was good to see lots of families and kids participating in the activities downtown.

Manager Dantzer reported that we received our second installment of ARPA Funds. Fireworks will be held July 9th in the field by Walmart. Council allowed parking at the city well house for city employees and their families.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Lori Ann Clover, Clerk