

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021.

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

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Powley

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, Treasurer/Deputy City Clerk Michelle Frechette, Chief of Police Ken Walters and County Commissioner Mark Surbrook.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Coalition of Hope representatives gave a presentation for September Suicide Prevention month. They discussed having an event in the park including a concert using the DDA stage. They thanked Council and the City for the continued support.

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Discussion on General Road Repair Bids. Bids received from Hodgins Asphalt and Mid-Michigan Asphalt. It was recommended by Manager Dantzer to go with Mid-Michigan who was the lowest bid.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AWARD THE BID FOR GENERAL ROAD REPAIRS TO MID-MICHIGAN ASPHALT AS PRESENTED.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO EXECUSE MEMBER POWLEY FROM THE MAY 24, 31 AND JUNE 7 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,536.42.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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County Commissioner Mark Surbrook gave a County update which included discussion on union negotiations, new person at the Veterans office, Commission on Aging drive through lunch pick-up and the Kirtland millage.

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND ROAD CLOSURE DOWNTOWN FOR THE CLASSY CHASSIS EVENT.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA EVENT.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE CLAWS AND PAWS DOG DAYS OF SUMMER EVENT.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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Discussion on the Municipality Approval needed for Couzins Cycle to renew their used vehicle license.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF THE USED VEHICLE LICENSE BY CUZINS CYCLE CONTINGENT ON PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD MAY 17, 24, AND 31, 2021.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DDA MEETINGS HELD MARCH 23 AND APRIL 27, 2021.

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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A communication from Charter Cable was shared.

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Members Pugh, Bennett and Zimmerman all commented on how good the flowers looked this year, the Fireman’s Memorial has been planted and thank you to Sandy Rabidue for her leadership of the flower project.

Member Bennett noted that there has been a tent in the south/west corner of the park and that there were hammocks in the pavilion. Bob Pearlberg stated that the Optimist Fishing Derby was last weekend and that the Boy Scouts were camped out in the pavilion area to watch the river and the fish.

Mayor Frechette asked that Manager Dantzer draft a thank you letter to Sandy Rabidue.

Member Jackson noted that there was a good turn out for the Veterans Service last Monday.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Amanda Stang, Clerk