

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, OCTOBER 17, 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, Rusty Showalter, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Commissioner Surbrook reported a vehicle purchase for probate court was approved. Sue Hartz was appointed to the Health and Human Services Board. Personal property taxes were sent to the equalization office. MSU Extension agreement was approved. Commissioner Surbrook was appointed to the AVCMH Board. Commissioner Surbrook and Mayor Frechette are on the EMS negotiating committee.

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Marcia Young and Ken Nuebecker thanked the City for the use of Iron’s Park for the Victorian Art Fair. They will be awarding the City with \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the purchase of new picnic tables. In the spring they will be touching up the paint for the bathrooms. Next year the Art Fair will be held August 12-13. Mayor Frechette and Council Members thanked Ms. Young and Mr. Nuebecker for all they do for the community.

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Bids were submitted for tree trimming and stump grinding. Discussion was held to the possibility of splitting the bids between the tree removal and stump removal. Manager Dantzer explained that might cause the stump removal cost to increase as one company might not cut a tree the way another would.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE TREE REMOVAL AND STUMP GRINDING BID SUBMITTED BY WORTHY, NOT TO EXCEED \$5,411.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY JACKSON TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; THE WEST BRANCH POLICE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2022 REPORT; MINUTES FROM THE OGEMAW COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY HELD AUGUST 10, 2022; MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 2022; MINUTES FROM THE ELECTION BOARD HELD OCTOBER 4, 2022; AND MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST HELD OCTOBER 11, 2022.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Member Showalter reported that he and Member Adair would be attending the MML Convention.

Manager Dantzer suggested that Council schedule a Work session to discuss the option of a City Building Inspector. Manager Dantzer will follow up with Mr. Watson to see if he would be available following our November 21st meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Lori Ann Clover, Clerk