

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, OCTOBER 19, 2020.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Joanne Bennett, Mike Jackson (arrived at 6:06), Chris Powley, Ellen Pugh, Rusty Showalter, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: none

Other officers present: Clerk/Treasurer/Acting Manager John Dantzer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Frechette, and DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Randy Booth , County Equalization was present to answer questions regarding the County Designated Assessor agreement. It is required by the State and is not a County employee. City Assessor does the City tax roll. If City Assessor passes the AMAR Assessment then he will handle role, BOR, Poverty Exemption, land value study, ECF study himself. Cost for this contract is .25 per parcel, unless the Assessor fails the AMAR Assessment.

**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AUTHORIZE THE SIGNATURE OF MAYOR FRECHETTE ON THE OGEMAW COUNTY DESIGNATED ASSESSOR AGREEMENT.**

**Yes – Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman**

**No – None**

**Absent – None**

**Motion carried**

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Bruce Reetz, County Commissioner gave an update on the EMS and Health Department audits starting soon and the millages coming up on the ballot.

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Mayor Frechette added OPEB buyout and September police report to the Agenda.

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,536.61.**

**Yes – Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman**

**No – None**

**Absent – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 5, 2020.**

**Yes – Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman**

**No – None**

**Absent – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT, INVESTMENT SUMMARY, MINUTES FROM THE ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2020, THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2020 AND THE SEPTEMBER POLICE REPORT.**

**Yes – Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman**

**No – None**

**Absent – None**

**Motion carried**

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Mayor Frechette welcomed Manager Dantzer.

Member Showalter congratulated Manager Dantzer.

Member Pugh stated good job to Manager Dantzer.

Member Zimmerman appreciates Manger Dantzer’s work so far.

Member Bennett is please with Manager Dantzer.

Manager Dantzer thanked the Council for the oppportunity and is looking forward to working with Council to make the City better. He will have Officer Morris attend the next Council meeting where we will have a proclamation and cake.

Superintendent Killackey stated that things are going good. Hydrant flushing will be done this week. Had a water main break that has been repaired, the crew has been doing catch basin cleaning and leaf pickup.

Attorney Meihn thanked Council for the work on the City Manager contract work. Stated that he is continuing to work on the blight, bicycle building and thank Council for allowing him to finalize the previous manager issue.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.

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Paul Frechette, Mayor

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Michelle Frechette, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer