

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
HELD AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N FOURTH ST. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 24,  
2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Samantha Fabbri at 12:04 pm.

Present: Anthony Bair, Joanne Bennett, Joe Clark (arrived at 12:06), Samantha Fabbri,  
Autum Hunter, Ken Walters, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Sandy Rabidue and Erin Resteiner

Others present: City Manager John Dantzer

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**MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO EXCUSE MEMBERS CLARK,  
RABIDUE, AND RESTEINER FROM THE MEETING.**

**Yes – Bair, Bennett, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, and Zimmerman**

**No – None                      Absent – Clark, Rabidue, Resteiner                      Motion carried.**

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As an addition to the agenda, an invoice for \$600 was submitted from the City for the  
showmobile setup.

**MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$600.00.**

**Yes – Bair, Bennett, Clark, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, and Zimmerman**

**No – None                      Absent – Rabidue, Resteiner                      Motion carried.**

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY FABBRI, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM  
THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2021.**

**Yes – Bair, Bennett, Clark, Fabbri, Hunter, Walters, and Zimmerman**

**No – None                      Absent – Rabidue, Resteiner                      Motion carried.**

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Chairperson Fabbri gave a summary of the meeting held with MDOT on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> noting some of the streetscape plans would need to be changed because the City is considered historic eligible and some of the choices were not in line with SHPO requirements.

Tim Knutsen of Beckett and Raeder gave an updated presentation on the downtown streetscape plan in response to the SHPO requirements.

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Chairperson Fabbri noted the radio station 105.5 is back as an online based station and they will continue to have a local focus.

Member Clark noted he thought the Houghton Ave reconstruction was a step backwards.

Member Bair noted the number of cases of positive COVID cases were again increasing and he wouldn't be shocked to see some mandates come down after the holiday.

Manager Dantzer noted he received notice from the Christmas Designers, which is who the Board purchased the Christmas decorations from, that there will be increased shipping costs on all orders.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm.