

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N FOURTH ST. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
28, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Samantha Fabbri at 12:00 pm.

Present: Anthony Bair (virtual-West Branch COVID), Joanne Bennett, Joe Clark, Samantha Fabbri, Autum Hunter, Sandy Rabidue, Erin Resteiner, Ken Walters, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Others present: City Manager John Dantzer

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**MOTION BY FABBRI, SECOND BY RABIDUE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM
THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 24, 2021.**

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried.

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY FABBRI, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$16,856.23**

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried.

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Tim Knutsen of Beckett and Raeder game an updated presentation on the downtown streetscape plan as well as some estimated cost projections.

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Member Clark noted he would like to see 10’ parking spots for all angle parking that may be affected during the Houghton Ave. reconstruction.

Member Rabidue noted the City could pick up the planters.

Member Resteiner gave an update on the progress of her new store called Kit's and noted they are hoping for a November opening.

Member Hunter gave an update on the progress of her new store called Grand Illusions Too and noted they are hoping for a late spring of 2022 opening.

Member Hunter also gave an update on the new sushi restaurant that is coming downtown and noted they are hoping to open by the end of October.

Member Bair apologized for not being in person and noted that remote meetings are now mandated by his employer.

Member Bair also noted that he wished the estimates provided by Beckett and Raeder would have had a better breakdown of the costs and the breakdown of MDOT participation.

Manager Dantzer noted he was looking into façade programs at other cities and asked if the DDA would be willing to consider a program moving forward. It was the consensus of the Board to have Manager Dantzer continue to gather information on a facade program.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.