

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, JULY 19, 2021.

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

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

Absent: Members Joanne Bennett and Rusty Showalter

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Amanda Stang, Chief of Police Ken Walters and DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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City Council presented Sandy Rabidue with Proclamation 21-02 for her work with the flowers throughout downtown West Branch.

PROCLAMATION #21-02

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch DDA is instrumental in supporting programs for the prosperity and beautification of the City’s downtown, and

WHEREAS, the West Branch DDA has long served as the sponsor of the downtown flower program for the beautification of the City, and

WHEREAS, DDA Board Member Sandy Rabidue, who has served on the Board for 20 years, has been instrumental in this program by spearheading the selection and planting of these flowers, and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City government could not function without volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions, and selflessly give of their time and effort to help shape the City and make an impact on our community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and the West Branch City Council does hereby recognize Sandy Rabidue for

her untiring dedication to the downtown flower program and City of West Branch, and

FURTHER IT BE PROCLAIMED, that the City hereby recognizes March 21, 2022 as Sandy Rabadue day in the City of West Branch to coincide with National Flower Day which is celebrated nationwide on March 21st of each and every year.

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Amelia Mitchell expressed her concern with the wildlife that roams free around the City and the possible diseases they bring into the City along with the destruction of plants and vegetables. It was consensus of Council to reach out to DNR to see if anything can be done.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO EXCUSE MEMBERS BENNETT AND SHOWALTER FROM THE JULY 19, 2021 MEETING.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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A Midnight Madness Softball Tournament Special Event permit was added to the Agenda along with a request to allow for an extension of the Noise Ordinance for the event.

MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE MIDNIGHT MADNESS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND NOISE ORDINANCE EXTENSION TO MIDNIGHT.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,488.66.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE VICTORIAN ART FAIR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY ADAIR, TO APPROVE THE WEST BRANCH QUILT WALK BANNER PERMIT.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE TITAN LEAF VAC QUOTE AND BELL EQUIPMENT SOLE SOURCE VENDOR REQUEST.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD JULY 5, 2021.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; APPROVE THE JUNE MONTH END POLICE REPORT.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER DANTZER TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE HOLIDAY DAY’S OFF CALENDAR.

Yes – Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent –Bennett, Showalter

Motion carried

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Member Adair stated that she had been attending the Summer Music Series concerts and has enjoyed them although attendance seemed to be down from last year.

Member Jackson asked Council to re-assess Marijuana being allowed in the City.

Manager Dantzer shared that he had received a phone call about West Branch native, Alex Rose participating in the Olympics and having the City of West Branch residents and businesses show their support.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Amanda Stang, Clerk