

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 5, 2021.

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

Present: 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 Amanda Stang, Chief of Police Ken Walters and DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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City Clerk Stang swore Rusty Showalter in to office.

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Yvonne DeRoso approached Council requesting a Resolution to close for the sale of city property consisting of 2.13 acres and 3.06 acres to The Branches LLC and naming the Mayor or City Manager to be signees on the required documents.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE ON THE SALE OF 2.13 ACRES AND 3.06 ACRES TO THE BRANCHES LLC AND NAMING THE MAYOR OR CITY MANAGER AS SIGNEES ON THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

Discussion was also made regarding street names for the new complex as well as the name of the complex.

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A bid from Finished Concrete was received for the city sidewalk project.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE FINISHED CONCRETE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,105.00 FOR THE CITY SIDEWALK PROJECT.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,406.89.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY PUGH, TO EXCUSE MEMBER JACKSON FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 21, 2021.

Yes – Adair, Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Jackson Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE COALITION OF HOPE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO ALLOW MANAGER DANTZER TO CAST THE ONLINE VOTE FOR THE MML WORKER’S COMPENSATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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Council Member Showalter wished to abstain from the approval of the minutes and summary from the meeting held on June 21, 2021 due to him not being a part of Council at the time.

MOTION BY ADAIR, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 21, 2021.

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

No – None Absent – None Abstain -- Showalter Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DDA WORK SESSION HELD APRIL 27, 2021, THE DDA REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 25, 2021; MINUTES FROM THE NCMCF MEETING HELD APRIL 7, 2021.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPOINT JEFFREY GODFREY TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE A SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT IN IRONS PARK PENDING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE ELIMINATION OF 2 PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF THE RAIN GARDEN BEHIND THE CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE MEDC GRANT CONTINUATION WITH THE SIGNATURE OF THE HIGHEST ELECTED OFFICIAL.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette welcomed Member Showalter back to City Council.

Member Zimmerman thanked Member Showalter for coming back to Council. She also thanked DPW Superintendent Killackey for blocking off the Gathering Place.

Member Bennett welcomed Member Showalter back and noted that she was happy to see the new bakery open.

Member Adair informed Council that she had attended the last MDOT meeting with Member Pugh, City Manager Dantzer and DPW Superintendent Killackey.

Manager Dantzer inquired if Council would want to set up another Goals session being there has been some changes in City Council since the last session.

Police Chief Walters informed Council that there may be some local grants available to aid in the purchase of speed announcement signs by the school.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Amanda Stang, Clerk