

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021.

Mayor Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Cathy Zimmerman and Chris Powley. Via Zoom, located in West Branch due to Covid 19: Council Members Joanne Bennett, Mike Jackson, Ellen Pugh and Tiffany Schmieder-Kups.

Absent: None

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Heather Neuhaus presented Special Event permits for an Independence Day Parade and an Ogemaw County Job Fair & Expo Event.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT CONTINGENT ON STATE COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE OGEMAW COUNTY JOB FAIR AND EXPO SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT CONTINGENT ON STATE COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE COVID DECLINATION PLAN AND TOOK NO ACTION ON THE ITEM.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY FRECHETTE, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,643.99.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE DOWNTOWN RODEO SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT CONTINGENT ON STATE COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE THE SILVER SPONSORSHIP FOR THE DOWNTOWN RODEO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE BIGFOOT CONFERENCE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT CONTINGENT ON STATE COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-07 HOUGHTON AVE CONFIGURATION.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups

No – ZIMMERMAN Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY SCHMIEDER-KUPS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2021.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Powley, Pugh, Schmieder-Kups, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

Council Member Jackson gave a kudos to the DPW crew for their timely removal of all the snowfall.

Manager Dantzer noted that there may be a delay in snow removal as one of the plow trucks is out of commission until it is repaired.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Amanda Stang, Clerk