

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Joanne Bennett, Mike Jackson, Ellen Pugh, Tiffany Schmieder-Kups and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Chris Powley

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Amanda Stang, Chief of Police Ken Walters, Public Works Superintendent Mike Killackey, Attorney Greg Meihn, and County Commissioner Mark Surbrook.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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County Commissioner Mark Surbrook gave a County update.

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Carla Marsh with Aktion Club updated Council on the carnival special event permit that she applied for.

**MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE AKTION CLUB CARNIVAL SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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At 6:06, Mayor Frechette opened the public hearing on the 2021-2022 City budget.

No one wished to speak on the subject.

**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021-2022 BUDGET.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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At 6:24, Mayor Frechette opened the public hearing on the USDA Police Vehicle Grant.

No one wished to speak on the subject.

**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SCHMIEDER-KUPS, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE USDA POLICE VEHICLE GRANT.**

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

No – None                                      Absent –Powley                                      Motion carried

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE BLIGHT MOWING BID FROM NORTHERN MOW AND TRIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85.**

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

No – None                                      Absent – Powley                                      Motion carried

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS JACKSON AND POWLEY FROM THE APRIL 19, 2021 MEETING AND MEMBER POWLEY FROM THE MAY 3, 2021 MEETING AS WELL.**

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

No – None                                      Absent –Powley                                      Motion carried

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,780.63.**

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

No – None                                      Absent – Powley                                      Motion carried

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Council Member Schmieder-Kups gave her resignation from the City Council with regret.

**MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE COUNCIL MEMBER SCHMIEDER-KUPS RESIGNATION.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 103 & OGEMAW COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE STING NARCOTICS INVOICE AND REPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2, 994.60.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY WITH CORRECTIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 19, 2021.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; THE MINUTES FROM THE JOINT DDA MEETING HELD ON APRIL 22, 2021; AND THE MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2021.**

**Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman**

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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A communication regarding shrubs covering a Veteran marker at Brookside Cemetery was shared.

DPW Superintendent Killackey noted that the shrub would be trimmed back.

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE A DEADLINE OF MAY 19, 2021 FOR COUNCIL MEMBER APPLICATIONS AND A SPECIAL MEETING FOR INTERVIEWS ON MAY 24, 2021.**

**Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman**

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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Mayor Frechette presented Council Member Schmieder-Kups her Proclamation plaque.

**PROCLAMATION #21-01**

**WHEREAS, Council Member Tiffany Schmieder-Kups was very dedicated to the citizens and businesses of the City of West Branch, and**

**WHEREAS, Tiffany served diligently on Council since her election in November 2020, and**

**WHEREAS, Tiffany also served as a Planning Commission member since April 6, 2020, and**

**WHEREAS, the City could always depend on Council Member Schmieder-Kups to give of her time for the citizens of the City of West Branch, and**

**WHEREAS, Council Member Schmieder-Kups thought of the City needs before she thought of her own needs, and**

**WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council would like to recognize Council Member Schmieder-Kups for her untiring and dedicated service to the City of West Branch,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby recognizes Council Member Tiffany Schmieder-Kups for her untiring and dedicated service to the City of West Branch on this third day of May 2021, and**

**FURTHER IT BE RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby wishes Tiffany well in her future endeavors.**

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Council Member Pugh noted that the stop sign on the Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Lindsey is covered by a tree that needs to be trimmed back.

Member Bennett thanked Member Schmieder-Kups for all her work on the different City Boards and wished her luck with her future endeavors.

City Manager Dantzer noted that he was contacted by Sally Rea with the Historical Society, stating that she requested permission to reserve parking spaces in front of the museum for a few tour busses coming into town. It was Council consensus to allow it.

DPW Superintendent updated Council on the switching over to the West Branch Township water tower so that the City tower can be inspected. He noted that there are cases of rusty water but that it will clear up soon and we will be switching back to our system by next week.

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

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Paul Frechette, Mayor

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Amanda Stang, City Clerk