

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, MARCH 1, 2021.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Cathy Zimmerman, Chris Powley, Mike Jackson and Ellen Pugh. Via Zoom, located in West Branch due to Covid 19: Council Members Joanne Bennett 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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Phil Shaw spoke to Council about the upcoming Bigfoot Convention and stated that he would appreciate any participation from the City or downtown businesses. Manager Dantzer stated that he would speak with the Retail Merchants and see if they would be interested in participating.

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County Commissioner Mark Surbrook gave County updates in regard to Covid Vaccines.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE A USDA GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE VEHICLE AND TO APPROVE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR REQUEST AND QUOTE FOR THE DPW GARAGE THROUGH MILLER CONSTRUCTION.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DEBORAH BEAMISH TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette reported the Airport & EMS Board meetings are all going well.

Member Bennett noted that the DDA meetings are going well.

Member Zimmerman asked Manager Dantzer and Council to request that MDOT designate a truck route for commerce passing through town when they meet for the next MDOT road diet meeting.

Manager Dantzer discussed the option of holding a work session to go over the city budget as well as marijuana licensing. It was the consensus to hold a work session meeting following the next Council Meeting on March 15, 2021 at 7:00PM.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Amanda Stang, Clerk