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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-08, SIDEWALK CAFES.

RESOLUTION #21-08

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch does allow for sidewalk cafes as per section 7.20 of the zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, any sidewalk café request from a business located off of Houghton Ave. must file a permit with MDOT, and

WHEREAS, a requirement to approval by MDOT requires a resolution of support from the local City Council, and

WHEREAS, upon approval by MDOT, it is the responsibility of the City to monitor the requirements of the permit, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council does hereby approve the sidewalk café permit for any City business for the 2021 calendar season.

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 RESOLUTION 21-09, ACT 51 TRANSFER.

RESOLUTION #21-09

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council does hereby authorize the transfer of up to 25% of the Act 51 money from Major Street to Local Street.

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 21-10, HOUGHTON AVE CORRECTION.

Resolution 21-10
City of West Branch
Acceptance of Three lane Configuration 1-75 Bl (Houghton Ave.)
Fairview St. to M-30

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is planning some roadway construction on this section of roadway within the City of West Branch in 2023 and,

Whereas, the MDOT TSC is in agreement that this roadway will operate in a safer and more efficient manner for both vehicles and all other modes of transportation as a three-lane roadway as opposed to its current four-lane configuration, and

Whereas, MDOT feels that this is an ideal time in which to make this change with the upcoming construction activities, and

Whereas, the City of West Branch agrees with the analysis of the MDOT and wishes to see the changes made to safely move this section of roadway from a four-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway, and

Whereas, the MDOT and City of West Branch agree to revisit and review data after one year from the time the change is made to evaluate the operations of this roadway and its impact on safety, commerce and operation for the community. A return to the old four lane configuration will be acceptable to both MDOT and the City of West Branch if analysis performed by MDOT indicates that traffic operations and safety have been compromised as defined by MDOT as a result of the change except in the downtown area between second and fourth if the sidewalk is widened from its current size.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of West Branch supports the intentions of the MDOT to change the traffic lane configuration of the 1-75 BL from Fairview St. to M-30 in the City of West Branch from a four-lane roadway to a three-lane roadway when the construction takes place on this roadway section, and

Further it be resolved, that the West Branch City Council hereby repeals Resolution 21-07

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

No – Zimmerman

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL COST FOR MUNICODE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,299.40.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 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; THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 12, FEBRUARY 1, AND FEBRUARY 9, 2021; AND THE FEBRUARY POLICE REPORT.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOZANN BURGIN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette updated Council on board meetings coming up.

Member Jackson noted that there is a lot of progress being made with the new Meijer building site and he is happy to see new things coming to that side of town.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Amanda Stang, Clerk