

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018.

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

Present: Mayor Denise Lawrence and Council Members Joanne Bennett, Michael Jackson, Tim Schaiberger, Aaron Tuttle, and Dan Weiler.

Absent: Council Member Rusty Showalter.

Other officers present: City Manager Heather Grace, Treasurer/Clerk John Dantzer, and Planning Chairman Bob David, Police Chief Ken Walters.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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As an addition to the agenda, Manager Grace presented a signed indemnification agreement from the John Tolfree Health System Corporation.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-09

RESOLUTION #18-09

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH

APPROVING THE DISSOLUTION OF JOHN TOLFREE HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATON

April 2, 2018

AT A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH, MICHIGAN, HELD ON Monday, April 2, 2018, the City Council of the City of West Branch, Michigan, does hereby adopt the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, John Tolfree Health System Corporation (the "Corporation") is a Michigan municipal health facilities corporation, formed under the Municipal Health Facilities Corporations Act (Act 230 of 1987); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation wishes to dissolve;

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Corporation ("Board of Trustees") recommends a dissolution of the Corporation according to the Plan of Dissolution attached as Exhibit A.

RESOLVED, that the City Council of West Branch, Michigan, approves the dissolution of the Corporation according to the Plan of Dissolution, in specific reliance on the Representations of the John Tolfree Health Systems Corporation that all assets and liabilities have been previously transferred to the John Tolfree Hospital, pursuant to the Transfer Agreement Dated February 24, 2015.

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation are authorized and directed to wind up the Corporation's affairs, including collecting its assets, paying for its liabilities and distributing all remaining assets, if any, subject to all remaining liabilities, to the John Tolfree Hospital.

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Corporation shall take all actions necessary to dissolve the corporation and distribute its assets pursuant to the Plan of Dissolution.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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Molly Lowell of Tinkergarten addressed Council by speakerphone requesting to use Irons Park for a summer children's program.

MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO ALLOW TINKERGARTEN TO USE IRONS PARK AS REQUESTED.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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Manager Grace noted that the 6 month deadline to review the possibility of a joint Planning Commission and DDA merger would be up on April 3.

Member Schaiberger noted that Member Showalter was the one who made the original motion to allow the 6 month time frame so he would prefer to talk about it when Member Showalter was in attendance.

Member Lawrence recommended sending a notice to all the Planning and DDA members inviting them to the meeting and noting that this will be on the agenda for discussion.

MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO POSTPONE DECISION ON A JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AND DDA UNTIL MEMBER SHOWALTER IS IN ATTENDANCE.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,278.73.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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A special event permit was submitted by Life Choices Resource Center for a Choose Life Walk on May 19, 2018.

Chief Walters noted he did not see any issues with the permit as submitted.

MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY TUTTLE, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AS PRESENTED.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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Manager Grace noted that part of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program was to have an annual joint meeting with the City Council, DDA, and Planning Commission.

MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO HOLD AN ANNUAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL, DDA, AND PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUALLY ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF FEBRUARY STARTING IN 2019 AND TO HOLD THE 2018 JOINT MEETING ON THE FIRST MEETING IN JUNE.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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A request was submitted on behalf of the Municipal Partners organization requesting to put a link to their Michigan Restoration & Pest Guides on the City’s website.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THE WEBSITE REQUEST.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2018; THE MINUTES FROM THE WORK SESSION HELD MARCH 17, 2018; AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2018.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS; THE MINUTES FROM THE EMS MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2018; THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2018; AND THE DDA MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2018.

Yes — Bennett, Jackson, Lawrence, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler

No – None

Absent –Showalter

Motion carried

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A communication from the Ogemaw Hills Church for their annual church picnic was shared.

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Council Member Jackson gave an update on recent Planning Commission meetings.

Council Member Bennett noted concerns with garbage pickup around town.

Council Member Schaiberger reminded everyone of the West Branch/Rose City Music Boosters Concert coming up.

Council Member Weiler gave an update on recent Recreation Board meetings.

Mayor Lawrence gave an update on the Miss Victorian program.

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Chief Walters gave an update on the USDA grant for the new patrol car.

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Manager Grace updated Council on the latest water sample results from the City’s wells.

Manager Grace also gave a brief update on her 2018-2019 budget submission.

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Bob David, Planning Chairman, invited Council to the next Planning meeting on April 24th noting there will be public hearings on some new developments and requested their presence for assistance on the issue.

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Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Denise Lawrence, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk