

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, APRIL 5, 2021.

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

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Joanne Bennett, Mike Jackson, Chris Powley (arrived at 6:21), Ellen Pugh, Tiffany Schmieder-Kups and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, 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 including an update on the Kirtland Community College millage.

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Darlene Jones addressed Council with concerns over parking in the yellow curbs downtown around intersections noting it was a safety hazard.

Council noted they would look into striping those areas and increased police presence.

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Council added a special event permit for River House Inc in support of sexual assault awareness month to new business, added the discussion of the Cares Act extension to new business, and added a closed session to discuss a matter subject to attorney client privilege.

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,222.83.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Powley**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES.**

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 WEST BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL ORIOLES FOREVER BANNER REQUEST.**

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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**MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY SCHMIEDER-KUPS, TO APPROVE THE 2021 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.**

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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**MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR RIVER HOUSE INC IN HONOR OF SEXUAL AWARENESS MONTH WITH THE STIPULATION THAT ALL RIBBONS ARE REMOVED AT THE END OF THE MONTH.**

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

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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Council received an update from Attorney Meihn on the option of a voluntary extension to the Cares Act. Council discussed the extension options.

**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO DECLINE THE EXTENSION OF THE CARES ACT AND TO AUTHORIZE A COVID PAY POLICY CONTINGENT UPON REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY MEIHN**

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEY MEIHN TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – None**

**Motion carried**

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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Paul Frechette, Mayor

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John Dantzer, City Manager and  
Acting Clerk