

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020.

Mayor Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Joanne Bennett, Mike Jackson, Chris Powley, Ellen Pugh, Rusty Showalter, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None.

Other officers present: City Manager Frank Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, Police Corporal Joe Adams, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Frechette.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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At 6:03, Mayor Frechette opened the public hearing on the 2020-2021 City budget.

No one wished to speak on the subject.

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 20-21 BUDGET

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Manager Goodroe and City Council discussed the proposed 20-21 budget.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO CONTINUE THE ICMA PROGRAM AND TO INCLUDE WAGES WITH NO INCREASE OTHER THAN THOSE REQUIRED CONTRACTUALLY.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

MOTION BY POWLEY, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO ELIMINATE THE DOCTOR REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR ALL CITY EMPLOYEES UNLESS REQUIRED CONTRACTUALLY.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO INSTITUTE A CITY HIRING FREEZE FOR ANY NEW POSITIONS INDEFINITELY UNTIL A FURTHER DETERMINATION IS MADE.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020, THE ELIMINATION OF THE POLICE OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION WITH THE INCLUSION OF A SEVERANCE PACKAGE INCLUDING 60 DAYS PAID WAGES AND 60 DAYS OF CONTINUED MEDICAL BENEFITS.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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Manager Goodroe gave an update on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority noting all members were sworn in, noted the Memorial Day parade was cancelled, and gave an update on some damage to one of the adjoining walls of the pocket park,

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2020.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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Member Zimmerman noted she attended a tour of the wastewater treatment plant and noted how great the facility is.

Manager Goodroe noted the upcoming OAK meeting scheduled for May 28 was cancelled and are looking at rescheduling it, noted the City is looking at applying for Category B road funding, noted the sale of lot 22 in the Industrial Park West was completed, gave an update on the M-30 housing project, gave an update on the preparation of City Hall for future opening to the public, noted the concerts in the park program is still being planned from July through August, gave a tax tribunal update, and noted the budget will be affected by the much lower estimates of State revenue sharing.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk