

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016.

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

Present: Mayor William Ehinger, Council Members Jim Hasty, Denise Lawrence, Dave Lucas, Tim Schaiberger, and Rusty Showalter.

Absent: Kim Ervans

Other officers present: City Manager Heather Grace, Treasurer/Clerk John Dantzer, Deputy Treasurer/Clerk Michelle Frechette, Police Chief Ken Walters, Department of Public Works Superintendent Dennis Jameson, and County Commissioner Bruce Reetz.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Debra Heisler and Miss Victorian 2015, Mackenzi Jankowics, presented Council with an updated Victorian Court picture and invited Council to the next performance.

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County Commissioner Bruce Reetz updated Council on the last County meeting which included approving bills in the amount of \$232,000, appointed a replacement for Scott Colclasure on the Ausable Valley Mental Health Board, purchased 8 acres of land, provided updates on the Health Department, and presented Doug Getty with a years of service award.

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Carl Buck notified Council that they would like to apply for a liquor license for Buck's Country Cookin' and asked Council if they had any issues or concerns.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO GO ON RECORD THAT THEY HAVE NO CONCERNS WITH BUCK'S COUNTRY COOKIN' APPLYING FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE.

Yes –Ehinger, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Ervans

Motion carried

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Mark Vick asked Council if he could use the Irons Park basketball courts to run a few free basketball clinics.

MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO ALLOW MARK VICK TO USE THE IRONS PARK BASKETBALL COURTS TO RUNS SOME FREE BASKETBALL CLINICS AND TO COORDINATE THE DATES AND TIMES WITH CITY MANAGER GRACE.

Yes –Ehinger, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Ervans

Motion carried

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Joseph Izworski IV of Taylor Entrance Doors updated Council on events that caused the recent discolored water issues as well the plans they have to replace the aging fire suppression sprinklers.

DPW Superintendent Jameson spoke on some possible solutions to help with the issues.

Manager Grace noted that they may need to look into changing the meter policy for fire suppression systems.

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO PAY THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,267.59

Yes –Ehinger, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Ervans

Motion carried

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Manager Grace noted at the last meeting, Council approved the use of 3’ high mesh banners over Houghton Ave. and upon more investigation by Superintendent Jameson he believes 3’ could potentially hang too low and cause it to get caught by a tall vehicle.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO CHANGE THE ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OF MESH BANNERS OVER HOUGHTON AVE. TO A MAXIMUM OF 2’ HIGH.

Yes –Ehinger, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Ervans

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 25, 2016.

Yes – Ehinger, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent - Ervans

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE AIRPORT BOARD MEETINGS HELD April 20, 2016, MAY 16, 2016, AND JUNE 15, 2016; THE DDA BOARD MEETINGS HELD NOVEMBER 24, 2015, FEBRUARY 23, 2016, APRIL 26, 2016, AND JUNE 10, 2016; AS WELL AS THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR JULY.

Yes – Ehinger, Hasty, Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter

No – None

Absent - Ervans

Motion carried

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A communication was shared from Charter Cable on a lineup change.

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Member Hasty noted concerns with the height of the manhole covers in the new pavement on Houghton Ave.

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Mayor Ehinger adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

William Ehinger, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk