

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018.

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

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

Absent: Council Member Mike Jackson

Other officers present: Treasurer/Clerk John Dantzer, DDA Chairperson Samantha Fabbri, Wastewater Superintendent Dan Robb, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, County Commissioner Bruce Reetz, City Attorney Gabrielle Dantzer, and Police Chief Ken Walters.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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As an addition to the agenda, Chief Walters and Mayor Lawrence presented Officer Michael Godfrey with an investigators award for his role in the homicide investigation of a City resident which lead to a conviction in the case.

As another addition to the agenda, County Commissioner Bruce Reetz gave a County update in which he noted they are working on the budget, obtained a grant for a transit bus, paid bills in the amount of \$134,894, noted the start of the new EMS building, noted they will have some new commissioners soon due to the election, and noted the 4H millage passed as well at the recent election.

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Randy Falconello addressed Council with concerns over N. Valley St. being a truck route and that the amount of heavy traffic is causing damage to his home and asked to have Council look at having that road taken off as a truck route.

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City Attorney Gabrielle Dantzer submitted her recommendations for changes to the proposed DDA bylaws.

Member Showalter asked about the inclusion of reporting requirements in the bylaws in case the State were to change them.

DDA Chairperson Samantha Fabbri noted that their intention was to keep the bylaws condensed so they were simple to follow.

MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO FORWARD THE PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES TO DDA FOR THEIR REVIEW.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,037.84

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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Chief/Interim Manager Ken Walters and Public Works Superintendent Mike Killackey updated Council on options for the funding of water infrastructure under Fairview Rd. and the concern that there is not enough time to apply for a Rural Development loan/grant.

Council Members Showalter and Schaiberger noted they would like to see about getting pricing to replace at the minimum the water infrastructure that is physically located under Fairview St.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO POSTPONE DECISION ON THE FAIRVIEW RD WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY WEILER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2018.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2018; AND THE JULY POLICE REPORT

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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A reminder about the joint work session with the DDA for August 22 at 6:00 pm was shared.

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Council Member Tuttle congratulated Officer Godfrey for his investigation award

Council Member Bennett asked questions about the City website and the location of some DDA information on it.

Mayor Lawrence reminded everyone of the joint Council and DDA work session on August 22 at 6:00 pm.

Clerk/Treasurer Dantzer noted the City did receive a copy of the Fire Departments audit if anyone would like to review it.

Clerk Treasurer Dantzer noted that he received an email from Manager Grace asking Council if they were alright with having Chief Walters attend the MERS meeting on the City's behalf instead of her due to the recent birth of her daughter but noted that she would attend if Council would prefer her to attend.

It was the consensus of Council to have Chief Walters attend on the City's behalf.

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Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Denise Lawrence, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk