

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020.

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

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

Absent: Mike Jackson

Other officers present: City Manager Frank Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, Public Works Superintendent Mike Killackey, and Police Chief Ken Walters.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of former Council Member Dan Weiler.

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Sean Petri spoke to Council and answered questions on behalf of COOR about the millage request that is on the ballot of the upcoming March election.

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Grange Bell submitted plans for the 2020 downtown rodeo and asked for a road closure to be approved.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE DOWNTOWN RODEO ON JULY 17 FROM 3:00 PM TO 11:00 PM.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT TO THE WEST BRANCH AREA RETAIL MERCHANT ASSOCIATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN RODEO IN THE SILVER SPONSORSHIP AMOUNT FOR THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE TO THE CITY.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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Caren Piglowski presented herself to Council and announced her running for County Treasurer.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO EXCUSE MIKE JACKSON FROM THE MEETING.

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

No – None Absent – Jackson Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,157.59.

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

No – None Absent – Jackson Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF INTENT FOR THE CREATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 2.

**RESOLUTION OF INTENT
CREATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BRA)
FOR THE CITY WEST BRANCH, OGEMAW COUNTY.**

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of West Branch, Ogemaw County has received and reviewed testimony that there are or may be certain environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete and/or blighted areas in the City of West Branch and that the continued existence of such areas can limit, hinder or delay redevelopment or revitalization of properties within the City, and, accordingly, that it is in the best interest of the public to facilitate identification and treatment of environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete and/or blighted areas and promote revitalization within the municipal limits of West Branch; and

WHEREAS, in order to further such interests, it is appropriate for the City Council of the City of West Branch to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority within the City of West Branch pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, this City Council is required (a) to hold a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed resolution creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority under the Act (the "Authority") and (b) to publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of West Branch all in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Council hereby determines that is in the best interest of the public to promote the redevelopment of environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete and/or blighted areas of the City of West Branch
2. The City Council hereby declares its intention to create and provide for the operation of the Authority within the City of West Branch pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act. 4
3. A public hearing shall be held before the City Council on March 2, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 121 N. 4th Street on the adoption of a resolution creating the Authority within the City of West Branch, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers.
4. The City Clerk (the "Clerk") shall give notice of the public hearing by causing notice to be published, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, in the Ogemaw Herald, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in the County of Ogemaw on the twentieth day of February, 2020 and the twenty seventh day of February, 2020 and by posting notice of the public hearing, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1, pursuant to the practice of the Clerk.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE OF JOHN DANTZER AND MIKE KILLACKEY AT THE 2020 MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES CONFERENCE.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF CHRIS PAULEY FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TO POST THE OPENING.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No –Showalter

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PAULEY, TO DESIGNATE ALL BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT CITY HALL WITH THE FIRST MEETING IN MARCH TO BE HELD AT 9:00 AM.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE PROCLMATION 20-02

PROCLAMATION #20-02

WHEREAS, Matt Linsenman is very dedicated to the residents of the City of West Branch and Ogemaw County, and

WHEREAS, Matt has served diligently on the Ogemaw County Fire Department as a firefighter since 2013.

WHEREAS, the City could always depend on Matt to give of his time for the betterment and safety of the Community, and

WHEREAS, Matt was recently named Ogemaw County Firefighter of the Year for 2019, and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council would like to recognize Matt for his years of service and honor him for his award, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby recognizes Matt Linsenman for his hard work and dedicated service to the safety of the residents of the City of West Branch and Ogemaw County.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETINGS HELD FEBRUARY 3 AND FEBRUARY 10, 2020, AS WELL AS THE MINUTES FROM THE CLOSED SESSION PORTION OF THE FEBRUARY 3 MEETING.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; THE MINUTES FROM THE ELECTION BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2020; THE JANUARY POLICE REPORT, AND THE JANUARY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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A Fiscally Ready Communities seminar sponsored by the MSU extension was shared.

A reminder on February 26th being named Johnny Cash day was shared.

A notice on the City being awarded the National Fluoridation Quality Award was shared.

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Manager Goodroe updated Council on the CDBG infrastructure grant, notified Council that City intern Ben Walby was recently named valedictorian of Ogemaw Heights, and noted upcoming meetings including the goal setting work session scheduled for February 29th.

Public works superintendent Mike Killackey noted the City received their payment on the USDA grant for his service vehicle.

Chief Ken Walters noted he was recently awarded a Homeland Security grant for five in-car radios and that he was awarded an AED from the McLaren Foundation.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268 (H) (E) TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF PENDING LITIGATION THAT ARE SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY PUGH, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MML CONSULTANT.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, ~~Pauley~~ Powley, Pugh, Showalter, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk