

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, FEBERUARY 25, 2019

Mayor Paul Frechette called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette and Council Members Joanne Bennett, William Ehinger, Mike Jackson, Ellen Pugh, Dan Weiler, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: None

Other officers present: Interim City Manager/Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, Police Chief Ken Walters, and City Attorney Gabriel Dantzer.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Yes — Bennett, Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

COUNCIL WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:01 PM

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

Yes — Bennett, Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

COUNCIL RETURNED TO OPEN SESION AT 12:23 PM

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO ALLOW THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT FOR NUISANCE AND BLIGHT AGAINST MICHAEL HENTON

Yes — Bennett, Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY PUGH, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JANUARY POLICE REPORT.

Yes — Bennett, Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Chief Walters and Attorney Dantzer updated Council on the process of unpaid tickets and how the civil infraction ticket process works.

Member Bennett updated Council on a recent MML training she attended and that she would like to look into an annual goal setting and strategic plan.

Council went over the manager application process.

Manager Dantzer updated Council on a FOIA request.

Manager Dantzer and DPW Superintendent Killackey updated Council on the downtown clock repairs

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 1:03 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk