

RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017.

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

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

Absent: None

Other officers present: Treasurer/Clerk John Dantzer

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Council reviewed information on the Waiver of First Right of Refusal for foreclosed property. Council discussed uses for the property including snow storage, parking, a pocket park, dog bark, skate park, or splash pad.

**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO POSTPONE THE DECISION ON THE WAIVER OF FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL FOR FORECLOSED PROPERTY.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO RESCHEDULE THE SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING TILL TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 6:00 PM DUE TO LABOR DAY FALLING ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

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Council discussed holding special meetings at different locations throughout the City. It was the consensus to look into holding meetings at the Fire Department, Police Department, Airport, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Irons Park. It was discussed that they could possibly schedule the second meeting of the month for a different location.

Mayor Lawrence noted that she would discuss holding a meeting at the Fire Department and having a dedication of the new Fireman’s Memorial stone at the same time at the next Fire Board meeting.

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A request to play music in the park was submitted by Michelle Amor for the following dates: July 9, July 22, August 12, August 13, August 27, September 2, and September 10 from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. Council recommended having Ms. Amor reach out to the West Branch Creative Arts about playing on August 12 and August 13 due to that being the weekend of the Victorian Art Fair.

**MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PLAY MUSIC IN THE PARK AS PER REQUESTED ON JULY 9, JULY 22, AUGUST 27, SEPTEMBER 2, AND SEPTEMBER 10.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

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Council discussed setting a time for a work session to discuss changes to the noise ordinance. It was the consensus to see if the Planning Commission is able to come up with a recommendation at their next meeting and then schedule a joint work session.

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**MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 27, 2017.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

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Mayor Lawrence noted she had some concerns the proper procedure were not followed at the previous meeting in which Carol Addair was appointed to the open position on the Planning Commission. Mayor Lawrence noted that she would like to bring back to the table the vote to fill the position on the Planning Commission. It was noted that Council would need at least 5 votes to bring it back to the table.

Member Bennett noted her concern that Carol Addair may have already been told she was appointed.

Member Weiler, as the Council Representative on the Planning Commission, noted that the Planning Commission did vote to approve Carol Addair but maybe they didn't handle their recommendation correctly.

**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO BRING BACK TO THE TABLE THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL ADDAIR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

Member Showalter noted he would recommend reaching out to Carol Addair to confirm the receipt of the letter of interest and see if she was still interested in the position.

**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO RESCIND THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL ADDAIR TO THE PLANING COMMISSION.**

**Yes — Lawrence, Lucas, Schaiberger, Tuttle, Weiler**

**No – Bennett, Showalter**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

**MAYOR LAWRENCE RECOMMENDED TO APPOINT JAYSON STROEBEL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent –None**

**Motion carried**

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Member Showalter noted that he was disappointed there will still weeds in the tree grates downtown during the Fourth of July parade and that the blight team should be more aggressive on properties on the M-55 corridor.

Member Showalter noted that his family was in attendance at the meeting and was honored to have them there.

Member Schaiberger noted that he enjoyed the Fourth of July parade.

Member Weiler noted that he would like to see the blight team move quicker on issues as well.

Member Tuttle noted that he was not able to attend the parade due to an ill child but heard good things about it.

Mayor Lawrence invited everyone to the City Luau that was being sponsored by the City Recreation Committee.

Member Lucas noted the next MML Conference in September.

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Mayor Lawrence adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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Denise Lawrence, Mayor

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John Dantzer, Clerk