

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, JULY 6, 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: Council Member Mike Jackson

Other officers present: Clerk/Treasurer/Acting Manager John Dantzer, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, County Commissioner Bruce Reetz, City Attorney Greg Meihn, and Police Chief Ken Walters.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO EXCUSE MEMBER MIKE JACKSON FROM THE MEETING.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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As an addition to the agenda, Commissioner Reetz gave a County updated and noted the new County Administrator had begun and was working with department heads on the budget, that they had to close the court house for cleaning due to two positive Covid tests of employees, noted the EMS millage renewal will be on the November ballot, and noted they received the new K9 police vehicle.

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,845.57.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 2020.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INVESTMENT SUMMARY AND TREASURER’S REPORT; MINUTES FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AUTHORITY MEETINGS HELD DECEMBER 17, 2019 AND JUNE 17, 2020; AND THE MINUTES FROM THE DDA MEEETING HELD APRIL 28, 2020.

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

No – None

Absent – Jackson

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette commended everyone for all of the work on the 4th of July parade and fireworks.

Member Bennett commended Acting Manager Dantzer for his reports.

Acting Manager Dantzer updated Council on the upcoming housing project meeting. It was the consensus that Members Zimmerman, Pugh, and Powley would serve on the housing subcommittee with Member Showalter serving as the alternate.

Attorney Meihn noted had been working on and would be submitting updated plans for the noise ordinance and hazardous properties ordinance for their review and approval soon.

Mayor Frechette went over upcoming meetings and events.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk