

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN PERSON AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022.

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

Present: City Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Carol Adair, Mike Jackson, Ellen Pugh, and Rusty Showalter

Absent: Joanne Bennett and Cathy Zimmerman

Other officers present: City Manager John Dantzer, City Clerk Lori Ann Clover, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, and Chief Kenneth Walters

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Council reviewed bids for annual general asphalt repairs.

Manager Dantzer gave recommendation to the council based on previous experience with both companies.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY PUGH, TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2” REPAIRS TO HODGINS ASPHALT AND THE 3” REPAIRS TO MID MICHIGAN APHALT.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman

Motion carried

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Council reviewed bids for annual city mowing and trimming.

Manager Dantzer gave recommendation to the council based on previous experience with the company.

MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AWARD THE BID TO NORTHERN MOW AND TRIM.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128.616.50.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR ROCK THE BLOCK.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY ADAIR, TO APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTIGATION CHANGING THE RESORT CLASS C LICENSE FROM GALEA HOLDINGS OF WEST BRANCH, LLC TO G’S PIZZERIA & DELI. LLC

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY FROM THE MEETING HELD MAY 16, 2022.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NCMCF MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2022; AIRPORT BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2022; MUSIC IN THE PARK MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2022; DDA SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 9, 2022 AND REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 26, 2022.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DDA MEMBERS CLARK AND RESTEINER TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL FOUR-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 1/1/26.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman

Motion carried

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Mayor Frechette announced that the parade went well on Saturday. The town is looking nice thanks to Superintendent Killackey and his team of workers.

Member Showalter reported that Iron’s Park looks marvelous after the work of the Faith Alive crew. The Color Run on Friday went well. The new flags are up.

Member Adair reported that she weeded the tree holders in town. There are a couple that are needing repair. The flowers look beautiful. She went out to the compost by the cemetery and noticed a few trees that either need trimmed or taken down. Mike is compiling a list as there are others and will add them to the list.

Member Pugh noted that the new Pharmacy will be setting up temporarily in the old Glens building and moving to Little Reds as a permanent placement.

Manager Dantzer distributed a rough draft of the proposed changes in the ORV Ordinance. If Council has any changes please let him know and he will present a final at the next meeting. Faith Alive did an impressive amount of work at Iron’s Park. It would be nice if we could send them a thank you or acknowledge them for their efforts.

Superintendent Killackey announced that the water tap on North Valley went smoothly.

Chief Walters reported that it was a very busy week end with the Car Parade and the Color Run with approximately 600 participants. Wednesday Houghton Avenue will be closed between Second and Fourth for the Kids Wellness Fair.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBERS ~~ADAIR~~ BENNETT AND ZIMMERMAN FROM THE MEETING.

Yes — Adair, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Showalter

No – None

Absent – Bennett and Zimmerman

Motion carried

Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

Lori Ann Clover, Clerk