

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019

Mayor Paul Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Manager/Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, Police Chief Ken Walters, DDA Chairperson Samantha Fabbri, and Planning Vice Chairperson Bob David.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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As an addition to the agenda, Interim Manager Dantzer submitted brochures on behalf of Heather Neuhaus of the Chamber of Commerce for their upcoming events.

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A bid and sole source vendor request was submitted for a plow side wing for the DPW plow truck.

Council Member Bennett asked about the purchase fitting into this year's budget.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR REQUEST FOR TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALISTS AND TO AWARD THE BID TO THEM FOR THE PLOW SIDE WING NOT TO EXCEED \$14,905.00.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,511.88.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268 (d) TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY UP TO THE TIME AN OPTION TO

PURCHASE OR LEASE THAT PROPERTY IS OBTAINED AND MCL 15.268 (h) TO DISCUSS MATTERS THAT ARE SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGES

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

Council went into closed session at 6:08 pm

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

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

Council returned to open session at 6:17 PM

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AUTHORIZE CITY ATTORNEY DANTZER TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND TO AUTHORIZE INTERIM CITY MANAGER DANTZER TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THAT PURCHASE ON THE CITY'S BEHALF.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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Council discussed dates to schedule work sessions to discuss the City Manager resumes.

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO SCHEDULE A WORK SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 5:00 PM AND TO SCHEDULE AN ADDITIONAL WORK SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 5:00 PM IF NEEDED.

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

No – None Absent – None Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-04

RESOLUTION #19-04

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council does hereby authorize the transfer of up to 25% of the Act 51 money from Major Street to Local Street.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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PRT Fellow Mary Bickell presented the branding report that was done through Project Rising Tide and showed Council the different community logos that were developed.

Council discussed their thoughts on the report.

Robert Thomas noted his thoughts on the report.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE THE BRANDING AS PRESENTED AND TO ADOPT THE CITY LOGO WITH THE TREE VARIATION.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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A resolution was submitted by Interim Manager Dantzer to approve notice of a bond issuance for water infrastructure replacement on Fairview Rd that will coincide with the road reconstruction.

MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY WEILER, TO APPROVE THE BOND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of replacing a water main in the City, including associated fire hydrants, valves and service lines, together with all related appurtenances and attachments thereto (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of

intent to issue bonds in the *Ogemaw County Herald*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS
OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING
POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of West Branch, Ogemaw County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$220,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of replacing a water main in the City, including associated fire hydrants, valves and service lines, together with all related appurtenances and attachments thereto.

Said bonds shall mature in annual installments not to exceed fifteen (15) in number, with interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2019 AND FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2019.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY AND THE MARCH POLICE REPORT.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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A communication from Charter cable was shared.

A communication on the 68th annual Ogemaw Conservation District was shared.

The MDOT’s State Long Range Transportation Plan was shared.

A Surline Color Run flyer was shared.

An MSU extension Fiscally Ready Communities training was shared.

A Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy was shared.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPROVE KENNEITH KISH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REPRESENT THE HEALTH SEGMENT WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 11/30/2020.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Member Bennett commended Public Works on the asphalt patching.

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Interim Manager Dantzer notified Council of an accident downtown that knocked down a light pole

Chief Walters updated Council on the Color Run meeting he attended and let council know the City did receive the reimbursement funds from USDA for the police vehicle.

Superintendent Killackey updated Council on a road grant opportunity.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk