

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019

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

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

Absent: Joanne Bennett and Ellen Pugh

Other officers present: Interim Manager/Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, Police Chief Ken Walters, DDA Vice Chairperson Joe Clark, Planning Vice Chairperson Bob David, County Commissioner Craig Scott, and City Attorney Gabriel Dantzer.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO EXCUSE FROM THE MEETING MEMBER BENNETT FOR A WORK RELATED ABSENCE AND MEMBER PUGH FOR A FAMILY MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Yes — Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Pugh

Motion carried

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Joe Clark spoke to Council on behalf of the Fireworks committee and Steve Simmons spoke on the issue of perchlorate around the City wells.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO SUPPORT THE LOCATION OF THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS.

Yes — Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Pugh

Motion carried

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Bids were submitted for the City garbage services. Bids were submitted by Republic Services and Sunrise Disposal. It was noted that Sunrise Disposal did not offer recycling in their bid.

MOTION BY WEILER, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO AWARD THE CITY GARBAGE SERVICES TO REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR THREE YEARS.

Yes — Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Pugh

Motion carried

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 19-03, APPROVAL OF THE CITY MASTERPLAN.

WHEREAS: The City of West Branch, Ogemaw County, Michigan established a Planning Commission under State of Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, and;

WHEREAS: The City of West Branch Planning Commission is required by Section 31 of P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended to make and approve a master plan as a guide for the development within the City and;

WHEREAS: The City of West Branch Planning Commission, in accordance with Section 39(2) of the Act, notified the adjacent communities, public utilities, road/transit agencies, and the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners of the intent to develop a plan and, in accordance with Section 41(2) of the Act, distributed the final draft to the same for review and comment, and;

WHEREAS: The plan was presented to the public at a hearing held on January 8, 2019, before the Planning Commission, with notice of the hearing being published in the Ogemaw County Herald on December 19, 2018, in accordance with Section 43(1) of the Act, and;

WHEREAS: The City of West Branch Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed plan, considered public comment, and adopted the proposed plan by resolution on February 26, 2019, and;

WHEREAS: The West Branch City Council has, by resolution, asserted the right to approve or reject the plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

The content of this document, together with all maps attached to and contained herein are hereby adopted by the West Branch City Council as the City of West Branch Master Plan on this fourth day of March, 2019.

Yes — Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Pugh

Motion carried

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The 2020 proposed airport budget was presented.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE 2020 AIRPORT BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Yes — Ehinger, Frechette, Jackson, Weiler, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Bennett, Pugh

Motion carried

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Member Ehinger noted issues on the City's cable channel.

Joe Clark thanked the Council for their support of the fireworks.

Craig Scott addressed Council on the garbage bid and asked Council to consider a five year agreement as opposed to a three year agreement and to look into the possibility of negotiating a fixed cost for dumpsters for City residents. Mr. Scott also noted that he serves on the Airport Board with some Council members and noted they do a great job and spoke on the new 911 Board.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk