

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020.

Mayor Frechette called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor Paul Frechette, Council Members Joanne Bennett, Chris Powley, Ellen Pugh, and Cathy Zimmerman.

Absent: Mike Jackson, and Rusty Showalter.

Other officers present: City Manager Frank Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey, Police Chief Ken Walters, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Frechette

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,633.99.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson, Showalter

Motion carried

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Fred Garcia of Typsy Bear Bistro presented Council with a request to have a sidewalk café in front of his business.

MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-10

RESOLUTION #20-10

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch does allow for sidewalk cafes as per section 7.20 of the zoning ordinance, and

WHEREAS, any sidewalk café request from a business located off of Houghton Ave. must file a permit with MDOT, and

WHEREAS, a requirement to approval by MDOT requires a resolution of support from the local City Council, and

WHEREAS, upon approval by MDOT, it is the responsibility of the City to monitor the requirements of the permit, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council does hereby approve the sidewalk café permit to Alfredo Garcia of Typsy Bear Bistro

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson, Showalter

Motion carried

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Yvonne Deroso of Morris Richardson, who is the City agent, presented Council with paperwork for the sale of lot 22 in the Industrial Park West.

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 20-11 AND 20-12

RESOLUTION #20-11

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch is in the process of selling Lot 22, Industrial Park West, and

WHEREAS, the purchaser is interested in signing a purchase agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby authorizes City Manager Frank Goodroe to sign the purchase agreement for Lot 22, Industrial Park West with West Branch Leases Limited Partnership, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that as long as all the conditions of the purchase agreement are met that Mayor Paul Frechette and City Manager Frank Goodroe are hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to the sale of Lot 22, Industrial Park West.

RESOLUTION #20-12

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch had a purchase agreement on Lot 21, Industrial Park West, and

WHEREAS, the agreement had a contingency clause with a \$1,000 down payment, and

WHEREAS, the purchaser has informed the City that he will not be enacting his purchase, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby authorizes City Manager Frank Goodroe to sign all documents pertaining to the recall of the purchase agreement, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council authorize the City Treasurer to refund the \$1,000 deposit to West Branch Leases Limited Partnership.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson, Showalter

Motion carried

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Council discussed the 2020 City wide garage sales. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the City garage sale as planned.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 20-21 BUDGET FOR MONDAY, MAY 11 AT 6:00 PM AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson, Showalter

Motion carried

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Manager Goodroe discussed police staffing changes including the addition of a sixth full time officer in order to have two officers on duty at night and the elimination of the police administrative position.

Manager Goodroe went over shortfalls to the water/sewer revenues.

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Mayor Frechette called for a 10-minute recess at 8:08 pm.

Mayor Frechette resumed the meeting at 8:18 pm.

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Manager Goodroe gave a presentation on the proposed 20-21 budget.

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY POWLEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2020.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson, Showalter

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND THE MINUTES FROM THE DDA MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2020.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Powley, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Jackson, Showalter

Motion carried

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A Charter line up communication was shared.

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Manager Goodroe went over changes to the front desk area in preparation for future City Hall opening.

Council discussed recent executive orders.

Dan Corcoran of the Ogemaw Herald asked questions on upcoming meeting and Manager Goodroe updated the City Council upcoming meetings.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 10:35 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk