

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.

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

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

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager Frank Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, Police Chief Ken Walters, and Public Works Superintendent Mike Killackey.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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As an addition to the agenda, a tree grant approval was submitted for acceptance.

MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREE GRANT AND AUTHORIZE KELLI COLLINS TO SIGN ON THE CITY’S BEHALF.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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As another addition to the agenda, Council reviewed a request from DPW Superintendent Mike Killackey notifying Council that due to a GM strike all lead times for the production of trucks would be put on hold which would prolong the receipt of the truck and could affect the status of the USDA grant. Mr. Killackey noted there was a 2019 in stock at a State certified dealer and that he would request to switch from the previously approved 2020 model to be purchased from Harts to a 2019 model from Todd Wenzel Buick GMC. Mr. Killackey noted that the price would be lower than the amount previously approved and he would have no issues with a 2019 instead of a 2020.

MOTION BY WEILER, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AUTHORIZE THE SWITCHING OF VEHICLES FOR THE USDA GRANT FROM A 2020 TO A 2019 FROM TODD WENZEL.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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Additional information was submitted to Council from Diebold Insurance in response to questions that were raised at the previous meeting on an employee assistance program.

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY WEILER, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; THE MINUTES FROM THE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES MEETING HELD MAY 22, 2019; MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 13, 2019; MINUTES FROM THE WELLHEAD PROTECTION MEETING HELD JUNE 13, 2019; AND THE AUGUST POLICE REPPORT.

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

No – None

Absent – None

Motion carried

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A PTO color run thank you was shared.

The Governor’s proclamation on Michigan Trails week was shared.

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Mayor Frechette updated Council on the Iron Bandogs Bike Night fundraising and noted they raised \$12,800 for local charities.

Mayor Frechette also noted the upcoming McLaren walkthrough.

Member Bennett spoke on how the growth of the area is being noticed around the community.

Member Pugh spoke on the 13 Ways to Kill a Community book.

Member Zimmerman updated Council on a City sweep program for the downtown.

Manager Goodroe gave a Manager’s update which included updates on a flu shots event that was held for City employees, an update on photos for the Council and employees, a bucket truck update, noted a Community Foundation census grant opportunity, updated Council on the Economic Development Summit he recently attended, gave a budget report update, and noted the City will be holding a Chamber Connections in December.

Chief Walters gave an update on the police vehicle USDA grant and noted that he is beginning on a grant to replace the radios in their vehicles.

Mayor Frechette thank Chief Walters and his entire staff for their handling of the recent bomb threats.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.