

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020.

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

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

Absent: Council Member Chris Powley.

Other officers present: City Manager Frank Goodroe, Clerk/Treasurer John Dantzer, Public Works Superintendent Mike Killackey, Police Chief Ken Walters, County Commissioner Bruce Reetz, Ogemaw Township Supervisor Denis Stephens, and Planning Commission Vice Chair Bob David.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO EXCUSE MEMBER CHRIS POWLEY FROM THE MEETING DUE TO HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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As an addition to the agenda, County Commissioner Bruce Reetz gave an update on the County in which he noted the County is in their preliminary audit review, they approved the purchase of computers, they were reviewing a request to increase the security wages, the transit budget was submitted, they were in negotiations with the EMS, and the County Administrator they were considering withdrew her name.

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Cindy Sharrow spoke to Council on behalf of the 2020 census noting that she was having troubles finding enough workers in Ogemaw County and that they had several openings that still needed to be filled. She also discussed the application process which requires people to apply online.

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ZIMMERMAN, TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$93,282.29 CONTINGENT UPON A REVIEW OF THE BILLS AND NO IRREGULARITIES FOUND

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES CONTRACT FROM NEMCOG AS SUBMITTED.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Powley Motion carried

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MOTION BY PUGH, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO APPROVE THE BANNER PERMITS FROM THE RIFLE RIVER QUILT GUILD AND THE WEST BRANCH CREATIVE ARTS ASSOCIATION AS SUBMITTED.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Powley Motion carried

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MOTION BY BENNETT, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 6, 2020.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Powley Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY BENNETT, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AND INVESTMENT SUMMARY; THE MINUTES FROM THE AIRPORT BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2019; THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS HELD NOVEMBER 12 AND DECEMBER 10, 2019; THE MINUTES FROM THE OGEMAW FIRE BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 15, 2019; AND THE DECEMBER AND END OF THE YEAR POLICE REPORT.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None Absent – Powley Motion carried

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A Charter cable lineup change was shared.

Flyers from MSU Extension on preventing destination decline and tourism development were shared.

A flyer on upcoming RRC trainings was shared.

A flyer on the MML Capital Conference was shared.

A flyer on the Secretary of State Real ID was shared.

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MOTION BY ZIMMERMAN, SECOND BY PUGH, TO APPOINT YVONNE DEROSO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Yes — Bennett, Frechette, Jackson, Pugh, Zimmerman

No – None

Absent – Powley

Motion carried

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Member Bennett commended the DPW for their storm cleanup and commended Chief Walters for his end of the year report.

Member Jackson commended the DPW for their storm cleanup.

Manager Goodroe reminded everyone of the upcoming roundtable meeting, noted a goal setting session is being scheduled for February 29 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm, reminded everyone of the upcoming Winter Ball and noted the City has been nominated for the leadership award, noted that the City is working with the McKenna group on the Safe Routes to School program, reminded everyone of the upcoming joint Council, DDA, and Planning meeting, noted an update to the Recreation Plan is currently being worked on, a Rising Tide graduation ceremony is upcoming, and that he is working with the City attorney on some updates to ordinances, updates to policies and procedures, the development of a Brownfield Authority and Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Area (OPRA), updated Council on upgrades to City Hall, and noted the bid for the City audit is coming up for rebid.

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Ogemaw Township Supervisor Denis Stephens invited the City to a meeting on pathway ordinances.

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Mayor Frechette noted he would like to develop a resolution to honor former Ogemaw Heights student Anthony Zettel for his accomplishments in football and his participation in the 2020 NFL Superbowl with the San Francisco 49ers.

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Mayor Frechette adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Paul Frechette, Mayor

John Dantzer, Clerk