

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST., MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

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

Present: Mayor Todd Thompson, Council Members William Ehinger, Kim Ervans, Denise Lawrence, Chad Lucas, and Rusty Showalter

Absent: Council Member Timothy Schaiberger

Other officers present: City Manager Tom Youatt, Clerk/Treasurer Jane Tennant, and Police Chief Rodger Williams

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS APPLICATION FROM WAYNETTE HAMILTON TO SELL ICE CREAM PRODUCTS FROM JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 2014.

Yes – Ehinger, Lawrence, Lucas, Showalter, Thompson

No – Ervans

Absent – Schaiberger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2014.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Schaiberger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE OGEMAW COUNTY STREET & ADDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 25, 2014 AND THE DDA MEETINGS HELD APRIL 22, 2014 AND MAY 13, 2014.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Schaiberger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO DENY THE REQUESTS AT THIS TIME FROM WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP FOR A SEWER REDUCTION AT 2259 PILATUS COURT AND 2701 I-75 BUSINESS LOOP UNTIL WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP TAKES ACTION ON THE REQUESTS.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Schaiberger

Motion carried

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Robert McGrail, West Branch Regional Medical Center representative, was present to update Council on the affiliation process and to ask that Council adopt a resolution approving the initiation of the affiliation process. He noted that potential affiliate companies are treading lightly since WBRMC is a municipal hospital and is subject to FOIA and the Open Meetings Act. Mr. McGrail explained that the resolution would allow WBRMC to transfer its assets to the non-profit corporation, John Tolfree Hospital, once the 501c3 is approved. Council Member Lucas asked if Ed Napierala had addressed his concerns about keeping the ambulance service local. Mr. McGrail stated that a letter was sent to the EMS Authority addressing this concern. Council Members Showalter and Ehinger voiced concern over what this resolution would mean if an affiliation does not take place. Manager Youatt suggested having an attorney review this on behalf of the City.

MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO TABLE THE REQUEST TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIATION OF THE AFFILIATION PROCESS FOR JOHN TOLFREE HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Showalter

No – Thompson

Absent – Schaiberger

Motion carried

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Mayor Thompson stated that the Memorial Day parade was wonderful. He voiced concern about the financial status of the DDA. He also asked what the status is on the Police negotiations. Manager Youatt stated he would provide information on the status.

Council Member Lawrence stated that she provided staff with information regarding the recycling of electronics. Manager Youatt stated cost for staffing the collection site would need to be addressed.

Council Member Showalter presented information to Council from the committee meeting that looked at the current Police Department building and the options available to resolve the health and safety problems. He noted that the recommendation from the committee is to renovate the Page Street Community Center and move the Police Department to that location. Council Member Lawrence and Mayor Thompson were not in favor of getting rid of the Page Street Community Center. Mayor Thompson stated he would like a decision by July 1 and asked for additional ideas to house the Police Department.

Council Member Ervans voiced his concern about the overgrown grass on properties in the City. Discussion was held on changing the Ordinance to just posting notice once in the newspaper.

Dan Winter Poured Walls, West Branch \$11,695

Finished Concrete, West Branch \$13,827

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY ERVANS, TO AWARD THE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT BID TO DAN WINTER Poured Walls FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,695.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Lawrence, Lucas, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Schalberger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LAWRENCE, SECOND BY ERVANS, TO ADJOURN AT 7:00 P.M.