

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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, Timothy Schaiberger, and Rusty Showalter

Absent: Council Member Chad Lucas

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

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Olson, Regional Risk Manager for Municipal Underwriters of Michigan, was present to review the City's insurance policy. He noted that the premium increased 3% from last year. Discussion was held on how the mobile stage was insured.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO APPROVE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM FROM MUNICIPAL UNDERWRITERS OF MICHIGAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,549.00.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 AT 12 NOON TO REVIEW AND AWARD ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CDBG DIG PROJECT.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 17, 2014.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE WBRMC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2014, DDA MEETING HELD JANUARY 28, 2014, OGE MAW COUNTY STREET & ADDRESS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 28, 2014, AND THE STING QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the Peddlers & Solicitors request from Charles Charbeneau on behalf of the Bikers 4 Kids. Mr. Charbeneau was present and stated that they would like to sell raffle tickets during the Fabulous Friday events, the 4th of July and any other events in the City.

MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS APPLICATION FROM CHARLES CHARBENEAU TO SELL BIKERS 4 KIDS RAFFLE TICKETS DURING FABULOUS FRIDAY, THE 4TH OF JULY, AND ANY OTHER EVENTS IN THE CITY.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the Peddlers & Solicitors request from Scott Nunn on behalf of the West Branch Masonic Lodge #376. Mr. Nunn was present and stated that the Mason’s would like to sell food items during the Fabulous Friday events , the 4th of July, and any other events in the City.

MOTION BY ERVANS, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS APPLICATION FROM SCOTT NUNN ON BEHALF OF THE WEST BRANCH MASONIC LODGE #376 TO SELL FOOD ITEMS DURING FABULOUS FRIDAYS, THE 4TH OF JULY, AND OTHER EVENTS IN THE CITY IN FRONT OF KIMBALL GLASS.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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Council Member Schaiberger read a letter he prepared addressing his treatment by other Hospital Board members and his frustration with the situation.

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MOTION BY SHOWALTER, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,276.72.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH'S TITLE VI PLAN AND NAMING TOM YOUATT AS THE TITLE VI COORDINATOR AND AUTHORIZING HIM TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE TITLE VI PLAN.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY ERVANS, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT NO. MSC 213031-DIG AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMPSON TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE GRANT.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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Dylan Peiffer was present to discuss funding for cement pads at the disk golf course. Mr. Peiffer was encouraged to look for grants through NCMCF, the DNR Trust Fund, and to talk with Manager Youatt.

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 6:37 P.M. UNDER MCLA 15.268 SECTION 8(d) TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY UP TO THE TIME AN OPTION TO PURCHASE OR LEASE THAT REAL PROPERTY IS OBTAINED.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:44 P.M.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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Discussion was held on the condition of the current Police Department building and moving them to the Community Center.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO ADD DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE CURRENT POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING TO THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 AT 12 NOON.

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

No – None

Absent – Lucas

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LAWRENCE, TO ADJOURN AT 6:50 P.M.