

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

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

Present: Mayor Todd Thompson, Council Members Kim Ervans, Paul Frechette, Chad Lucas, Timothy Schaiberger, and Rusty Showalter

Absent: Council Member William Ehinger (excused)

Other officers present: City Manager Tom Youatt, Clerk/Treasurer Jane Tennant, Police Chief Rodger Williams, City Attorney Christine Juarez, and County Commissioner Beverly Scott

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO APPROVE PAY REQUEST #4 FROM AVERY STERLING FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$324,480.79.

Yes – Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Ehinger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY FRECHETTE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 AND THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2011.

Yes – Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Showalter, Thompson

No – Schaiberger

Absent – Ehinger

Motion carried

It was pointed out that there was a name error in the minutes of the special meeting. Clerk/Treasurer Tennant will correct the final motion with the appropriate name.

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No – None

Absent – Ehinger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF NELSON (JIM) FEIRER’S NAME ON THE FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL.

Yes – Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Ehinger

Motion carried

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MOTION BY SCHAIBERGER, SECOND BY SHOWALTER, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE PAGE STREET SENIOR CENTER TO THE WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY CENTER.

Yes – Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Ehinger

Motion carried

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Discussion was held on the request from a group of seniors to use the West Branch Community Center at no cost for various events. Council directed Manager Youatt to work with the seniors with the understanding that if the City can rent the building for a fee the schedule may need to be adjusted.

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY ERVANS, TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT ON THE WEST BRANCH COMMUNITY CENTER WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #103 TO RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, 2012.

Yes – Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Schaiberger, Showalter, Thompson

No – None

Absent – Ehinger

Motion carried

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Discussion was held on the proposed lease agreement with Unity of the Lakes for use of the West Branch Community Center. Council was concerned about tying up the building every Sunday for the whole day if Unity of the Lakes would only

need to use it occasionally for the whole day. Steve Patra, Unity of the Lakes representative, was present. Council asked Mr. Patra to relay the concerns to the Unity of the Lakes Board and see if they could better define the use of time for the building.

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Discussion was held on the paving of Griffin Rd. between S. First St. and S. Fourth St. Council received a letter from West Branch Township that they would be willing to apply \$5,000 to the cost of the project. It was the consensus of the Council not to schedule the paving of Griffin Rd. at this time; however, they requested that the DPW maintain this road on a more regular basis.

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Council received a request for use of Iron's Park for the annual Relay for Life event scheduled for July 20, 2012. Mayor Thompson explained that park reservations open on January 1 and the Council would review the request at their first meeting in January.

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Mike Jackson gave an update on the EDC position.

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MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY SCHAIBERGER, TO ADJOURN AT 7:05 P.M.