

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2004.

Mayor Todd Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Todd Thompson, Council Members Gregory Clark, William Ehinger, Kim Ervans, Paul Frechette, Chad Lucas

Absent: Council Member Russell Jackson

Other Officers Present: Acting City Manager Jane Tennant, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Heisler, Attorney Christine Juarez, and Police Chief Rodger Williams

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

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Lieutenant Keister from STING was present at the Council meeting. He informed the Council of his platform as head of STING.

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Adrian Dantzer representing the IDC addressed the City Council requesting that they reconsider the purchase agreement for Lot #7 in the Industrial Park. He stated that they, the IDC, reviewed the requested paperwork from Brian Linebaugh and found it to be incomplete.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO RECONSIDER THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LOT #7 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK NOT TO PURSUE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT ON LOT #7 IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**  
**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 15, 2003.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO OFFER THE CITY MANAGER’S POSITION TO WILLIAM GASCOIGNE.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

The Mayor will work on the employment agreement for the City Manager and contact the Council for their input.

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The Mayor reported that he sent letters of support on an elevator variance request for G’s Pizzeria to the State of Michigan.

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**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,004.24.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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Ross Reed, representing Pacific Life Insurance Co., made a brief presentation on a 457 Deferred Compensation plan.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO TABLE THE ADDITION OF A DEFERRED COMPENSATION COMPANY UNTIL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ART SCHLICHTING OF SANILAC APPRAISERS FOR A REAPPRAISAL OF THE CITY.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas**

**No – Thompson**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #03-07 AMENDING §152.041 AND § 152.040 OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “CHAPTER 152: ZONING CODE.”**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #03-08 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND § 72.99 OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “CHAPTER 72: PARKING REGULATIONS.”**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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A bid was received from Lapham Associates for the 2004 Biennial Bridge Inspection on the four bridges in the City of West Branch in the amount of \$1,995.00.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM LAPHAM ASSOCIATES FOR THE BIENNIAL BRIDGE INSPECTION FOR A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$1,995.00.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR NOON ON JANUARY 7, 2004 TO REVIEW AND**

**CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT TO BE OFFERED TO  
WILLIAM GASCOIGNE.**

**Yes – Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Absent – Jackson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 7:33 P.M.**

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**Todd Thompson, Mayor**

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**Jane Tennant, Clerk**

Approved January 19,2004