

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005

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, Russell Jackson, Chad Lucas

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager William Gascoigne, Clerk/Treasurer Jane Tennant, Police Chief Rodger Williams, and Attorney Edward Crawford

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Myers informed the Council that she along with some other concerned citizens is starting up a group called Operation Hometown Support. This group will be dedicated to remembering our active service men and women by sending them care packages, hosting community events for them, and other activities honoring them.

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Council reviewed the letter from Jacquie Katterman, Chairperson for the West Branch Regional Medical Center, regarding board terms. Council Member Ervans asked if a hospital representative would be present. Manager Gascoigne stated he called and left a message but has not heard back.

**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO APPOINT DR. MICHAEL BEASLEY AND CITY MANAGER GASCOIGNE TO THE HOSPITAL BOARD TERMS TO EXPIRE JANUARY 1, 2006.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2005 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 25, 2005.**

**Yes - Clark, Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Jackson, Lucas, Thompson**

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE DDA MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 2004; PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 28, 2004; ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING HELD JANUARY 18, 2005; AND THE JANUARY POLICE REPORT.**

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

No – None

**Motion carried**

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Council Members reviewed the request from Julie Nelkie to host a spring run as a fundraiser for the NJROTC of Ogemaw Heights High School. Council along with Police Chief Williams reviewed the proposed route for the run. Chief Williams stated it is the same route used for the Dwayne Rau Memorial run and he approves the route.

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO GRANT THE REQUEST TO HOLD A SPRING RUN AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE NJROTC OF OGEMAW HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL USING THE ROUTE PRESENTED.**

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

No – None

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS APPLICATION FROM THE ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY TO CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL FOOD COLLECTION ON FEBRUARY 18 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2005.**

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

No – None

**Motion carried**

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Gary Arnold, representative from Capital Consultants, gave a project background and needs for the Wastewater System. He also addressed the overall project approach, a project schedule, phase 1 project scope with schedule, and funding opportunities. Discussed at length was the infiltration of clean water into the system and proposed methods to find where this water is originating. Based on this information Council made the following decision.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO HIRE CAPITAL CONSULTANTS TO CONDUCT A SANITARY SEWER FLOW MONITORING SURVEY WITH THE CITY’S PORTION NOT TO EXCEED 1/3 OF THE NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL OF \$58,750 AND TO WAIVE THE BIDDING CONDITIONS OF SECTION 33 OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH CODE OF ORDINANCES AND DECLARE THIS AN EMERGENCY UNDER §33.07.**

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

No – None

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE, TO SET THE TIME FOR THE MARCH 14 BOARD OF REVIEW TO BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO HOLD THE MARCH 14, MARCH 28 AND MARCH 29 BOARD OF REVIEW AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,305.47.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ERVANS, TO ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500 FOR THE SUMMER MUSIC SERIES AND AUTHORIZING MANAGER GASCOIGNE TO SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY ERVANS, TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 P.M.**

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**Todd Thompson, Mayor**

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**Jane Tennant, Clerk**

**Approved: February 21, 2005**