

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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, Russell Jackson

Absent: Council Member Chad Lucas

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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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO EXCUSE COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LUCAS FROM THE MEETING.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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Jim Howard was present to announce the City logo contest for the 100 year celebration being planned for the year 2005. The winner will get \$100.00 in gold coins.

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE WEST BRANCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH TO USE THE SENIOR CENTER FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS WITH THE STIPULATION THEY GIVE THE CITY A DEFINATE DATE THEY WISH TO START AND THAT THEY PAY THE RENTAL FEES.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON TO SEND A \$500.00 DEPOSIT FOR THE ARTRAIN USA TO RETURN TO WEST BRANCH IN 2005.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY ERVANS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2004.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WEST BRANCH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING HELD JANUARY 8, 2004, THE EDC BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 19, 2004, THE JANUARY POLICE REPORT AND THE JANUARY TREASURER’S REPORT.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM THE LIVING HOPE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH TO USE IRONS PARK LARGE PAVILION JUNE 21, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2004 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WITH THE STIPULATION THAT ALL FEES BE PAID.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS APPLICATION FOR TRACY JACKSON TO SELL GIFT ITEMS TO THE CITY MERCHANTS UNTIL AUGUST 2, 2004.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY ERVANS TO APPROVE THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITOR APPLICATION FROM SURLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO SELL MAGAZINE SUBSCCRIPTIONS FEBRUARY 13, 2004 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2004 WITH THE REMINDER THAT ALL CHILDREN GOING DOOR TO DOOR MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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Mayor Todd Thompson opened a public hearing for the City Recreation Plan at 7:21 p.m. No one present wished to be heard on this subject.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY RECREATION PLAN AT 7:22 P.M.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION # 04 – 02**

**WHEREAS, the City of West Branch has prepared a 2004 City Recreation Plan and**

**WHEREAS, the City Recreation Committee and the West Branch City Council held a Public Hearing on Monday, February 16, 2004 to receive public comment, and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Branch City Council and the City Recreation Committee approve the 2004 City Recreation Plan.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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Mayor Thompson reminded all that the new City Manager Bill Gascoigne will start March 1, 2004.

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**MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY CLARK TO APPROVE THE JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO ACCEPT THE YEAR END POLICE REPORT.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY CLARK TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,865.94.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO SCHEDULE THE MARCH 8, 2004 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT CITY HALL.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION # 04 – 03**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Branch does hereby authorize the transferring of 25% of the Act 51 money from Major Street to Local Street.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**RESOLUTION #04 – 04**

**WHEREAS, the City of West Branch Budgets an appropriation to the Fire Department each year and**

**WHEREAS, this year the Budgeted amount is below the Fire Dept. invoice,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council amend the Budget to reflect the amount invoiced by the Fire Department for Their appropriation:**

**Fund 101 – General Fund**

**Budgeted**

**Amended**

<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>221,467.</b>	<b>220,481.</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>336-000-975-700 Fire Budgeted Percent</b>	<b>19,000.</b>	<b>19,986.</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,000.</b>	<b>19,986.</b>

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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Attorney Christine Juarez gave an update on 417 W. Houghton Avenue. She has submitted information to Tony DeVect on the Davis Bacon rule. They have also asked for an extension in the employment deadline on the employment agreement.

**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO THE EMPLOYMENT DEADLINE IN THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT AT 417 W. HOUGHTON AVE. UNTIL AUGUST 30, 2004.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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Bids were received from the following companies for a new Police car:

1. Dean Arbour Ford 2004 Ford Crown Vic Police Package \$21,232.00
2. Fernelius Chevrolet 2004 Chevrolet Impala Police Package \$17,853.00

**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY ERVANS TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM FERNELIUS CHEVROLET FOR THE 2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA POLICE PACKAGE FOR \$17,853.00**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 7:38 P.M.**

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**Todd Thompson, Mayor**

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**Jane Tennant, Clerk**

Approved March, 1, 2004