

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY APRIL 19, 2004

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

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

Absent: Council Member Gregory Clark

Other officers present: City Manager William Gascoigne, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Heisler, Police Chief Rodger Williams, County Commissioner Beverly Scott, and City Attorney Chris Juarez

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON TO APPROVE A PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS APPLICATION FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP #971 TO HOLD A CANNED FOOD DRIVE ONE DAY DISTRIBUTION OF BAGS ONE DAY PICKUP OF BAGS.

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

No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 5, 2004.

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

No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY ERVANS TO RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION HELD MARCH 9, 2004, THE POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 2004, THE POLICE GRANT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2004, AND THE TREASURERS REPORT.

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

No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO TABLE THE REQUEST TO WAIVE THE UTILITY BILL FOR 121 S. SECOND STREET TO CHECK THE USAGE FOR THE QUARTER IN QUESTION. THERE WILL BE NO LATE FEE CHARGED IF BILL IS PAID LATE.

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

No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

Steve Leonard from the Chamber of Commerce was present to provide the calendar of events for the coming season.

Bonnie Zoia from the MSU Extension office and a number of the GAP Committee members were present as Bonnie made a presentation on the progress the GAP Committees have made and what they would like to do in the future.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION # 04 –07

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch, Ogemaw Township, and West Branch Township have partnered together to form the Growth Assessment Planners (GAP) Committee, and

WHEREAS, the GAP Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to research an area-wide growth boundary, which includes, but not limited to, a water-sewer authority, a joint master plan, a joint tax assessor, and joint recreation opportunities, and

WHEREAS, An area-wide growth boundary would foster cooperation, smart growth, and the overall unification of a development philosophy, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council does hereby support the continued efforts of the Growth Assessment Planners (GAP) Committee to research an area-wide growth boundary.

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

No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

Boy Scout Troop #971 was present at the Council meeting to observe the meeting for their Citizenship in Community Badge.

Donald Scherzer of the Spicer Group, was present to discuss the Water Reliability Study they are working on for the City.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY ERVANS TO ALLOW THE SPICER GROUP WORK DIRECTIVE TO BE CHANGED TO A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$8,500.00.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Jackson, Thompson

No – Lucas

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

Council member Lucas asked that the Manager contact Wade Trim as they are the engineering firm that handled our GIS program to see why it was not compatible with the Spicer Group programs for the water reliability study.

City Manager Gascoigne reported that the West Branch Plaza parking lot project seems to be moving forward, the bids have gone out and they are in compliance with the Davis Bacon Act.

Attorney Juarez cautioned the City to make sure copies of the West Branch Plaza project go to MEDC to show that the City is in compliance with the Davis Bacon Act.

County Commissioner Beverly Scott was present to bring the City up to date on the projects going on in the County.

MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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

No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,614.74.

Yes – Ehinger, Ervans, Frechette, Jackson, Lucas, Thompson
No – None

Absent – Clark

Motion Carried

Jim Howard was present and announced the Senior Center Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday May 1, 2004 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY ERVANS TO ADJOURN AT 8:04 P.M.