

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, JUNE 7, 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, Russell Jackson, and Chad Lucas

Absent: Council Member Paul Frechette

Other officers present: City Manager William Gascoigne, Clerk/Treasurer Jane Tennant, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Heisler, Police Chief Rodger Williams, and Attorney Christine Juarez

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Thompson presented Debra Heisler with a certificate of appreciation for 20 years of service.

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO APPROVE THE SIDEWALK SALE APPLICATIONS FROM THE WEST BRANCH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE WEST BRANCH AREA RETAIL MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION TO HOLD SIDEWALK SALES ON JUNE 12 (ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR), JUNE 19 (SMILEY DAYS), JULY 1, 2 & 3 (HERITAGE DAYS), AND JULY 9 & 10 (HOG RALLY).

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 17, 2004.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 27, 2004, THE APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT AND THE MAY POLICE REPORT.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the letter from the Ogemaw Hills Recreation Department. The letter from Chairperson Rose Beasley gave an update on the progress at the Ogemaw Hills Recreational Complex.

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MOTION BY ERVANS, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO DENY THE REQUEST FROM C. K. DRAKE TO WAIVE THE PENALTY CHARGES ON THE WATER/SEWER BILLS AT 115, 119, AND 127 CARPENTER ST.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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Steve Leonard, West Branch Area Chamber of Commerce Director, gave an update on advertisements published in several magazines in the lower part of the State to entice people to our area. Mr. Leonard also noted that the Chamber received a Chairman’s Award for the quality and design of the signs for the West Branch area along I-75.

Mr. Leonard requested the closing of Houghton Avenue on July 3rd for the parade and on July 9th from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. for the Show Off Your Iron event. He also requested the use of 25 picnic tables for the beverage tent over the July 4th holiday weekend.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM STEVE LEONARD TO CLOSE HOUGHTON AVENUE ON JULY 3RD AND JULY 9TH AND TO ALLOW HIM THE USE OF 25 PICNIC TABLES OVER THE JULY 4TH HOLIDAY WEEKEND FOR THE BEVERAGE TENT.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$172,026.32.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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

RESOLUTION #04-11

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council in §51.095 and §52.39 of the City of West Branch Code of Ordinances have determined that water/sewer charges constitute a lien on the property, and

WHEREAS, §32.086 of the Code of Ordinances states that the charges for fire runs may constitute a lien against the owner’s real property, and

WHEREAS, §92.17 of the Code of Ordinances states that the charges for mowing noxious weeds shall be a lien against the premises, and

WHEREAS, §2.3(o) and §11.9 of the City Charter states that the abatement of any hazard or nuisance is a lien against the real property,

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the bids on Project #048-MEDC as follows:

Sunset Enterprise – West Branch	\$13,800
Clayton Construction – West Branch	\$14,100
GL Construction – West Branch	\$14,500

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO AWARD THE BID ON PROJECT #048-MEDC TO SUNSET ENTERPRISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,800.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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Council reviewed the bids on Project #049-MEDC as follows:

Clayton Construction – West Branch	\$21,855
DeMatio Builders – West Branch	\$22,528
Sunset Enterprises – West Branch	\$24,600

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO AWARD THE BID ON PROJECT #049-MEDC TO CLAYTON CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,855.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO ADJOURN AT 7:15 P.M.

Todd Thompson, Mayor

Jane Tennant, Clerk

Approved: June 21, 2004