

REGULR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 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, 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.

Sharon Fritz introduced the Japanese exchange students and their host families. Mayor Thompson presented them with the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION 04-02

BE IT KNOWN, students participating in foreign exchange programs gain valuable insight into diverse cultures, and

BE IT KNOWN, the LABO program began exposing the youth of Japan to the world and the world to the youth of Japan in 1964, and

BE IT KNOWN, a part of LABO's Overseas Homestay Program, seven Japanese children visited the West Branch area in 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Monday, August 2, 2004 be declared LABO Day in the City of West Branch, Michigan, USA, and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, THAT FOR THIS DAY Takehiro Kato, Yuka Hayashi, Yuta Mizuno, Satomi Kageyama, Takeshi Daiguji, Misaki Mitsuoka, and Nodoka Iijima are declared honorary citizens of our humble City, and

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that Alex Waddell, Amber Schmitt, Jesse Uhall, Danielle Miller, Clayton Clemens, Chelsey Clemens, and Libby Sgambelluri are hereby recognized as International Ambassadors for the City of West Branch.

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2004.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE OGEMAW FIRE BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2004 AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 13, 2004.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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Council reviewed the letter from Charter Communications outlining upgrades to the system.

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Mary Money was present to request that the Council close the north side of Houghton Avenue on August 9 for the Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church Vacation Bible School kick-off. She explained that the theme is Songames – the Olympics and they would like to have a “torch-run” through the City. She stated they would start at Second St. and proceed west to the Ogemaw Hills Free Methodist Church. Mayor Thompson asked how long they would need the street closed. Ms. Money stated the “torch run” would take about 1 hour.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO CLOSE THE NORTH SIDE OF HOUGHTON AVENUE FROM 3 P.M. UNTIL 4 P.M. ON AUGUST 9 FOR THE OGEMAW HILLS FREE METHODIST CHURCH “TORCH RUN” AND DIRECTING MARY MONEY TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS WITH POLICE CHIEF WILLIAMS.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO APPOINT MANAGER GASCOIGNE AS OFFICER DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL MERS MEETING AND TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER FRECHETTE AS OFFICER ALTERNATE.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO CAST THE CITY’S VOTE FOR THE SEVEN TRUSTEE CANDIDATES TO THE MML WORKERS’ COMENSATION FUND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

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

**No – Ehinger**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO APPOINT TIM RETHERFERD TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2006.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO APPOINT DARRIN HUNTER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2005.**

**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 \$95, 929.80.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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

**RESOLUTION #04-12**

**WHEREAS, the City of West Branch prepares an annual budget, and**

**WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority and the Housing Department request a budget amendment to carry over funds to the current fiscal year**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council amends the 2004/2005 budget to reflect changes in the following accounts:**

**Fund 248 – DDA Operating**

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Amended</b>
<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>6,741</b>	<b>2,741</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
<b>729.700 Flower Project</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,400</b>
<b>938.700 General Improvements</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,240</b>
<b>956.701 Food Expense</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>360</b>

<b>Total</b>	<b>6,741</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Fund 273 Downtown Redevelopment Project</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>		
634.400 Grant	0	169,744
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>169,744</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
703.700 Salary	0	2,000
815.700 Engineering	0	9,500
810.700 Contractual Services	0	158,244
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>169,744</b>
<b>Fund 276 Housing Resource Fund</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
620.400 Program Income	0	12,000
<b>Dept. 492.000 Rental Rehabilitation</b>		
599.400 Administrative	0	10,000
634.400 Grant	0	50,000
<b>Dept. 493.000 MEDC</b>		
580.400 Owner Contribution	0	5,000
599.400 Administrative	0	25,000
634.400 Grant	0	150,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>252,000</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
956.700 Expenses	0	11,500
<b>Dept. 482.000 Administration</b>		
784.700 City Hall	0	500
<b>Dept. 492.000 Rental Rehabilitation</b>		
703.700 Salaries & Wages	0	3,000
782.700 Administration	0	7,000
801.700 Contractual	0	50,000
<b>Dept. 493.000 MEDC</b>		
703.700 Salaries & Wages	0	5,000
782.700 Administration	0	20,000
801.700 Contractual	0	155,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>252,000</b>
<b>Fund 710 Senior Activity Fund</b>		
<b>Revenues</b>		
402.400 Fundraisers	0	1,000
695.400 Miscellaneous	0	200

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
<b>727.700 Operating Supplies</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,200</b>

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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Manager Gascoigne reported on the three local proposals he received for BC/BS health coverage. He noted that they came in much the same over the board.

**MOTION BY ERVANS, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO CONTINUE THE BC/BS HEALTH COVERAGE WITH THE CURRENT PROVIDER, DIEBOLD AGENCY.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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Jim Howard reported on the high terror alert in several major cities and reminded everyone to watch activity around our area.

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Discussion was held on whether the City should look at reinstating spring-clean up for those items that Waste Management will not collect. Discussion was also held on the Waste Management contract.

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK, TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 P.M.**

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Todd Thompson, Mayor

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Jane Tennant, Clerk

Approved: August 16, 2004