

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL, CHAMBER AT THE WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2003.

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

Other Officers Present: Acting City Manager Jane Tennant, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Heisler, Attorney Edward Crawford, County Commissioner Beverly Scott, and Police Chief Rodger Williams

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sidewalk repair bids were received from:

1. Middleton Masonry & Cement Inc., West Branch	\$ 9,687.40
2. Elite Concrete, Sterling	\$25,500.00
3. RC Hendrick & Son Inc., Saginaw	\$23,529.00
4. Finished Concrete, West Branch	\$12,395.00
5. GL Construction, Alger	\$ 7,258.80

**MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY LUCAS TO ACCEPT THE SIDEWALK BID FROM G.L. CONSTRUCTION FOR \$7,258.80**

**Yes- Clark, Ehinger, Jackson, Lucas**

**No – Ervans, Frechette, Thompson**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY JACKSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2003.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO RECEIVE AND FILE MINUTES OF THE WEST BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**HELD JULY 22, 2003, WEST BRANCH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING HELD JULY 29, 2003, AUGUST POLICE REPORT AND  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON TO DENY THE  
PEDDLERS AND SOLIICITORS APPLICATION FROM MATT O'BRIEN,  
EDWARD D. JONES REPRESENTATIVE.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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Mayor Thompson requested that the Acting City Manager check into some repairs to the sound system as the people at home cannot hear the council meetings.

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY ERVANS TO REAPPOINT DICK  
SOLDATT, JACQUIE KATTERMAN, JIM HASTY AND KENT DAVISON TO  
THE WEST BRANCH REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TERMS  
TO EXPIRE JANUARY 1, 2007.**

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

**No – Ehinger, Jackson, Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE  
REAPPONTMENTS OF CHUCK CONVERSE AND KEVIN ELLIOTT TO THE  
MEDICAL ARTS CENTER BOARD, TERMS 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 CLARK TO APPROVE PLACEMENT OF CRIME STOPPER SIGNS AROUND TOWN.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY FRECHETTE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 03-22**

**WHEREAS**, the event of Johnny Cash’s death on September 12, 2003, causes us to reflect on the man, his music, and his legacy, and

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Cash’s music and message reached millions of people around the world and here in West Branch, and

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Cash was more than a singer/songwriter, but rather an artist with a vision of social justice and fairness, evidenced most notably in the song “The Man in Black,” that needs to be memorialized and emulated, and

**WHEREAS**, Johnny Cash shared his vision and the “everyman” experience in songs like “Folsom Prison Blues,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “I Walk the Line,” “Burning Ring of Fire,” and “One Piece At a Time,” and

**WHEREAS**, the desire to commemorate Johnny Cash’s life and work for the residence of West Branch is becoming evident,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the West Branch City Council hereby declare the anniversary of Johnny Cash’s birthday, February 26, 2004 as **JOHNNY CASH DAY** in the City of West Branch.

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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County Commissioner Scott brought the Council up to date on the projects at the County level.

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

**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 \$151,574.78.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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Council discussed the Wade Trim proposal for sewer extension from Flowage Lake Road to the Hospital and the utility easement. Council referred this back to the Acting City Manager and the City Attorney.

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**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE WIRELESS INTERNET PROPOSAL FROM M-33 ACCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE COST OF THE TOWER AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

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

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO COMMIT \$8,000.00 TO THE  
SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT PROJECT ON E. HOUGHTON AVE. FROM N.  
VALLEY ST. EAST TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

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

**No – Ehinger**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK TO APPROVE THE WEST  
BRANCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD SEWER EXTENSION AT THEIR OWN  
EXPENSE.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADOPT ORDINANCE  
#03-06 ENTITLED “ AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §152.021 OF THE CITY OF  
WEST BRANCH CODE OF ORDINANCE ENTITLED “CHAPTER 152:  
ZONING CODE.””**

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

**No – Ervans, Lucas**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY ERVANS THAT THE FAMILY VIDEO  
STORE DOES NOT QUALIFY AS AN ADULT ENTERTAINMENT USE AND**

**THEREFORE, THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE AMENDED.**

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

**No – Ehinger, Frechette**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER NOT TO JOIN THE CABLE FRANCHISE CONSORTIUM.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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Council reviewed the bid received from George Bubnes, Bellacino’s for \$1,251.00 for the freezer at the Senior Center.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM GEORGE BUBNES, BELLACINO’S, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,251.00 FOR THE DOUBLE DOOR FREEZER AT THE SENIOR CENTER.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion Carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECHETTE, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 P.M.**

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**Todd Thompson, Mayor**

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**Jane Tennant, Clerk**

**Approved: October 6, 2003**