



No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO APPOINT WILLIAM GASCOIGNE TO THE OGEMAW COUNTY EDC.**

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion carried

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Council Member Jackson reported on the construction status at the West Branch Community Airport.

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION:**

**PROCLAMATION #04-03**

**WHEREAS, whenever called upon to defend our national security at home or abroad, the men and women who serve in the U. S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard have responded immediately and effectively, placing the national interests above their own; and**

**WHEREAS, of the more than 48 million of these citizen soldiers who have served the United States of America, more than a million have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives, and another 1.5 million have been wounded; and**

**WHEREAS, today our men and women in uniform daily put their lives at risk, seeking to secure the blessing of freedom and liberty for oppressed people around the globe, and**

**WHEREAS, in 1944 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill into law, he observed that more than anything else American servicemen and women wanted “the assurance of satisfactory employment upon their return to civilian life,” and**

**WHEREAS, today veterans desire the same economic opportunities as their forbearers, and bring to the modern workplace the benefits of skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication learned in military service.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Todd Thompson, of the City of West Branch, do hereby proclaim November 2004 as**

**“HIRE A VETERAN MONTH”**

**and encourage all businesses in our community to provide employment opportunities to those who have served in the Armed Forces.**

**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 \$32,787.02.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Frechette**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE #04-01**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND §152.021 OF THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “CHAPTER 152: ZONING CODE”**

**THE CITY OF WEST BRANCH ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1: The City of West Branch Michigan Code of Ordinances hereby amends the boundaries of the map as established by §152.021 of the Zoning Code as follows:**

**That the zoning designation on the following described parcel by changed from RA-2 (Single Family Residential) to RM-1 (Multiple Family):**

*Lot A, Block 20, Supervisors or Peoples Addition. Property is located at the corner of Fairview St. and Fremont St.*

**SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective 15 days after its adoption.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Frechette**

**Motion carried**

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Manager Gascoigne reviewed the 1997 PA 425 Agreement between the City of West Branch and West Branch Township. He stated that the money collected from the agreement goes into a fund titled the I-75 Business Loop Access Project. The purpose of the fund is to construct a service drive to run parallel with the business loop to alleviate some of the congestion by Tractor Supply, Green Ace Hardware, K-Mart, and Glen’s. He further stated that at the rate this money is accumulating it would take 50 or 60 years to have enough to start the project. He noted that West Branch Township is interested in looking at the practicality of this portion of the agreement.

**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY LUCAS, AUTHORIZING MANAGER GASCOIGNE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP ON THE 1997 PA 425 AGREEMENT.**

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

**No – None**

**Absent – Frechette**

**Motion carried**

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Manager Gascoigne reviewed the second modification of escrow agreement and employment agreement for the building at 417 W. Houghton Ave. He stated it cleans up some of the wording

and clarifies full-time employment. He further stated that Tony DeVecht, owner of the property, has reviewed and signed this agreement. Manager Gascoigne noted that any employment extension would be contingent on MEDC's approval of the extension.

**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY EHINGER, AUTHORIZING MAYOR THOMPSON TO SIGN THE SECOND MODIFICATION OF ESCROW AGREEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR 417 W. HOUGHTON AVE. CONTINGENT ON MEDC JOB CREATION EXTENSION APPROVAL.**

**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 7:20 P.M.**

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Todd Thompson, Mayor

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Jane Tennant, Clerk

Approved: November 22, 2004