

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY NOVEMBER 17, 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, Russell Jackson, Chad Lucas

Absent: Council member Paul Frechette

Other Officers Present: Acting City Manager Jane Tennant, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debra Heisler, Housing Director Stacy Alley, and Police Chief Rodger Williams

All Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee Agnes Wymer was honored with a certificate for 10 years of service in the West Branch Police Department.

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

RESOLUTION#03 – 28

WHEREAS, the City of West Branch until now has held the IBLAP Account in the Major Street Account

WHEREAS, now IBLAP has its own Fund and,

WHEREAS, in setting up this Fund it was discovered that 2002 audit adjustments were put in the Major Street Fund

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council Authorize the transfer of the 2002 audit adjustment funds from Major Street Fund to IBLAP Fund as follows:

Fund 202 – Major Street

	Budgeted	Amended
Carry Over	242,036	229,969

Expenditures

986.700 Transfer to IBLAP	0	12,057
Total	0	12,057

Fund 709 – IBLAP Project

	Budgeted	Amended
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Carry Over	12,190	24,247
Revenue		
680.400 Transfer from Major Street	0	12,057
Total	0	12,057

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MSU EXTENSION

RESOLUTION #03 –29

**CITY OF WEST BRANCH
RESOLUTION
IN
SUPPORT OF MSU EXTENSION**

Whereas, Michigan State University Extension provides educational programming that helps people improve their lives through an educational process, and

Whereas, Ogemaw County MSU Extension provides the critical services for 4-H youth development, economic development, agricultural assistance, horticultural programming, community development, nutrition education and family lifestyle support, and

Whereas, Ogemaw County MSU Extension has provided services to West Branch and its residents, and

Whereas, the elimination of the state funding for MSU Extension would destroy this important network,

Be it further resolved, the West Branch City Council opposes any suggestion that state funding for MSU Extension be eliminated.

Be it further resolved, that the West Branch City Council wishes to convey to Governor Granholm and to its state legislators that the elimination of state funding for MSU Extension is an unacceptable solution to the states budget problems.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY EHINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2003 AND SPECIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2003.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE WEST BRANCH POLICE DEPT. ACTIVITY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2003 AND THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2003.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on a letter received from West Branch Tire and Automotive requesting the City’s help with a sewer-billing problem.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO CONTACT OGEMAW TOWNSHIP TO RESOLVE THE SEWER BILLING PROBLEM WITH WEST BRANCH TIRE AND AUTOMOTIVE.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

David Mehelich and Ben Fedewa developers for the Senior Housing Development Project, were present to introduce themselves to the City Council. They gave an update on the proposed Senior Housing Development in the City.

The Council will have a special meeting on Monday November 24, 2003 at noon to discuss the search for a City Manager.

Mayor Thompson discussed Mayor Exchange Day. He felt the City should pick their own exchange City and schedule this event.

Council member Clark stated that he has a meeting conflict and would have to resign from the EDC.

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER ERVANS TO THE EDC BOARD TO REPLACE COUNCIL MEMBER CLARK.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

Council member Ervans commented on a log jam behind National City Bank and wondered if DPW could do anything about it.

MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY LUCAS TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS PRESENTED.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY EHINGER TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,390.14.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY LUCAS TO APPROVE THE IDC’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SALE OF LOT # 7 INDUSTRIAL PARK TO BRIAN LINEBAUGH FOR \$15, 000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND OR CLERK TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THIS SALE.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO APPROVE THE RENTAL REHAB. APPLICATION FROM TOM ALLEY FOR 607 W. WRIGHT STREET.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON TO RUN A 1” WATER LINE TO THE FARM BUREAU OFFICE AT 700 COLUMBUS DRIVE FROM PROGRESS STREET TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

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

RESOLUTION #03-27

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council recognizes the hard work of all the people serving on the Boards and Commissions in the City of West Branch, and

WHEREAS, the small stipend they receive does not even start to repay them for all their time and dedication, and

WHEREAS, the West Branch City Council wants to increase the pay for all paid Board and Commission Members to show them their appreciation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council hereby increases the pay for all paid Boards and Commissions from \$20.00 to \$25.00 effective January 1, 2004.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY ERVANS TO APPOINT RUSSELL JACKSON AND WIL ENGEMAN TO THE GAP PLANNING COMMITTEE .

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY CLARK TO APPOINT DENISE LAWRENCE, JANE TENNANT, AS CITY MANAGER, AND CHAD LUCAS TO THE GAP INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE .

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

Bids were opened on October 28, 2003 at 3:35 p.m. on the Water System Reliability Study, bids were as follows:

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| 1. Wilcox Professional Services, Cadillac | \$19,070 |
| 2. Capital Consultants, Gaylord | \$14,000 |
| 3. Wade Trim, Bay City | \$ 7,500 |
| 4. Lapham & Associates, West Branch | \$10,650 |
| 5. Spicer Group, Saginaw | \$ 6,000 |
| 6. Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, Inc., Mason | \$ 6,465 |

MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY EHINGER TO ACCEPT THE LOW BID FROM SPICER GROUP, SAGINAW FOR \$6,000.

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

No – None

Absent – Frechette

Motion Carried

MOTION BY EHINGER, SECOND BY THOMPSON TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 P.M.

Todd Thompson, Mayor

Jane Tennant, Clerk

Approved December 1, 2003