

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF CITY HALL, 121 NORTH FOURTH STREET, MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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, and Chad Lucas

Absent: None

Other officers present: City Manager William Gascoigne, Clerk/Treasurer Jane Tennant, Police Chief Rodger Williams, and City Attorney Edward Crawford

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**RESOLUTION #04-20**

**WHEREAS, the City of West Branch is in the process of paying back the CDBG 417 W. Houghton Ave. loan to the State of Michigan, and**

**WHEREAS, there was not a line item budgeted for this payment in this fiscal year,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council amends the budget to reflect the repayment of this loan to the State of Michigan as follows:**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Amended</b>
<b>Fund 402 – CDBG 417 W. Houghton Ave.</b>		
<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>151,160</b>	<b>26,160</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
<b>402-000.000-967.700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,000</b>

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY CLARK, SECOND BY LUCAS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AND SUMMARY OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 22, 2004.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY CLARK, TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE MINUTES OF THE TOLFEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 2004; THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2004; AND THE NOVEMBER POLICE REPORT.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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Council reviewed the peddlers and solicitors application from Anthony Garnett to sell a local premium savings book door to door. Manager Gascoigne explained that this is a fundraiser for Michigan Wheelchair Sports Unlimited. Mr. Gascoigne stated Mr. Garnett did not provide information on the organizations 501C3. Mayor Thompson asked what businesses were featured in the savings book and how much of the proceeds were going to support the organization. Council Member Frechette stated that he has heard of an incident where they are already selling without a permit. Mr. Garnett was not present to answer any of Council’s questions.

**MOTION BY JACKSON, SECOND BY FRECHETTE, TO DENY THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS REQUEST FROM ANTHONY GARNETT, JR. TO SELL LOCAL PREMIUM SAVINGS BOOKS DOOR TO DOOR.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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Mayor Thompson explained that the Third Grade class from Surline Elementary would like to see a Council meeting; however, they can only come during the day. He suggested that something be set up for January with a noon starting time.

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Council Member Lucas informed Council that Christmas for Kids is in need of toys. He stated several fundraising events are slated for the next couple of weeks. He noted that drop off boxes are in the local businesses or items can be dropped off at Rau Tavern. All proceeds benefit Ogemaw County children.

Council Member Lucas stated he received e-mail from Chad Izworski, a local serviceman serving in Iraq. Mr. Izworski is requesting used archery equipment because many of the service people have picked this up as a hobby and they are interested in hosting a tournament among the service people.

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Council Member Frechette commended Mayor Thompson and Manager Gascoigne for the outstanding Senior Dinner on Saturday, December 4.

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Manager Gascoigne thanked the Council for sponsoring the Senior Dinner and the Employees and Boards Appreciation Dinner. He commended staff member Michelle Frechette for coordinating both parties.

Manager Gascoigne reviewed the final payment on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Debt. He stated that the majority of the payment would come from reserves, which are held by the Ogemaw County Board of Public Works. He further stated a payment of \$17,200 would satisfy this debt and this amount is in the budget.

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Attorney Crawford thanked the Council for the flowers in honor of his mother.

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**MOTION BY LUCAS, SECOND BY ERVANS, TO APPROVE THE BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,630.68.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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Manager Gascoigne explained the Metro Act and the SBC permit.

**MOTION BY THOMPSON, SECOND BY JACKSON, TO APPROVE THE SBC PERMIT SUBMITTED UNDER THE METRO ACT.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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

**RESOLUTION #04-19**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Branch City Council adopts the MERS Benefit E Traditional Plan (2%) for all retirees.**

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

**No – None**

**Motion carried**

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**MOTION BY FRECEHTTE, SECOND BY THOMPSON, TO ADJOURN AT 7:20 P.M.**

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**Todd Thompson, Mayor**

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**Jane Tennant, Clerk**

**Approved: December 20, 2004**