

RESOLUTION 2022-91

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY RESPONDER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council of West Branch receives reports that emergency response calls are increasing while volunteerism is decreasing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes public safety as its number one priority, including emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must limit its formal messaging outside of posted public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator is recommending an advocacy committee be formed as it will take persistent pressure on local, state, and federal entities for change to occur; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees the advocacy burden should not be on one person's shoulder; and

WHEREAS, the committee should consist of the Fire Chief, two (2) emergency responders from Wbfd, the mayor, one (1) council member, and city administrator; and

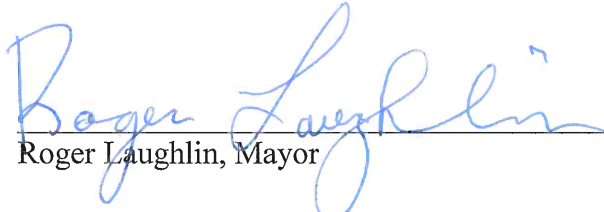
WHEREAS, the committee should follow the below rules:

1. No endorsements, fundraising, or donations to any candidate or political party.
2. No personal attacks, name calling, or other foul language.
3. Stick only to emergency response/public safety issues as the full city council may disagree on other priorities.
4. Must work together on messaging for consistency, teamwork, and professionalism.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of West Branch, Iowa approves a formal emergency responder advocacy committee to speak on behalf of the City Council.

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Passed and approved this 3rd day of October, 2022.


Roger Laughlin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Leslie Brick, City Clerk