

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
1:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ackerman, Cramer, Grossi, Reindel, Rupprecht, Schmitzer & Schoenow.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Kerns, DDA Director Stamiris, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam, Parks & Recreation Director Kaschinske, Police Chief Mawer, Treasurer Deterding, Water Superintendent O'Brien, Wastewater Superintendent McKendree, Assø. Superintendent Schluckebier, Special Projects Coordinator Kumar and Gail Burris.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor recognized local business owner Gail Burris who requested to make public comments.

Gail Burris, 445 S. Main Street ó Addressed the Council concerning the neighboring property, Frankenmuth Fun Ships, and the owner of that parcel who partially built their deck on Burrisø property and them not getting a permit or being code compliant. She advised that the City has not enforced the building code after being advised of the matter. Her goal is to get the City to enforce the building code and her property rights.

The Mayor reviewed the items presented by Burris and asked for clarification on the deck structure.

City Manager Smith reviewed the history of the complaint and identified two issues. One concerning code compliance and the Burrisø filing a Construction Code Board of Appealsø application and the second being encroachment of the deck onto Burrisø property. Smith stated that the neighboring property owner advised that the deck boards were replaced as maintenance not requiring a permit and their attorneysøsubmitting an easement in effect that they have the right to be on Burrisø property with the existing deck.

There being no further public comments, the Mayor proceeded with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Ackerman, to approve the agenda as reviewed by the Mayor. Unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Yard Waste Survey Results and Comments. Reviewed the results of a recent yard waste survey conducted as a result of staff recommending that City residents participate in the Mid Michigan Waste Authority's weekly curbside yard waste collection annually from April through November. Approximately 267 responses were received about the issue.

Discussion took place on the leaves collection now ending for the fall, people who rake late in the fall and/or early in the spring thus missing the fall leaves collection, general beautification needs, containers being unsightly, use of paper bags for yard waste, properly unveiling a new program, billing issues, nearly 50% of the survey respondents being in favor, conducting a one year trial program, and uniform containers.

More discussion will take place at tonight's regular meeting when the matter is up for a vote as part of the annual fees public hearing.

Exchange Opportunities in May. Being that it is becoming more difficult to find suitable municipalities to exchange with each year, Sunday and Monday dates were reviewed in May in order for staff to begin coming up with exchange ideas for the annual tradition of Mayor's Exchange.

Discussion took place on their being no May and June dates available. Sunday, April 23 and Monday, April 24, 2018 were identified as potential available dates for such an activity.

Cherry Street Water Main Project Review. Reviewed the recent installation of the water main on Cherry Street and portions of East School Street performed by the DPW. Substantial savings resulted in the Water/DPW employees performing the work; however, other jobs suffered as a result. In addition, quantifying the actual savings is difficult because of many variables.

Miscellaneous. Chief Mawer advised that in lieu of an annual appreciation dinner for reserve officer staff, they were going to purchase a small gift for each officer with the budgeted funds. The Personnel Committee members have completed their annual evaluation of the City Manager and are proposing that her 2018 wage be increased by 2.1% and that the City cover her annual membership dues for the International City Managers' Association and the American Planning Association. Such action will be included in the regular meeting action on 2018 wages for non-union employees.

Review of Upcoming Council Meeting Agenda Items/Meeting Schedule. The preliminary Council agenda for the *January* meeting was available for review.

November Bills ó Preliminary Review. The bills were available for review. Discussion took place on the monthly review and wording of the motion.

Correspondence. NONE.

Council Liaison Reports. The minutes of boards, commissions and committees were available for review and comment.

Additional Public Comments. NONE.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M.

Phillip Kerns
City Clerk