

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
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, Police Chief Mawer, Treasurer Deterding, Wastewater Superintendent McKendree, and Assø. Wastewater Superintendent Schluckebier.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Grossi, seconded by Reindel, to approve the agenda as reviewed by the Mayor. Unanimously carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The Mayor commented on the 1999 implementation of the Council work session meetings as a result of an earlier strategic planning process and reviewed the original intent of the sessions.

Discussion took place on the need to take time at the end of each work session to discuss other happenings and news that doesn't require Council action, this being good discussion that should be included on an upcoming agenda, that debate and deliberations are good and Council decisions don't always need to be unanimous, and that perhaps the current 1:00 PM timing of the work session meeting can be revised to they work better for everyone's schedule.

M-83 Corridor Study Committee. Reviewed information on the planned Michigan Department of Transportation study as requested by the City several years ago due to development between Jefferson Street and Townline Road, on Main Street/M-83.

Discussion took place on the funding being available now and MDOT is ready to proceed in an expanded area, the need for affected property owners to be involved in the process, the number of meetings and public hearings necessary, and that the process should be completed within one year.

Sale of Capital Improvement Bonds. Reviewed the proposed term of the bonds and the financial planner's details on the interest for both a 20 year and 25 year bond option.

Discussion took place on the anticipated interest rates for either recommended bond term, upcoming infrastructure projects, status of the water fund's fund balance, the need for a rate study, and that cash flow would better support a 25 year term bond.

Quarterly Financial Statements. Reviewed the Treasurer quarterly statements from October 1 through December 31, 2017.

Discussion took place on adding columns in the report for the up to prior three years and that quarterly information listed as not being as important.

Comments on Regular Agenda Items. The regular Council agenda was reviewed.

Because of a conflict at tonight's regular meeting, Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly report and provided an update on Snowfest preparations, a full-time position opening, and preliminary annual CAD data numbers.

City of Hastings Mayor Exchange Interest. Discussed interest in exchanging with Hastings in 2018. City Manager Smith will contact them for additional information.

2018-19 Budget Review Process. Discussed the proposed format, a suggested timetable and dates to hold a special work session. Being no objection, City Manager Smith will unveil the budget according to her recommended plan.

Cheese Haus Electrical Project. Reviewed the planned streetlighting system upgrade to LED and its relationship to the Cheese Haus transformer issue which prompted the upgrade. The cost of the project will be borne by the DDA and result in efficiencies and energy savings that have been anticipated.

Frankenmuth Carriage Company. Reviewed recent inhumane treatment allegations which proved not to be the case after officials investigated.

City Manager's Performance Review and Goals. Reviewed comments from City Manager Smith's 2017 annual performance review and the evaluated the review process. Smith presented goals and plans for the forthcoming year in response to her performance review.

Councilmember Grossi requested to be excused at 2:45 PM and Councilmember Ackerman at 2:47 PM.

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

December Invoices 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.

Discussion took place on the recent quarterly Transportation Advisory Committee, the Sister City Committee program and exchange, and the need for a discussion on Council continuity at a future meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 P.M.

Phillip Kerns  
City Clerk