

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: NONE.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Mayor recognized officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation who explained the upcoming \$973,000 M-83/Main Street Bridge over the Cass River deck reconstruction project commencing April 17, 2017 and project details including their traffic lane reduction planning.

There were no further comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Mayor reviewed the agenda and advised that agenda additions include a request to fund a new City website and additional 2017-18 budget presentations by the Water, Wastewater and Equipment Fund budgets.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Reindel, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting and the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 and to correct that the Mayor Pro Tem should be referenced in the minutes being the Mayor was absent. Unanimously carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

Beautification Committee

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Grossi, to appoint Dietrich Bronner, Judy Hiles, Mary Galsterer, Dee Linda (Woodle) Metzger, Zehnder-Ruggerillo and Herb Zeilinger to the Beautification Committee, terms expiring April 30, 2020. Unanimously carried.

Tax Abatement Committee

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Cramer, to appoint Mark Anne Ackerman and School Board representative David Abke to the Tax Abatement Committee, terms expiring April 30, 2020.  
Unanimously carried.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Schmitzer, to appoint Dave Luhring and Charles öChipö Sassone to the Zoning Board of Appeals, terms expiring April 30, 2020. Unanimously carried.

### *Public Hearings - None*

### *Annual Reports*

#### **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Vice Beautification Committee Chair Mary Galsterer presented the annual report of the Beautification Committee and reviewed highlights.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Schoenow, to accept the annual report of the Beautification Committee and to commend the members for their continued work to beautify the Community. Unanimously carried.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for February and reported that a new school liaison officer is in the process of being hired. Fire Chief Kerns presented the fire department's March monthly report and Treasurer Deterding reviewed the March financial report and quarterly revenue consolidation report. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of March.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Schoenow, to accept the Police, Treasurer's and Construction Codes monthly reports as submitted. Unanimously carried.

### *Consent Agenda*

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-37 TO 2017-39 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)**

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-37 issuing a permit to the Civic Events Council to erect two overhead street banners on Main Street and temporary directional signs for the 2017 Bavarian Festival, as requested; to adopt Resolution No. 2017-38 approving a one year lease of two acres of land on Weiss Street to Zwerk Farms; and to adopt Resolution No. 2017-39 approving a temporary, directional sign permit request for the BringinöBack the 80's Festival in Heritage Park on April 28 & 29, 2017. Unanimously carried.

### *Unfinished Business - None*

### *New Business*

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-40 - APPROVE FRANKENMUTH ARBOR DAY**

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-40 approving Friday, April 28, 2017 as Frankenmuth Arbor Day. Unanimously carried.

It was noted that the annual Arbor Day tree planting will take place near List School on Friday, April 28, 2017 at or around 9:00 A.M.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41 - AWARD A CONTRACT TO PAINT THE EXTERIOR OF THE NORTH WATER TOWER**

The Mayor reviewed that six bids were received to re-paint the exterior of the north water tower. The City's consulting engineer, Dixon Engineering, recommended that the contract be awarded to Industrial Painting, the lowest bidder.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-41 approving a contract with Industrial Painting of Taylor, MI to paint the exterior of the south water tower for \$78,200. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-42 - BEGIN ENGAGEMENT WITH REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITIES**

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed resolution for the City of Frankenmuth to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities program as presented to Council last month.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Cramer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-42 beginning engagement with Redevelopment Ready Communities. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-43 - AMEND THE MID MICHIGAN WASTE AUTHORITY CONTRACT**

City Manager Smith reviewed a recent legal opinion requesting that all members of the Mid Michigan Waste Authority restate and reaffirm the current services contract in effect through 2022.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-43 approving a resolution amending the Mid Michigan Waste Authority Contract. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44 - APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STREET SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS ON N. FRANKLIN AND HUBINGER STREETS**

City Manager Smith advised that bids were received for street resurfacing on N. Franklin Street, between Kleiner and W. Schleier Streets, and Hubinger Street, between E. Genesee and E. School Streets. Three bids were submitted and the lowest bid was deemed to be acceptable for such work.

Smith advised that this is an effort to save on mobilization costs and that bids for the asphalt milling and resurfacing of portions of N. Franklin and Hubinger Streets as one project was pursued by staff in order to do so. N. Franklin Street is in the current budget and funding for Hubinger Street is in the yet to be approved 2017-18 budget; however, billing for that portion of the project will not be

invoiced until July 1, 2017. The DPW Superintendent estimated a cost savings of approximately \$5,000 by doing these two projects together with separate invoices.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-44 approving a construction contract with Ace-Saginaw Paving Company of Saginaw, MI for street surface improvements on N. Franklin Street and Hubinger Street for a cost of \$97,268.35. Unanimously carried.

***Item(s) Removed From the Consent Agenda - None***

**APPROVE HOSTING OF CITY WEBSITE**

City Manager Smith reviewed that our current City website has been compromised and after upgrades, it is still being attacked. Because of outdated software, she recommended that a new company with more sophisticated software be contracted to host our site. Because the proposed 2017-18 budget has the expenditure for this service therein, they are willing to temporarily host the site through July 1<sup>st</sup>. Smith advised that a down payment will be required.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ackerman, to approve a contract with Revize, a government website expert, with the intent that they will redesign and host the City's website, to be paid in full on or after July 1, 2017. Unanimously carried.

**AUDITED BILLS**

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Grossi, to approve payment of the bills for March 2017 in the amount of \$864,949.25. Unanimously carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. City Manager ó Monthly Report.
2. County Controller ó March 2017 Report.
3. Fundraiser for Police Officer Rob Neilson.

**MINUTES**

1. Board of Review ó February 20, 27 & 28, 2017.
2. City-Township Commission ó December 20 & March 14, 2017.
3. Library Board ó February 13, 2016.
4. Parks & Recreation Commission ó February 22, 2017.
5. Chamber of Commerce ó February 15, 2017.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:46 PM in order to continue with the review of the 2017-2018 Budget. The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

**PROPOSED 2017-2018 CITY BUDGET, Continued**

Due to time constraints at the earlier work session meeting, presentations on the proposed 2017-2018 City Budget was continued.

The Wastewater, Water, and Equipment Pool funds were reviewed as to their specific needs and requests.

Discussion took place on the following:

Wastewater Treatment Budget ó The actual savings the plant has experienced as a result of energy efficiency improvements, requested sewer main improvements, the current National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit renewal that the plant is currently in the process, and an asset management plan required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for permitting.

Water Budget ó Planned projects including the upcoming transmission main improvement, asset management plan, historical usage statistics, the need for a water increase due to Saginaw City's increase and the transmission main project, the current term of the water contract with the City of Saginaw, and the possibility of installing neighborhood water main improvements in-house to save money.

Equipment Pool Budget ó The timing of equipment purchases and revenue derived from equipment rentals.

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 City Budget at their 7:00 P.M. regular meeting to be held on Monday, May 1, 2017, in the Meeting Chambers. The budget documents are available on the website.

Further discussion took place on the unknown issues involving federal and state permit approvals for the proposed levee improvement project, the timing of bond sales for said project, the types of bonds available and options, the recommendation from staff for a deficit spending budget, the option of waiting for 2018-19 to better determine what City millage is needed to fund some necessary projects, a review of the current debt service schedule, and borrowing for heating and air conditioning system improvements at the 37 year old City & Township Government Center.

After much discussion, and because of cash flow shortages and expenses already paid for engineering for the levee improvement project for the past several years, it was a consensus that the City Manager prepare a revised budget with millage increase options because of basic needs going unfulfilled and increased funding needed to address these issues.

The City Council will also hold a special meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:00 PM to review the City Manager's options prior to the May 1, 2017 public hearing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns  
City Clerk