

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
1:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Ackerman.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Kerns, DDA Director Stamiris, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam, Parks & Recreation Director Kaschinske, Police Chief Mawer, Treasurer Deterding, Wastewater Superintendent McKendree, Water Superintendent O'Brien, John Kaczor, Water Board member Art Loeffler and Frankenmuth Township Trustee Jeff Frahm.

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

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Water and Wastewater Treatment Rate Studies. John Kaczor of Municipal Analytics reviewed a proposal to conduct water and wastewater treatment rate studies. The total of the proposal is \$16,500. Some members of the Water and Waste Treatment Boards were also in attendance.

Discussed that unlike the UFS wholesale study from two years ago, this study will analyze retail sales rates, provide a spreadsheet on how to apply those retail rates, and include a 5 to 10 year implementation plan that is in concert with adopted system asset management plans, capital improvements plans and ordinances.

Further discussion took place on the arrangement between the city and township and both of us being customers of the City of Saginaw system, Frankenmuth City and Township having different internal philosophies on funding their rate adjustments, the current use of depreciation being a system shock absorber, the proposed study providing the township with a better understanding of potential rate increases, the intricacies of our joint water system, and the need to further discuss the cost sharing this proposal with the township.

Proposed New City Telephone System. Reviewed a proposed resolution approving the installation of a new telephone system for the City of Frankenmuth being the current system was installed in 1999 and requires replacing. The proposed new system will be purchased from and installed by I.T.I. I.T.I. Account Manager Ron Murphy was in attendance to review the proposed new system as they were the lowest proposal submitted that met or exceeded the requested specifications. The anticipated date for the cutover to the new system is early June.

Public Hearings for List and Heinlein Streets. Reviewed the proposed special assessment districts for the recent installation of streetlights on List Street and Heinlein Strasse as a result of those streets not having such standard. Last July, the Council called for public hearings on districts; however, Consumers Energy was late in their estimates and the project proceeded without staff realizing that the district had not been approved. District costs are below that originally estimated for property owners were invited to a public information meeting with staff in June.

Levee Improvements Project. Reviewed that a proposed resolution is on the regular agenda concerning approving the advance design and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Section 408 review for the Frankenmuth Levee Improvement Project. The cost of the study will be split with the Downtown Development Authority.

FEMA & Rock Ramp Update. Discussed that the USACE and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) are coordinating potential actions that the City may be able to do to abate the MDEQ violation. Many of the proposed abatement actions decrease the violations, but not enough to collectively have an effect on the floodplain propagation upstream. Staff continues to work with both agencies in an effort to find a realistic and affordable solution.

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

March Invoices ó Preliminary Review. The bills were available for review and specific questions on the following were discussed: Legal fees, medical benefit costs, and bond costs.

Correspondence. Reviewed the Redevelopment Ready Communities welcome letter and the Chamber commencing a Frankenmuth certified program.

Council Liaison Reports. The minutes of boards, commissions and committees were available for review and comment. Discussion took place on EDC Board activities.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Phillip Kerns  
City Clerk