

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 10, 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

Randal Henige & Kelly Petrose of Consumers Energy presented to City DPW Greenscape Manager Dan Hopp a \$2,500 check awarded to the City for the purchase of street trees. The Mayor thanked Consumer Energy for their \$13,000 in grant awards to the City over the past several years.

Carol Graham Banes, a local resident, presented information from the Sierra Club regarding the aging Line 5 pipeline that crosses underwater between the upper and lower peninsulas near the Mackinaw Bridge. Many environmentalists are expressing concerns that this pipeline is a disaster waiting to happen being it is outdated and an oil spill will threaten freshwater in the Great Lakes. Graham Banes urged the Council to contact the Governor about the need to shut this pipeline down before a spill occurs.

There were no further public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor reviewed the agenda and added the appointment of one person to the Planning Commission.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Cramer, to approve the agenda as reviewed by the Mayor Pro Tem. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Grossi, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting and the regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. Unanimously carried.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Clerk Kerns had administered the oath of office for recently elected Mayor Gary C. Rupprecht and Councilmembers Mary Anne Ackerman, Bethany M. Reindel, Vickie J. Schmitzer and Carl H. Schoenow.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

The Mayor requested nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Schmitzer nominated Schoenow as Mayor Pro Tem.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor requested a motion to close nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Cramer, to close nominations and unanimously elect Schoenow as Mayor Pro Tem of the Frankenmuth City Council. Unanimously carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

City Council Appointments to Certain Boards, Commissions and Committees

Moved by Grossi, seconded by Cramer, to appoint city councilmembers to certain boards, commissions and committees as recommended by the Mayor. Unanimously carried.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Grossi, to appoint Anne Webb to the Parks & Recreation Commission, terms expiring on December 31, 2019. Unanimously carried.

Planning Commission

Moved by Grossi, seconded by Cramer, to appoint Chad Ross to the Planning Commission, term expiring December 31, 2019. Unanimously carried.

Annual Reports

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Historic District Commission Chairperson Dan Walter reviewed the annual report of the Commission. He advised of some potential state law changes to historic districts, that the Commission is working on better defining criteria for affected properties within the district, and they would like to recognize properties that have exceeded district expectations.

Moved by Grossi, seconded by Reindel, to accept the Historic District Commission annual report. Unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer submitted his department's activities during the month of November, and Treasurer Deterding reviewed the December financial report and quarterly revenue consolidation report. The construction code activity report for the month of December was available for review

and Clerk Kerns advised that the codes authority may be picking up Tuscola Township permits very soon.

Moved by Grossi, seconded by Cramer, to accept the Police, Treasurerø and Construction Codes monthly reports as submitted. Unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-01 approving the Frankenmuth Jaycees Winterlaufe event on Saturday, February 4, 2017, contingent upon the event being coordinated with applicable City departments. Unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02 - APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC FOR CITY ASSESSOR SERVICES

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed contract with Michigan Municipal Management Services, LLC to provide Assessor Services to the City of Frankenmuth being that the current contract expired December 31st. Smith advised it is her recommendation that this contract be executed for a four year term because of the specialized nature of assessing and there being limited options. This proposed contract has been reviewed and approved by the City attorney and can be terminated by either party with 30 daysønotice.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-02 approving a contract with Michigan Municipal Management Services, LLC to provide City Assessor Services at an annual cost of approximately \$39,037. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03 - APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC FOR CITY TREASURER SERVICES

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed contract with Michigan Municipal Management Services, LLC to provide Treasurer Services to the City of Frankenmuth being that the current contract expired December 31st. Smith further advised that it is her recommendation that this contract be executed for a four year term with the intent of hiring a full-time treasurer in the fourth year of the contract. This proposed contract also has been reviewed and approved by the City attorney and can be terminated by either party with 30 daysønotice.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Schoenow, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-03 approving a contract with Michigan Municipal Management Services, LLC to provide City Treasurer Services at an annual cost of \$58,078. Unanimously carried.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04 - APPROVE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAGINAW FUTURE, INC.

Saginaw Future, Inc. President JoAnn Cray reviewed their annual renewal offer for economic development assistance to the City of Frankenmuth. She highlighted 2016 activities and that this year will be Saginaw Future's 25 year Anniversary.

Reindel requested to abstain due to a conflict.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-04 approving \$6,125 for the 2017 economic development agreement with Saginaw Future, Inc. Unanimously carried. Reindel abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05 - APPROVE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING DATES

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Ackerman, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05 establishing the 2017 Board of Review meeting dates on February 27 & 28, 2017 from 12:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Unanimously carried.

REVIEW A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR STORM WATER MODEL IN AND AROUND THE AREA OF THE FRANKENMUTH BUSINESS PARK

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed contract with Spicer Group to conduct professional services to model the land in and around the Frankenmuth Business Park for storm water drainage.

Discussion took place on the area of the work the study will focus on and its need being that the Business Park drainage was designed and installed; that the development of the Uptown North Main property was not anticipated and was not included in the Business Park study; and that a portion of the 30+ acre Loesel parcel to the south is included in the study area, but not all.

Being there were so many questions and that this study is very technical, staff will place it on the February agenda for further review.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06 - APPROVE A SLUDGE HAULING AGREEMENT

City Manager Smith recommended that the City enter into a three year agreement for sludge hauling with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. being that there are only two qualified licensed sludge haulers in the state and the other hauler is not interested in providing us service.

Discussion took place on this process being very specialized and highly regulated.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 approving a three year sludge hauling agreement with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. of Beulah, MI. Unanimously Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07 - RECOGNITION OF FIRE CHIEF

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Cramer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-07 recognizing the 34 years of service, ten years as Fire Chief, of John P. Deterding on the occasion of his retirement from the Frankenmuth Fire Department. Unanimously carried.

The Mayor presented the resolution, a plaque, and a stein to Deterding in recognition of his service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08 - APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP W. KERNS AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE FRANKENMUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Cramer, supported by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-08 accepting the recommendation of the City-Township Commission and approve the appointment of Phillip W. Kerns as the 8th Fire Chief of the Frankenmuth Fire Department, effective January 1, 2017. Unanimously carried.

Item(s) Removed From the Consent Agenda - None

AUDITED BILLS

Moved by Grossi, seconded by Ackerman, to approve payment of the bills for December 2016 in the amount of \$1,090,864.05. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager - Monthly Report.

MINUTES

1. Downtown Development Authority - December 8, 2016.
2. Economic Development Corporation Board ó December 15, 2016.
3. City-Township Commission ó December 20, 2016.
4. Parks & Recreation Commission ó November 16, 2016.
5. Planning Commission ó January 3, 2017.
6. Joint Planning Commissions ó January 3, 2017.

Discussion took place on Council wanting to see the City-Township Commission's accompanied reports for police and fire departments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk