

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 6, 2017
1:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Cramer.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Kerns, DDA Director Stamiris, DPW Superintendent Braeutigam, Parks & Recreation Director Kaschinske, Police Chief Mawer, and Treasurer Deterding.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Complete Streets Plan Presentation. Norm Cox of the Greenways Collaborative will be at the regular June Council meeting to give a presentation on the Complete Streets Plan. The Council will not be asked to take action at the June meeting. The steering committee was very engaged and involved in the process. The plan can be viewed at <http://walkbike.info/frankenmuth/fmplan/>. The goals are safety, speed management, connectivity and lanes configurations.

Discussion took place on pedestrian activated rapid flash signs proposed at school crossings, that the website is easily navigable, the committee make up was a good mix, and the process to formally adopt the plan.

M-83/MI Department of Transportation Request for Consideration. City Manager Smith reviewed a proposal offered by the MI Department of Transportation to study the potential undesignation of state highway M-83 and potentially designate the Dixie Highway, between Birch Run and Holland Roads, as a new state highway.

Discussion took place on the on-going maintenance required of the bridge over the Cass River, other road maintenance liabilities, the county's ability to fund future maintenance of Gera Road in the affected townships if it is undesignated as a state highway, the study would help answer

the numerous questions posed, that an outside firm would be contracted to study the issue, that this is for planning purposes only, and obvious general reservations.

There was a consensus by the Council to direct the City Manager to pursue participation in the study.

Website Re-design Update. Council reviewed the preliminary website re-design. Any comments are to be forwarded to City Manager Smith.

Cherry & E. School Streets Water Main Construction. Discussion took place on the DPW preparing to do the installation of water main replacement on Cherry and E. School Streets. Based on preliminary estimates, huge savings are expected to occur by doing this work in-house.

Rock Ramp Debris Clearing. Discussion took place on the recent debris clearing of logs and other debris at the rock ramp as a result of a huge and unusual amount of logs flushed down by spring high water events. The in-house cost thus far is \$15,000. The hiring of an outside contractor with long reach equipment was estimated at \$3,000 per day. Further review of the best course of action for future debris clearing is being reviewed by staff.

Consumer Energy Project/Potential Support. Reviewed the possibility of Consumers Energy planning to upgrade the electrical distribution service for an area on the east side of Main Street in the downtown to provide system redundancy in the event of a power outage. The cost may be \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ackerman, to send a letter of support for the project to Consumers Energy. Unanimously carried.

Miscellaneous. Reviewed the Council packet binder, a City communication plan and use of both the Frankenmuth News and social media, and the Palmer Arch status.

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

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

May Bills ó Preliminary Review. The bills were available for review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk