

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 1, 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

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

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 Schoenow, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting and the regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 and the special meeting held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Unanimously carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Historic District Commission

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Ackerman, to appoint Dan Walter and Bob Zeilinger to the Historic District Commission, terms expiring May 31, 2020. Unanimously carried.

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSAL TO LEVY 1.0 MILL OF PROPERTY TAX ON PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

DDA Director Stamiris advised that this proposed millage renewal would continue the 1.0 mill levy on all real and personal property within the Downtown Development District. Revenues from this millage will generate approximately \$103,000 annually and are used to fund DDA operating costs and augment the Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The DDA Board has recommended the renewal of this one mill levy which has been in effect since 2009. If approved, this will be the 24th year for this millage levy which has been reduced from the

original two mill levy. The renewal would be due and payable as a part of the July 2017 summer property tax bills.

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the proposed 1.0 mill levy on all properties within the Downtown Development District.

There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-44 - APPROVE A 1.0 MILL PROPERTY TAX LEVY ON ALL PROPERTIES IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Cramer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-44 approving a 1.0 mill property tax levy on all properties within the Downtown Development District. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2017-2018 CITY BUDGET AND THE LEVYING OF 9.00 MILLS PROPERTY TAX ON ALL CITY PROPERTIES

City Manager Smith reviewed the proposed 2017-2018 budget expenditures are as follows: General Fund - \$4,192,286, Major Street Fund - \$415,000, Local Street Fund - \$399,450, Parks & Recreation Fund - \$946,300, Downtown Development Fund - \$1,457,695, Building Department Fund - \$121,800, Drug Law Enforcement Fund - \$1,000, Waste Treatment Fund - \$2,219,994, Water Fund - \$2,456,000, Equipment Fund - \$424,450, and Debt Service Funds - \$1,206,773. She gave highlights of proposed projects in all funds.

The gross total expenditures of all funds for the proposed 2017-2018 City Budget totals \$13,840,748. The net total expenditures are \$11,101,625. The net total takes into consideration interfund transfers.

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 City Budget and the levying of 9.00 mills of property tax to support the proposed budget.

The Mayor advised that after much debate and deliberation at recent budget work sessions, Council proposed that the millage rate be increased from 8.75 mills to 9.00 mills.

There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-45 - APPROVE THE 2017-2018 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS AND 2017-2018 CITY PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Grossi, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-45 approving the 2017-2018 City of Frankenmuth Budget and Appropriations, as revised from the original budget submittal, and approving the levying of 9.00 mills for the City's 2017-2018 property tax millage. Unanimously carried.

Annual Reports

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ANNUAL REPORT

City Clerk Kerns reviewed the annual written report of board activities for 2016.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Schmitzer, to accept the annual report of the Zoning Board of Appeals and thank them for their service. Unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for March. Fire Chief Kerns presented the fire department's April monthly report and Treasurer Deterding reviewed the April financial report. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of April.

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

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46 & 2017-47 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S)

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-46 approving the Frankenmuth School District Trek for Tech (formerly iRun) on Sunday, September 17, 2017 with listed conditions; and to adopt Resolution No. 2017-47 approving the 2017 Keepsake Craft Show banners and directional signs from June 16-18, July 28-30, August 18-20, and September 15-17, 2017. Unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-48 - APPROVE 2017 BAVARIAN FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Civic Events Council (CEC) President Russ Uphold presented information on the upcoming 59th Annual Bavarian Festival and that the venue will be relocated to downtown Frankenmuth where it all began. He advised that after obtaining input from numerous people and reviewing festival history, it was determined by the CEC Board that the move would be a welcome change for the festival. He explained that much work has been done to work with property owners and businesses to relocate the festival to the downtown area. They have worked with many business partners in the process and the \$5 admission will allow you to gain entry into three festival tents scattered about and participate in many activities throughout Frankenmuth. The one time admission charge will be valid for all days of the festival and access to the entertainment.

Discussion took place on Uphold's public service, details on liquor licenses, events involving tours and promotions, and the need for volunteers to staff the event.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-48 approving 2017 Bavarian Festival Activities from Thursday, June 8 through Sunday, June 11, 2017 as presented. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-49 - APPROVE A 2017 PEDICAB LICENSE FOR PEDALE TROLLEY, LLC

Brandon Schmitzer of Pedale Trolley, LLC reviewed his request for a proposed 2017 Pedicab License and advised his base operation would be located at the Frankenmuth Brewery, 425 S. Main Street. They expect to begin operations on May 12th.

It was noted that the Transportation Advisory Committee has reviewed and recommended approval of their routes and license request.

Councilmember Schmitzer advised of her family relationship with the owners.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Grossi, to allow Councilmember Schmitzer to abstain from voting due to her family relationship with the owners of Pedale Trolley, LLC. Unanimously carried.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-49 approving a 2017 Pedicab License for Pedale Trolley, LLC. Unanimously carried. Schmitzer abstained.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AMENDING CHAPTERS 1, 71, 72, 76 AND 78 IN THE FRANKENMUTH CITY CODE PERTAINING TO LICENSES

City Manager Smith presented proposed amendments to Chapter 1 ó Adoption, Content and Interpretations Ordinance; Chapter 71 ó Licenses Ordinance; Chapter 72 ó Fees and Bonds Required Ordinance; Chapter 76 ó Horse Drawn Vehicles Ordinance; and Chapter 78 ó Pedicabs Ordinance, all Ordinances within the Frankenmuth City Code. The purpose of the amendments is to provide updates concerning necessary changes in the Ordinances as reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Committee at their March and April meetings.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Cramer, to introduce ordinance amendments pertaining to Chapter 1 ó Adoption, Content and Interpretations Ordinance; Chapter 71 ó Licenses Ordinance; Chapter 72 ó Fees and Bonds Required Ordinance; Chapter 76 ó Horse Drawn Vehicles Ordinance; and Chapter 78 ó Pedicabs Ordinance of the Frankenmuth City Code; and to schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-50 - AWARD A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MEMORIAL PARK BOAT LAUNCH

City Manager Smith reviewed that five bids were received for improvements to the Memorial Park Boat Launch as funded by a Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. The City's consulting engineer, Spicer Group, recommended that the contract be awarded to Sajdak Contractor, the lowest bidder.

Discussion took place that the estimated project cost was \$245,000. The MDNR Trust Fund Grant requires a City match of 26%.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-50 awarding a contract to Sajdak Contractor of Houghton Lake, MI to construct improvements at the Memorial Park Boat Launch and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. Unanimously carried.

Item(s) Removed From the Consent Agenda - None

AUDITED BILLS

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Cramer, to approve payment of the bills for April 2017 in the amount of \$1,163,769.96. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager ó Monthly Report.
2. WWTP Superintendent McKendree ó WWTP LED Lighting Project Savings.

MINUTES

1. Downtown Development Authority Board ó April 13, 2017.
2. Economic Development Corporation Board ó April 20, 2017.
3. Historic District Commission ó April 21, 2017.
4. Library Board ó March 13 & April 10, 2017.
5. Planning Commission ó April 25, 2017.
6. Transportation Advisory Committee ó March 6 & April 25, 2017
7. Chamber of Commerce ó March 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk