

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councilmembers-elect Paul LaBrenz, Thomas Meyer & Chad Ross.

ABSENT: None.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the pledge of allegiance. He introduced the Mayor-elect and Councilmembers-elect and congratulated them on their recent election.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alexander Ahjew, 375 Mary Lane – Reviewed the issues he has had with mowing vegetation in the open portion of the Harlan Drain behind his home since the mid 1980's and City actions forcing residents to do so. Inquired as to whether there is a better way to maintain the drain or close the drain in and spread the cost amongst the entire district versus the affected property owners having frontage on the ditch. He presented a petition from some of the affected neighbors, but expressed their concern about any expenses assessed to them.

City Manager Smith will get with Ahjew to discussion mitigation solutions.

There were no further public comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Southgate, to approve the minutes from the work session and regular meetings held on October 13, 2018. Unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Downtown Development Authority Board

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Ackerman, to appoint Maru Ann Hiles and Al Zehnder to the Downtown Development Authority Board, term expiring November 9, 2022. Unanimously carried.

It was noted that David Johnston did not seek reappointment to the Board.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Reindel, to appoint Carol McClellan, Alan Weiss and Bill Zehnder to the Transportation Advisory Committee, terms expiring October 31, 2021. Unanimously carried.

FRANKENMUTH JAYCEES SPLASH PAD PROJECT REPORT

Frankenmuth Jaycees Members and Splash Pad Steering Committee Chair Dan Hopp introduced steering committee members and reviewed their Splash Pad Project. A total of \$950,000 has been raised to date. The new 23 feature splash pad will have a flow through system, the Morning Rotary Club installed a sensory garden, a new rubber surfaced playground has been installed and a \$150,000 endowment fund has been established.

A spring groundbreaking will take place and a video of the project was viewed.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Southgate, to accept the project report of the Frankenmuth Jaycees on their Splash Pad Project and express appreciation for their work. Unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer submitted his monthly department activities report for September. Fire Chief Kerns presented the fire department's October monthly report and Treasurer Deterding reviewed the October financial report and quarterly revenue consolidation report. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of October.

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

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-118 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ackerman, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-118 approving a Salvation Army Solicitation request for their 2018 Christmas fundraising efforts at the Frankenmuth Kroger beginning Friday, November 9, 2018 through Monday, December 24, 2017. Unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-119 - SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASES IN VARIOUS FEES

City Manager Smith advised of a proposed schedule of various City fees that require annual adjustments as a result of handling and other associated costs. Staff is recommending that a public

hearing be scheduled for the Tuesday, December 4, 2018 Council meeting to receive public comment.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Southgate, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-119 scheduling a public hearing for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to receive public comments on a proposal to increase various fees charged by the City of Frankenmuth. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-120 - APPROVE A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL FRANKENMUTH POLICE PATROL UNIT

City Manager Smith reviewed a proposed three-year labor agreement that was ratified by the patrol officers of the Frankenmuth Police Department. Some of the highlights are as follows: Updating the Union Rights Section in compliance with recent Right to Work legislation. Increasing wages 3% for the 1st year and the 2nd and 3rd years will be based on the CPI and Merit raise increases. Health insurance costs will be passed onto employees if rates exceed 23% cumulatively over the three years of the contract or 10% in any one year. Tuition reimbursement increase. Funeral leave amendments.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-120 approving a three-year labor agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council - Frankenmuth Police Patrol Unit.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-121 - APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ROCK RAMP MITIGATION SOLUTION

City Manager Smith advised of a proposal from Matteo Engineering & Consulting, Inc. (MEC) to provide engineering design services for the Rock Ramp Mitigation Solution as a result of an October 2015 Michigan Department of Natural Resources notice of violation. After months of discussion on numerous mitigation solutions, a potential solution has been identified and appears to be the best choice.

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-121 approving a contract for engineering services for the Rock Ramp Mitigation Solution and to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with MEC for approximately \$78,185. Unanimously carried.

Item(s) Removed From the Consent Agenda - None

AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Cramer, to authorize invoice payment for October 2018 in the amount of \$855,996.84. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager – Monthly Report.
2. Michigan Liquor Control Commission – Frankenmuth Gift Shop License.
3. Michigan Municipal League – Local Pavement Warranty Program.
4. HR Brief – Rising Health Care Costs.

MINUTES

1. Election Commission – October 4, 2018.
2. City-Township Commission – September 18, 2018.
3. Library Board – September 11, 2018.
4. Parks & Recreation Commission – August 22, 2018.
5. Chamber of Commerce – September 19, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Phillip Kerns
City Clerk