

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 6, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Grossi & Reindel.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Mayor recognized Sister City Chairperson Dan Haubenstricker who introduced Gunzenhausen Cultural Exchange Participants Sonja Metzger and Simon Hartmann who are working at St. Lorenz School and the City, respectively. Both participants were presented a City stein.

There were no further comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Mayor reviewed the agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Schoenow, to approve the minutes from the work session meeting and the regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM STAR OF THE WEST MILLING COMPANY FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

The Mayor opened the public hearing on the proposed tax abatement certificate.

City Manager Smith reviewed that Star of the West Milling Company has requested a \$1.416 Million tax abatement for their proposed new millfeed and load-out system addition onto their food grade warehouse facility at 231 Hubinger Street. The improvements will allow Star to load trucks inside and reduce exterior noise and traffic congestion from loading operations. Smith advised that this district was created in 2013 and that the Tax Abatement Committee met and has recommended their request be approved.

Star of the West Milling Company President Arthur Loeffler also commented on their request.

Saginaw Future Executive Vice President Steve Jonas advised of their support for the project and stated that job retention is just as important as job creation.

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

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-76 - APPROVE AN APPLICATION FROM STAR OF THE WEST MILLING COMPANY FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE**

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-76 to approve a fifty percent (50%) property tax exemption for a period of twelve (12) years on the real property improvements for \$1.416 Million of real property improvements for the Star of the West Milling Company proposed millfeed and load-out system to be located at 231 Hubinger Street. Unanimously carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

Economic Development Corporation Board

Moved by Ackerman, seconded by Cramer, to appoint Tim Hildner and Brandon Muller to the Economic Development Corporation Board, terms expiring August 9, 2020. Unanimously carried.

It was noted that Tim Dils did not seek reappointment and that another vacancy also remains on the Board.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

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

***Consent Agenda***

**RESOLUTION NOS. 2017-77 TO 2017-83 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-77 approving the annual American Legion Post No. 150 Rummage Sale event October 5 & 6, 2017; to adopt Resolution No. 2017-78 approving the Frankenmuth Lions Club 2017 Fall Sale from September 20 - October 20, 2017; to adopt Resolution No. 2017-79 approving the Frankenmuth High School Homecoming Parade request on Friday, October 13, 2017; to adopt Resolution No. 2017-80 approving the 2017 Cub Scout Pack 3275 Pumpkin Sale and display of temporary signs September 24 through October 31, 2017; to adopt Resolution No. 2017-81 approving the Frankenmuth Jaycees Bruckelaufe event on Saturday, October 7, 2017; to adopt Resolution No. 2017-82 approving a request from the Big Country Fest to erect directional signs within the City limits; and to adopt Resolution No. 2017-83 approving the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Bavarian Festival from June 7-10, 2017. Unanimously carried.

***Unfinished Business - None***

***New Business***

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-84 - AUTHORIZE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR FINANCING TRANSMISSION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

City Manager Smith advised that in order to finance the Junction Road and Dehmel Road transmission water main replacement projects to begin in the spring of 2018, the City must sell capital improvement bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4 Million for this project. The engineering estimate is \$3.6 Million.

Discussion took place on the levee improvement project notice of intent published last September and that project being delayed.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Ackerman, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-84 approving a notice of intent to sell capital improvement bonds to finance transmission water main improvements for an amount not to exceed \$4 Million. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-85 - APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRANKENMUTH GATEWAY ARCH**

City Manager Smith advised that due to the sign package subcontractor not being able to complete their work as specified, a new sign contractor with the necessary expertise in this type of work must be hired. As a result, a newly qualified sign contractor has been identified and recommended and their cost is considerably higher than the low bidder who has since not been able to fulfill the original contract specifications.

It was again confirmed that 100% of the cost of this project will be funded by the Palmer Foundation.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Cramer, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-85 approving an amended construction contract with William Bronner & Son of Frankenmuth, MI for the construction of the Frankenmuth Gateway Arch for an additional cost of \$186,378.30.

Discussion took place on the 180 day period to get the signs installed, concerns of winter time detours and ability to work around snow forecasts, and the new sign contractor being able to get the work done in less than the estimated 5 to 7 days allowed.

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 August 2017 in the amount of \$3,408,250.43. Unanimously carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. City Manager ó Monthly Report.
2. Village of Paw Paw DDA Coordinator ó Thank you.

### **MINUTES**

1. Historic District Commission ó August 30, 2017.
2. Library Board ó August 11, 2017.
3. Sister City Committee ó July 27 & August 22, 2017.
4. Tax abatement Committee ó August 2, 2017.
5. Chamber of Commerce ó July 19, 2017.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Phillip Kerns  
City Clerk