**Council Brief for Week of November 6, 2023**

Proclamation for Dave Luhring for his 52 years of service to the ZBA ● Recognition of employees celebrating work anniversaries ● Public hearing – Conditional rezoning request for 326 Kern ● Purchase of a new Payloader for DPW ● Purchase of a new truck for Parks & Rec ● Hiring a School Resource Officer ● Purchase of Meridian Barriers ● Removal of the island on Weiss St. ● Purchase of a digital sign ● Purchase and installation of three warning sirens ● Authorize Facilities Committee to conduct due diligence on fire station locations ● Calling two public hearings for the December 5, 2023 meeting ● Closed session

**Proclamation for Dr. David Luhring, D.V.M.**

Mayor Ackerman read the proclamation thanking Dr. Luhring for his 52 years of service to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The proclamation was unanimously passed by Council.

**Recognition of employees celebrating work anniversaries**

Mayor Ackerman shared the notice celebrating employee anniversaries and requested it is posted on the City’s website.

**Public hearing for a conditional rezoning request for 326 Kern**

Council took public comment on the proposed conditional rezoning from 7:19 pm – 7:25 pm. Council unanimously approved the conditional rezoning request, with the same conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

**Purchasing a new payloader for the Department of Public Works**

Council unanimously approved the budgeted purchase at a cost of $193,486.85.

**Purchasing a new truck for the Parks and Recreation Department**

Council unanimously approved the purchase at a cost of $48,750.

**Hiring a new School Resource Officer (SRO)**

Council unanimously approved hiring a new SRO and authorized the City Manager to execute a memo of understanding with the Frankenmuth School District.

**Purchase of Meridian barriers**

Council unanimously approved allocating ARPA funds to purchase the barriers at a cost of $197,104.78.

**Removal of the island on Weiss St.**

Council unanimously approved allocating ARPA funds for the removal of the Weiss St. Island at a cost not to exceed $50,000.

**Purchase of a digital sign**

Council unanimously approved allocating ARPA funds to purchase a digital sign at a cost not to exceed $60,000.

**Purchase and installation of three warning sirens**

Council unanimously approved allocating ARPA funds to purchase and install three warning sirens at a cost not to exceed $120,000.

**Authorizing Facilities Committee to do due diligence**

Council unanimously authorized the Facilities Committee to conduct due diligence on the two potential locations for a new fire station.

**Calling two public hearings for the December 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**

A public hearing to consider increases in City fees was scheduled.

A public hearing to consider changing the City’s horse drawn vehicles ordinance was scheduled.

These will be published in the Frankenmuth News prior to the public hearings.

**Regular Business**

These items are routine:

* Approval of Previous Minutes – The Committee of the Whole and Regular Council Meeting minutes from October 3 5, 2023 and the Work Session Minutes from October 26, 2023 were unanimously approved.
* Appointments to Committees and Commissions – Martha Kaczynski – Appointed to the Sister City Committee – with one abstention (J.K.)
* Monthly Reports – The Building Report, Police Report, Fire Report and Treasurer’s Report were accepted by Council.
* Council Reports – Update on: Civic Events Council.
* Monthly Audited Bills – The invoice payments for October were authorized, unanimously.
* Correspondence – Correspondence received: Managers monthly report ● Michigan Liquor Control Commission ● Third quarter Frankenmuth Community Foundation fund statements ● Annual Christmas party invitation.
* Minutes from Boards and Commissions – Minutes Received: Parks and Recreation Commission ● Downtown Development Authority ● City Beautification Committee ● Planning Commission ● Transportation Advisory Committee ● Sister City Committee ● Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Items Approved by Consent**

These items are routine, administrative, and do not require deliberation.

The New Years Eve fireworks permit

Authorizing Consumers Energy to make changes in the lighting service agreement

The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

**Closed Session**

Council unanimously voted to enter into closed session for the Manager’s annual evaluation.

Full minutes are available at Frankenmuthcity.com

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING: December 5, 2023**

**There will be two public hearings held during the next meeting**