

**CITY OF FRANKENMUTH  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025  
7:00 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Bernthal-Reindel, Cramer, Grossi, Howe, Ross, Schmitzer, & Meyer.

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Smith, Assistant City Manager/Treasurer Jimenez, Clerk Zizumbo, Water Superintendent O’Brien, DPW Superintendent Scherzer, and Director of DDA Hopp.

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting chambers and opened the meeting by leading the pledge of allegiance.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Cramer seconded by Schmitzer to approve the agenda.

Unanimously carried.

**3. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

None.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5.a. Public Hearing reviewing the special assessment roll and confirming the assessment amount for a Public Safety Special Assessment District.

The public hearing was opened at 7:01 P.M.

Manager Smith provided background on the public safety special assessment and the city’s efforts to balance the budget.

The hearing was closed at 7:04 P.M.

Moved by Grossi seconded by Schmitzer to approve Resolution No 2025-54 confirming the special assessment roll for the operation and maintenance of police and fire protection and to levy and to collect the taxes and to provide for annual appropriations.

Unanimously carried.

5.b. Public Hearing for Water Rate Increase for Frankenmuth Township

The public hearing was opened at 7:04 P.M.

Manager Smith presented a proposal for a 4.2% water rate increase for Frankenmuth Township and a commodity rate increase to \$6.49 per 1,000 gallons. Smith notated that the Township has the ability to collect additional dollars for their own improvements.

The hearing was closed at 7:06 P.M.

Moved by Cramer seconded by Ross to approve Resolution 2025-44 establishing revised water and commodity rate charges.

5.c. Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution Regarding Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

The public hearing was opened at 7:06 P.M.

Manager Smith provided a brief overview of the FY 2025-2026 budget, mentioning the inclusion of the Public Safety Special Assessment and Countywide Streets Millage. She also discussed revenue projections, noting flat growth in commercial sectors and a reduction in police contract expenditures. Smith broke down the city's revenue sources and expenses, emphasizing the importance of Act 51 monies for street repairs.

The hearing was closed at 7:12 P.M.

Moved by Bernthal-Reindel seconded by Howe to approve Resolution 2025-50 approving the 2025-2026 budget for the City of Frankenmuth.

5.d. Public Hearing Regarding the DDA 1 Mil Tax Levy

The public hearing was opened at 7:12 P.M.

DDA Director Hopp explained the annual levy of up to two mills allowed for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the decision to levy one mill for administrative costs. Manager Smith provided additional context, noting the DDA's practice of self-assessing to demonstrate commitment to other jurisdictions.

The hearing was closed at 7:14 P.M.

Moved by Schmitzer seconded by Grossi to approve Resolution 2025-47 approving a one mill property tax levy in 2025 on properties in the Downtown Development Authority.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The proposed consent agenda for the meeting included the following items: March 18, 2025 Budget Workshop minutes, April 1, 2025 Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting minutes, April 24, 2025, Work Session minutes; approving Resolutions 2025-46 2025 Bavarian Festival permits and 2025-51 Zehnder's Memorial Day Fireworks Display; April 10, 2025, Downtown

Development Authority, April 15, 2025, Construction Codes Group, April 16, 2025, Parks and Recreation Commission, April 17, 2025 Economic Development Committee, April 22, 2025, City-Township Commission, April 22, 2025, Planning Commission, and April 28, 2025, Sister City Committee meeting minutes; and the April audited bills.

Moved by Cramer seconded by Ross to approve the consent agenda.

Unanimously carried.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.a. RESOLUTION 2025-62, TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE LICENSE TRANSFER.

Moved by Cramer seconded by Ross to approve resolution 2025-62.

Unanimously carried.

7.b. RESOLUTION 2025-43, APPROVING KREMIN PROPERTY TRANSFER.

Moved by Howe seconded by Bernthal-Reindel to approve resolution 2025-43.

Unanimously carried.

7.c. RESOLUTION 2025-52, APPROVING THE POLC TENTATIVE AGREEMENT.

Moved by Grossi seconded by Ross to approve resolution 2025-52.

Unanimously carried.

7.d. RESOLUTION 2025-55, APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE PALMREUTER FARM.

Moved by Schmitzer seconded by Howe to approve resolution 2025-55.

Unanimously carried.

7.e. RESOLUTION 2025-57, AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE ELEVATOR AT THE CITY TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL CENTER TO MEI AND APPROVAL OF A NEW SERVICE CONTRACT.

Moved by Cramer seconded by Ross to approve resolution 2025-57.

Unanimously carried.

7.f. RESOLUTION 2025-56, TO VACATE NORTH PINE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Moved by Bernthal-Reindel seconded by Howe to approve resolution 2025-56.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.g. RESOLUTION 2025-58, APPROVING A CONTRACT TO REPAVE MAPLE CREST STREET.

Moved by Cramer seconded by Grossi to approve resolution 2025-58.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.h. RESOLUTION 2025-49, AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR MAPLE CREST STREET TO SPICER ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.

Moved by Howe seconded by Schmitzer to approve resolution 2025-49.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.i. RESOLUTION 2025-51, APPROVING THE CITY OF SAGINAW SHOOTING RANGE USE LICENSE.

Moved by Grossi seconded by Bernthal-Reindel to approve resolution 2025-51.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.j. RESOLUTION 2025-48, APPROVING MUTH YOUTH SOFTBALL RENTAL AGREEMENT.

Moved by Schmitzer seconded by Grossi to approve resolution 2025-48.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.k. RESOLUTION 2025-53, APPROVING TIFFANY'S FASTPITCH RENTAL AGREEMENT.

Moved by Ross seconded by Grossi to approve resolution 2025-53.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.l. RESOLUTION 2025-59, APPROVING THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PPE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

Moved by Cramer seconded by Howe to approve resolution 2025-59.

Unanimously carried.

- 7.m. RESOLUTION 2025-60, AWARDING THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS ON VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOTS TO AGNEW CONSTRUCTION.

Moved by Bernthal-Reindel seconded by Ross to approve resolution 2025-60.

Unanimously carried.

7.n. CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Mayor Meyer called a public hearing to adopt the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code at the regularly scheduled meeting for June 3, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

8. **MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.a. Monthly Water Pumpage

9.b. Cass River Streambank Stabilization Plan Project: Kickoff Meeting Summary

9.c. Wickson Library Survey

9.d. Frankenmuth Community Foundation - 2025 1st Quarter Fund Statements

9.e. Saginaw County Newsletter - April and May 2025

9.f. MLCC Liquor License Transfer from Honey B's to Stark Provisions, LLC

Mayor Meyer notated the correspondence has been received and filed.

10. **CLOSED SESSION**

10.a. City Manager Quarterly Performance Update

City Manager Smith requested that Council go into closed session to conduct her quarterly performance evaluation update.

Moved by Ross seconded by Grossi to enter into closed session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss the quarterly evaluation performance for the City Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas     Bernthal-Reindel, Cramer, Grossi, Howe, Ross, Schmitzer, and Meyer

Nays

The Mayor requested that only the City Manager stay for this portion of the meeting.

Being that the closed session of the meeting was completed, the Mayor reconvene the public meeting at 9:18 P.M.

It should be noted that only the Council and the City manager were in attendance for the remaining of the open session of the meeting and that no one else present.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Submitted by:

Angelic Zizumbo

City Clerk