

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ackerman, LaBrenz, Meyer, Reindel, Ross, Schmitzer & Schoenow.

ABSENT: NONE.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments, the Mayor proceeded with the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ross, to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Meyer, to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and regular meetings held on July 12, 2022, and the work session held on July 28, 2022. Unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FROM MICHIGAN BRAND, INC. FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

City Manager Smith advised that Michigan Brand, Inc. has requested a \$2.4 Million tax abatement for two additions to their building as their property is located within an already established industrial district. She reviewed their application and advised that the City's Economic Development Corporation Board has an abatement policy of which the project complies with that policy, and that the Board is recommending that the application for a certificate be approved.

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

Nick Grillo of Michigan Brand, Inc. explained that the two new additions will help with processing and planned future operations for their facility.

Steve Jonas with Saginaw Future commented that they are very supportive of Michigan Brand, Inc. and their request for a tax abatement. He further advised that he will be retiring in December and thanked the City for its support over his many years at SF.

Discussion took place on Michigan Brand's product being available locally at many locations and well wished to Jonas.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-64 - APPROVE AN APPLICATION FROM MICHIGAN BRAND, INC. FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-64 to approve a fifty percent (50%) property tax exemption for a period of twelve (12) years on the real property improvements for \$2.4 Million of real property improvements to Michigan Brand, Inc., 320 Heinlein Strasse. Unanimously carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS - None

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer submitted his monthly department activities report for June 2022. Fire Chief Kerns provided the written June monthly report and verbally reviewed July activities. The July financial report was presented by Treasurer Jimenez along with highlights of activity she has been involved with in preparing for the 2021-22 Audit and some other financial items. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of July.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Meyer, to accept the above referenced monthly reports as submitted. Unanimously carried.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-65 - APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO CITY DPW & WATER VEHICLES

The Mayor reviewed quotes received for a utility van for use by the City Water Department for \$28,214 and a one-ton pick-up truck for use by the DPW for \$42,439. Both vehicles are in the 2022-23 City Budget and both vehicles are being purchased locally as a result of the State purchasing pricing being higher than the price quoted by the local dealer.

Moved by Ross, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-65 approving the purchase of two new City vehicles for the DPW and Water departments through Mike Young GMC Buick. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-66 - APPROVE AUTOFEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Moved by Ross, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-66 approving the Frankenmuth Autofest fireworks display at the City of Frankenmuth W.R.R.F. on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at approximately 9:00 P.M. Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS

Moved by Ross, seconded by LaBrenz, to authorize the payment of invoices for July 2022 in the amount of \$2,469,860.60. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager – County Controller’s 2022 Report.
2. MLCC – Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth – License Transfer to 701 Mill Street.
3. Water Department – Monthly Pumpage Report.

The Mayor requested that the receipt of correspondence be noted.

MINUTES

1. City Township Commission – June 21, 2022.
2. DDA Board – May 12, 2022.
3. Economic Development Corporation Board – June 16 & July 21, 2022.
4. Historic District Commission – June 14, 2022.
5. Parks & Recreation Commission – June 29, 2022.
6. Planning Commission – July 26, 2022.
7. Zoning Board of Appeals – June 13, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk