

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 3, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Ackerman, Cramer, Kaczynski, Meyer, Reindel, Ross and Schmitzer.

ABSENT: NONE.

The Mayor 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**

Police Chief Mawer introduced full-time Officer Brett Adkins to Council. Adkins was welcomed.

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

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Clerk Kerns had administered the oath of office for recently elected Mayor Mary Anne Ackerman and Councilmembers Joseph M. Cramer, Thomas M. Meyer and Chad M. Ross.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

The Mayor requested nominations for Mayor Pro Tem and nominated Meyer as Mayor Pro Tem.

There being no other nominations, the Mayor requested a motion to close nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Ross, to close nominations and unanimously elect Thomas Meyer as Mayor Pro Tem of the Frankenmuth City Council. Unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There being no objection, the Mayor approved the agenda as printed and added a Good of the Order item at the end of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Kaczynski, to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and regular meetings held on December 6, 2022 and to fill-in the year in which Tracy Weber's term on the Planning Commission expires. Unanimously carried.

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

### City Council Appointments to Certain Boards, Commissions and Committees

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Kaczynski, to appoint city councilmembers to certain boards, commissions and committees as recommended by the Mayor. Carried.

#### Planning Commission

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Kaczynski, to appoint Jim Howe and Chad Ross to the Planning Commission, terms expiring December 31, 2025. Unanimously carried.

It is noted that Tracy Weber was appointed to fill a Planning Commission vacancy at the December 2022 regular meeting that would also expire on December 31, 2025.

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

Moved by Ross, seconded by Reindel, to appoint Ed Foltz to the Parks & Recreation Commission, terms expiring on December 31, 2025. Unanimously carried.

It was also noted that Joe Chowaniec did not seek reappointment and the Council was very thankful for his longtime service and Anne Webb will submit her reappointment questionnaire at next month's meeting for consideration.

#### Sister City Committee

Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Ross, to appoint Dan Haubenstricker, Jordan Maurer & Gary Pickelmann to the Sister City Committee, terms expiring on December 31, 2025. Unanimously carried.

It was noted that Herb Zeilinger & Vickie Schmitzer did not seek reappointment and the Council was very appreciative of their service. Several vacancies exist that will need to be addressed by the Committee in 2023.

#### Board of Review

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Kaczynski, to appoint Jerry Thompson as an alternate member to the Board of Review, term expiring May 31, 2024. Unanimously carried.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for November 2022. Fire Chief Kerns provided the written November monthly report and verbally reviewed December activities and his 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report to the City-Township Commission. The December financial report was presented by Treasurer Jimenez along with highlights of activity. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of December.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01 TO 2023-03 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Cramer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01 approving the 2022 Zehnder's SnowFest Activities from Wednesday, January 25, 2023 through Sunday, January 29, 2023; adopt Resolution No. 2023-02 approving the Frankenmuth Jaycees Winterlaufe event on Saturday, February 4, 2023, contingent upon the event being coordinated with applicable City departments; and to adopt Resolution No. 2023-03 approving dates for the 2023 Board of Review meeting dates. Unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04 - APPROVE 2023 EAGLE'S NEST LEASE AGREEMENT**

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-04 approving a one-year lease agreement with the Frankenmuth Woodcarver's Guild for the Eagle's Nest building in Heritage Park. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 - APPROVE A LAND APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS (SLUDGE HAULING) AGREEMENT**

WRRF Superintendent Schluckebier recommended that the City enter into a second three-year agreement for land application of biosolids (sludge hauling) with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. being there continues to be limited, qualified licensed sludge haulers in the state. City Manager Smith advised that as mentioned three years ago, this is potentially a short-term solution and the future may hold us having to choose a more costly option to dispose of our biosolid waste.

Schluckebier commented that this company cleans out the storage tanks and also conducts said services for area municipalities.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Kaczynski, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 approving a three-year sludge hauling agreement with Biotech Agronomics, Inc. of Beulah, MI. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-06 - APPROVE PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Police Chief Mawer reviewed a proposal to purchase ten Motorola V300 Watch Guard Body Cameras for the police department as their current four year old cameras are ending their service life and numerous units are out of service and too expensive to upgrade.

Discussion took place on the need for the system to be able to comply with FOIA and court discovery requests and current budget allowances to purchase a system. This software has the

ability to redact portions of video as much staff time is needed to comply with these prompt requests. Also, that this proposal is a little more than what was budgeted.

Moved by Meyer, seconded by Cramer, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06 approving the purchase of ten Motorola V300 Watch Guard Body Cameras for \$28,730. Unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 - APPROVE ASSESSMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ON RECENTLY ANNEXED PROPERTIES**

City Manager Smith advised that as a result of four properties on Ayre Lane and E. Tuscola Road being annexed into the City as of January 1, 2022, special assessments for infrastructure improvements must be levied on those parcels.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Kaczynski, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07 approving the levying of special assessments for infrastructure improvements on four recently annexed properties located on Ayre Lane and E. Tuscola Road. Unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08 - APPROVE PURCHASE OF A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE**

Police Chief Mawer reviewed the need to purchase a 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicle and because of on-going manufacturer's delays, he is requesting the City utilize state purchasing through the MIDEAL program, as we did last April.

Discussion took place on this being a four-wheel drive vehicle and the exact cost is unknown, but the Chief thought it would be approximately \$45,000.

Moved by Reindel, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08 approving the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive police vehicle through the MIDEAL Program for an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Unanimously carried.

### **AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS**

Moved by Ross, seconded by Kaczynski, to authorize the payment of invoices for December 2022 in the amount of \$939,143.73. Unanimously carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. City Manager – Manager's Monthly Report.
2. MML Law Enforcement Action Forum – Winter 2022 Newsletter.
3. Delta College – 2023 Summer Tax Collection.
4. MI EGLE – Lead & Copper Monitoring.
5. MMWA – 2021 Audit.

The Mayor requested that the receipt of correspondence be noted.

## **MINUTES**

1. City – Township Commission – December 20, 2022.
2. Downtown Development Authority Board – December 8, 2022.
3. Economic Development Corporation Board – December 15, 2022.
4. Zoning Board of Appeals – December 15, 2022.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Review took place on the status of the Weiss Equipment construction project underway on Kleiner Street, a recent resident visiting Gunzenhausen, representatives of Cobblestone Homes desiring to attend a future EDC Board and Council meeting, the DDA streetlight inventory and future replacement plans, and the former Memtron site and planned use.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns  
City Clerk