

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 7, 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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-17 - RECOGNITION OF PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSIONER JOSEPH CHOWANIEC FOR HIS SERVICE**

Mayor Ackerman read a proposed resolution honoring the nearly 27 years of service by Joe Chowaniec, upon him not seeking reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Chowaniec thanked the Council for the recognition.

Moved by Ross, seconded by Meyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-17, by unanimous consent, recognizing Parks & Recreation Commissioner Joseph Chowaniec for his service to the Frankenmuth Community. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Cramer, to approve the agenda as printed. Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ross, seconded by Schmitzer, to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and regular meetings held on January 3, 2023 and the work session held on February 23, 2023. Unanimously carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS - None

MONTHLY REPORTS

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for January 2023. Fire Chief Kerns provided the written January monthly report and verbally reviewed February activities. The February financial report was presented by Treasurer Jimenez along with highlights of activity. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of February.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-18 TO 2023-24 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-18 approving a noise control time limit exception for 16 festivals and events in 2023; to adopt Resolution No. 2023-19 approving a request from Country Streets Machines to Close S. Main Street for the 2023 Big Block Party on Friday, September 8, 2023; to adopt Resolution No. 2023-20 approving a request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Michigan Chapter to conduct a fundraising walk on Saturday, May 6, 2023; to adopt Resolution No. 2023-21 approving the Knights of Columbus solicitation at Kroger’s on April 1 & 2, 2023; to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22 approving the 2023 Volkslaufe events on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4, 2023; to approve Resolution No. 2023-23 approving 2023 Frankenmuth Bavarian Festival activities from June 8-11, 2023; and to adopt Resolution No. 2023-24 approving the Frankenmuth River Place Dog Bowl and Bavarian Inn Balloons Over Bavaria Events from May 26 through May 29, 2023. Unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25 - AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO MAKE CERTAIN LINE ITEM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

City Treasurer Jimenez reviewed a proposed resolution that was discussed last month which would allow her to make certain line item budget adjustments that do not exceed \$5,000.

Discussion took place on the Treasurer sharing her work with Council when she needs to take such action.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-25 approving the City Treasurer to make certain line item budget adjustments. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-26 - AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 CITY BUDGET

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-26 amending appropriations for the 2022-2023 City Budget. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27 - APPROVE A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL – FRANKENMUTH UNIT

City Manager Smith reviewed a letter of agreement concerning a change in medical benefits agreed upon by the City and the local police officers labor union.

Discussion took place on the cost sharing amount with employees opting out and how it compares with other area municipalities.

Moved by Cramer, seconded by Reindel, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-27 approving a letter of agreement with the Police Officers Labor Council for a 2023 change in healthcare benefits. Unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28 - APPROVING THE 2023-2029 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Mayor advised of the proposed Capital Improvements Plan through 2029, as reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission and City staff.

Moved by Kaczynski, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-28 approving the 2023-29 Capital Improvements Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously carried.

AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS

Moved by Ross, seconded by Meyer, to authorize the payment of invoices for February 2023 in the amount of \$5,483,431.22. Unanimously carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. City Manager – Manager’s Monthly Report.
2. Water Department – Monthly Pumpage Report.
3. City of Saginaw – Wholesale Water Rate Notice of Increase.
4. State of Michigan – Pension Grant Information.
5. Plunkett & Cooney – Notice of Trial.
6. City of Frankenmuth – Gateway Enhancement.
7. Relief Event – Sunburst Subdivision.
8. U.S. Government FEMA – Final Cass River Floodplain Maps.
9. City Manager - HE Kern Endowment Meeting.

The Mayor requested that the receipt of correspondence be noted.

MINUTES

1. Downtown Development Wayfinding Signs Presentation – February 9, 2023.
2. Parks & Recreation Commission – January 25, 2023.
3. Planning Commission – February 28, 2023.
4. Sister City Committee – February 15, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Phillip W. Kerns
City Clerk