

**FRANKENMUTH CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: Reindel.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Bowen, 245 W. Genesee Street – Commented on the City’s Capital Improvement Plan posted on the website and offered comments on its location being hard to find, cited the need that each project description should be listed, asked why projects are dated yet not completed on those dates, and questioned how the City determines street project priorities? Staff will follow-up with Mr. Bowen.

State Representative Rodney Wakeman – Advised that he recently moved to Frankenmuth, is seeking re-election in the new 97<sup>th</sup> State House District which encompasses the Frankenmuth community, and reviewed his work on state house committee assignments.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Meyer, seconded by LaBrenz, to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ross, seconded by Schoenow, to approve the minutes from the committee of the whole and regular meetings held on March 1, 2022 and the work session and special meetings held on March 17, 2022. Unanimously carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

Zoning Board of Appeals

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Meyer, to appoint Todd Jennings and Chris Zehnder to the Zoning Board of Appeals, terms expiring April 30, 2025. Unanimously carried.

### Beautification Committee

Moved by Ross, seconded by Schmitzer, to appoint Beth Reindel, Jared List, Mara Hetzner and Sue Bierlein to the Beautification Committee, terms expiring April 30, 2025. Unanimously carried.

It was noted that Al Weiss did not seek reappointment and the Council offered its thanks to him and that there are two other vacant terms that expire on April 30, 2025.

### Downtown Development Authority Board

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Meyer, to appoint Adam Barden to the DDA Board, term expires on November 9, 2025. Unanimously carried.

### Tree Board

Moved by LaBrenz, seconded by Ross, to appoint Jerry Kabat and Chris Worley to the Tree Board, terms expiring March 31, 2025. Unanimously carried.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Police Chief Mawer reviewed his monthly department activities report for February 2022. Fire Chief Kerns provided the written February monthly report and verbally reviewed the March activities. The March financial report was presented by City Manager Smith. City Clerk Kerns reviewed the construction code activity for the month of March.

An amended Treasurer's report would be emailed out to Council due to a missing column.

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

## **RESOLUTION NOS. 2022-28 TO 2022-31 - APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Schmitzer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-28 approving the Knights of Columbus solicitation at Kroger's on April 9 & 10, 2022; to adopt Resolution No. 2022-29 approving Friday, April 29, 2022 as Frankenmuth Arbor Day; to adopt Resolution No. 2022-30 approving a temporary, directional sign permit request for the Bringin' Back the 80's Festival in Heritage Park on April 22 & 23, 2022; to adopt Resolution No. 2022-31 recognizing the retirement of Michael D. Zehnder from the Frankenmuth Fire Department after 26 years of service. Unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-32 - SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE**

The Mayor advised that as a result of impending City of Saginaw water rate increase, the Water & Water Resource Recovery Facility Board meets tomorrow and will be reviewing staff recommendations so that Council can receive public comment and can act on rate increases. Public hearings must be held to increase water rates and sanitary sewer rates.

Moved by LaBrenz, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2022-32 scheduling a public hearing for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. on a proposal to increase Frankenmuth’s water rates. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-33 - SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER RATE INCREASE**

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2022-33 scheduling a public hearing for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. on a proposal to increase Frankenmuth’s sanitary sewer rates. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-34 – RECOGNIZE APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

City Manager Smith presented a video on common fair housing mistakes and this action is being taken to comply with funding the City receives from the federal sources.

Moved by Ross, seconded by Meyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-34 recognizing April as Fair Housing Month. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-35 - APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR THE HE KERN PAVILION**

The Mayor reviewed that this purchase must be approved now due to the lead time to receive the lights, which will be due after July 1, 2022.

Discussion took place on the installation of such lights being an extra approximately \$12,000, bringing the estimated project total to \$78,000, versus the \$180,000 thought to be the case.

Moved by Schmitzer, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-35 approving the purchase of lighting fixtures for the HE Kern Pavilion from Standard Electric for a total cost not to exceed \$66,000. Unanimously carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-36 - APPROVE PURCHASE OF A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE**

Police Chief Mawer reviewed the need to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicle. Because of a manufacturer’s delay, he is requesting the City utilize state purchasing through the MIDEAL program.

Discussion took place on the need for a four-wheel drive vehicle and the exact cost being unknown, but thought to be approximately \$45,000.

Further discussion took place on the need to add an extra \$2,000 for contingency being the availability of these vehicles has been hit or miss.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Meyer, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-36 approving the purchase of the new 4 wheel drive police vehicle through the MIDEAL Program for an amount not to exceed \$47,000. Unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-37 - ADOPT A MERS OF MICHIGAN 457 SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

The Mayor advised that the current 457 Plan through MissionSquare (formerly ICMA RC) has caused some employee concerns and after meeting with a MERS representative, it is recommended by staff that we convert our current program to the MERS plan.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-37 adopting a MERS of Michigan 457 Supplemental Retirement Program. Unanimously carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-38 - AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 CITY BUDGET**

City Manager Smith reviewed a memo she prepared that highlighted what the specific amendments to the 2021-22 budget would be. She advised that additional amendments will be forthcoming in the next two months.

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Ross, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-38 amending appropriations for the 2021-2022 City Budget. Unanimously carried.

### **AUTHORIZE INVOICE PAYMENTS**

Moved by Schoenow, seconded by Meyer, to authorize the payment of invoices for March 2022 in the amount of \$971,188.29. Unanimously carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. City Manager – Monthly Report.
2. TAYMOUTH TOWNSHIP – ANNUAL MEETING INVITE.
3. MLCC – Modern Craft Winery Tasting Room and Outdoor Service.
4. DDA – Bi-Annual DDA Meeting Notice.

The Mayor requested that the receipt of correspondence be noted.

### **MINUTES**

1. DDA Board – March 10, 2022.
2. EDC Board – March 17, 2022.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Council comments were made about the recent area mayors meeting at Saginaw Valley State University, Meyer attending an MML basic training class, the Cass River Levee Improvements project receiving a Merit Award at an engineering annual meeting in Detroit, the annual Saginaw Future luncheon and meeting, and fundraising update for the Rose Garden improvements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments or business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Phillip W. Kerns  
City Clerk